

2016 PEQUOT LAKES SANITATION RECYCLING NEWSLETTER

After the first year of introducing single sort recycling we are happy to say that it is a great success and we have had very few problems with contaminated items. Thanks to all of you!

We have had to make a couple of changes in how we offer this service in order to help defray recycling costs. For instance a customer must have weekly garbage service in order to qualify for recycling service. However we do offer recycling to customers with every other week garbage service for an additional charge.

The market values are still very low, and in the past year we were informed that paper would now have a \$50.00 per ton charge (this has been free in the past). All these things made us glad we are able to offer single sort.

We appreciate the effort you have all made to keep the recycling items clean and acceptable.

If you find something left in your container by the driver then that is an unacceptable item and should be disposed of into your trash container.

Materials that can be recycled include:

Plastic food containers (#1- #6)-please smash
all milk gallons and other plastic containers,
Tin Cans,
Glass (Clear and colored),
Newspapers/Magazines/Phone books/Catalogs,
envelopes/junk mail –plastic removed,
White and colored paper,
Beer and pop boxes/Cereal Boxes – remove,
inside paper, or waxy bag,
Corrugated Cardboard and like boxes.

Unaccepted items include:

Waxy produce boxes or greasy pizza boxes
Styrofoam or any type of foam,
Plastic bags (if your items are in a plastic bag
that is fine but a bag full of bags is not
acceptable),
Waxy milk cartons - almond milk, soy milk, etc.,
Oil cans or jugs (auto oil ...these will never get
clean enough to recycle),
Random plastic things, toys, Tupperware,
Plastic or glass containers with residue (like
peanut butter).

Please prepare the recycling items as follows:

Remove all residues from cans, bottles and jars, (NO NEED to remove labels.) Flatten all cardboard and boxes, or they will not be taken. We are doing our part and we ask that you, the customer, take a few minutes to do yours. If in doubt, just throw it in with your regular trash.

During the winter months, please make sure your red bin is not hiding behind a snow bank, so the driver can see it. As the snow banks get higher it is very easy to drive by a pile of recycling, especially if there are white plastic bags on the top. The recycling route may be cancelled without notice if the roads are glare ice due to the size of the truck we are currently using.

Thank you! We appreciate your business ☺ If you have questions, please call 218.568.4630