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## **SHREWSBURY RECYCLES 2016**

### **We Need Your Help**

**There are problems with Shrewsbury's recycling program.** We are advised by Pellegrino Trucking that some truckloads of Shrewsbury recycling are being rejected at the recycling facility because of the quantity of unacceptable materials mixed in with our recyclables. This defeats our recycling efforts.

**To help us, please note that only the following materials are ACCEPTABLE FOR RECYCLING:**

**PAPER:** includes junk mail and newspapers, magazines, catalogs, shredded paper, phone books, and light-weight cardboard or paperboard (shoe boxes, cereal boxes). Paper and cardboard must be separated from other recyclables. Paper must be placed in its own bin or in a paper bag.

**CARDBOARD:** must be flattened, cut and folded to fit into a paper bag or tied in bundles no more than 2' x 2' x 2'. Cardboard may also be disposed in the recycling container at the Highway Garage on South Street which is available Monday through Friday 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM.

**GLASS BOTTLES AND JARS, METAL FOOD AND BEVERAGE CONTAINERS, ALUMINUM CANS, AND PLASTIC CONTAINERS WITH THE RECYCLING SYMBOL (NUMBERS 1 - 7):** These items must be in an acceptable recycling bin, or a container marked "Recycling". Cans, bottles, jars, and plastic containers mixed with other non-recyclable materials will be left at the curb.

**The following items are NOT ACCEPTABLE FOR RECYCLING:**

Broken glass, containers more than 2 gallons in size, dishes, Pyrex, flower pots, garden hoses, hardcover books, hazardous waste, light bulbs, medical waste, mercury, motor oil, chemicals, foam containers, plastic bags, SHARPS, soiled undergarments (Pampers and Depends) Styrofoam, waxed paper, window or auto glass.

**Pellegrino Trucking will not be able to collect unacceptable items mixed in with recyclable items and this will result unfortunately in all items being left at the curb.**

Shrewsbury is not a single stream community. Paper must be separated from cans, bottles, and jars.

**Plastic bags, even clear plastic bags, cannot be accepted at the recycling facility. Accordingly, recyclables in plastic bags will not be collected.**

Please remember that barrels used for recycling that are more than **32 gallons in size** are **not** acceptable containers and will not be emptied.

Loose cardboard, and cardboard boxes used as receptacles, are not acceptable and will be tagged and left at the curb.

Only the acceptable recyclable materials described above, set out in an approved container, will be picked up. Non-compliant materials and/or containers will result in all items set out for recycling being left at the curb.

We kindly ask for your cooperation. More information, including the Recycling Calendar and information on recyclable and non-recyclable items is available via these methods:

- **Town website** at <https://shrewsburyma.gov>
- **Rubbish and Recycling Information line: 508-841-8388**
- **Health Department: 508-841-8512**