

Summary of Business Recycling Survey

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39 businesses surveyed around Newton by visual observation or by interview of owner/manager. Of these, 13 had a dedicated recycling dumpster in addition to a waste dumpster. 9 businesses recycle informally through other methods, such as taking recycling home, driving to Rumford or Needham Transfer Station, returning bottles to Shaws. 2 employees said they would recycle if the option were available.

There was genuine interest in recycling, partly because those owners/employees want to do the 'right thing.' They also commented that including recycling would reduce the number of times waste would have to be picked up in a week. It is a hassle when bins are full before pickup. Because cardboard constituted a large portion of recycling waste, having recycling available would alleviate full waste dumpsters.

Main deterrents to recycling:

- worried cost of waste disposal would rise
- don't have large quantities of recycling
- little space for dumpster at location
- some contamination evident in recycling dumpsters (may indicate need for employee training regarding recycling practices)