



# New Recycling Policy

## October 1, 2007

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- √ **As of October 1, 2007**, Billerica's trash collector will be instructed by the Town NOT to collect any visible recyclable material placed out for collection with *the trash*. **Such recyclable material will be left behind by the trash hauler.**
- √ **Residents will have to prepare and place recyclables for collection by the recycling truck.**
- √ **In addition, new stickers are required for all appliances and large bulky items.**

### **How do I recycle? Easy As 1, 2, 3!**

1. All plastic containers, metal cans, and glass containers can be mixed in one recycling container (either a bin or a barrel marked for RECYCLABLES).
2. All recyclable paper can be combined in a separate container. Recyclable paper includes newspapers, magazines, junk mail, cereal and cracker boxes without liners, and cardboard.
3. Cardboard must be flattened and cut into pieces smaller than 36"x36". Cardboard can be put into the paper recycling bin, placed in paper bags or tied, taped together or leave flat under the paper recycling bin.

For more details, please refer to the Billerica Recycling and Trash Collection Guide or the Town's website, [www.town.billerica.ma.us](http://www.town.billerica.ma.us) or call DPW at 978-671-1313.

### **What if I don't recycle?**

As of October 1, the trash collector will not pick up any visible recyclables with your trash. If you place cardboard boxes out with your trash, for example, or put your trash out at the curb in cardboard boxes – the hauler will be instructed not to pick it up.

### **Why is this happening?**

- √ The state has bans on the disposal of recyclable and hazardous materials in the trash.
- √ Recycling saves money for the Town.
- √ Recycling preserves resources and helps the environment.
- √ **Last year, our Town disposed of over 20,000 tons of solid waste. We have about 15,000 households in Town – so that is over one ton per household last year!**

# New Stickers Required

Available from Town Hall, Market Baskets in Billerica and O'Connor Hardware

## White Goods

## Bulky Items

## Electronics

Disposal of these items require special handling. After purchasing a RED or YELLOW sticker, call Allied Waste to schedule a pickup. You must place the item on the curbside by 7:00 a.m. on the day of the pickup. Sticker should be visible to driver.

Stickers can be purchased at Town Hall in the treasurer's office as well as at all three Billerica Market Basket locations and at O'Connor Hardware Store.

## **Red Sticker - \$25**

Call Allied Waste 1-800-442-9006

White Goods with Refrigerant  
Refrigerator or freezer  
Air Conditioner  
Dehumidifier  
TV larger than 27" or console TV  
(Measured on the diagonal)

## **Yellow Sticker - \$10**

Call Allied Waste 1-800-442-9006

White Goods... No Refrigerant  
Washer or Dryer  
Dishwasher  
Hot Water Heater  
Stove

Computer Monitor (CRT)  
TV up to 27" on the diagonal  
Cast Iron Tub  
Non Desktop Copy Machines  
Furnace  
Steel Sink  
Trash Compactor  
Treadmill  
Water Cooler  
Snowblower or Ride-on mower  
(Remove battery and drain fluids)

**The following items do not require a sticker, but do require a call to Allied Waste to schedule a pick up**

AW 1-800-442-9006

Push mower (drain fluids)  
Metal File Cabinet or bookshelf  
Table Saw  
Gas Grill (No propane tanks)

**Please consider donating usable items, in good condition, to charity**

The Wish Project 978-441-WISH (9474) [www.TheWishProject.org](http://www.TheWishProject.org)  
Salvation Army Thrift Store 625 Main St Wilmington 978-988-9488  
Planet Aid (collection boxes for clothing & toys)

You can also try the following websites to give items away or sell them:

FreeCycle: [www.freecycle.org](http://www.freecycle.org) or Craig's List: [www.craigslist.org](http://www.craigslist.org)