

DATE: October 16, 2023

TO: NPS Custodial Staff

FROM: Newton DPW

SUBJECT: Updated food waste pickup schedule; recycling and food waste collection reminders

Thank you for being an essential leader in helping our students and schools keep more waste out of the landfill. We truly appreciate all that you do.

Food scrap pickup service update

For the Fall of 2023, the collection schedule will be twice per week on Monday and Wednesday mornings. Please contact Waneta Trabert at wtrabert@newtonma.gov to report any issues with pickup service.

Food scrap collection

- We now provide two 23-gallon food scrap collection bins for collection in the cafeteria and two 64-gallon carts that are intended to be kept outside by the dumpsters.
- Each 23-gallon bin should be lined with a clear bag.
- Please transfer bags to the 64-gallon carts outside as needed.
- Clear liners are allowed in both the cafeteria bins and the outdoor carts.

Contamination

- Reminder: You are never expected to sort anything.
- Regardless of the amount of contamination in any food scraps or recyclables bin, please do not put them in the trash. Instead, keep it separated as if it were clean. We want to create trust in the system that materials are kept sorted. We are fighting a perception that all materials that are sorted are ultimately ending up in the trash.
- If you observe a high amount of contamination or a frequently recurring issue (such as half-full yogurt containers in the recycling), please notify your primary school contact for recycling and food waste collection. We will work to fix the issue on the education side.

Questions/concerns

- General questions - contact the Green Team Leader at your school.
- Pickup service: Waneta Trabert, wtrabert@newtonma.gov
- Supplies: Allison Kelley, Waste Diversion Coordinator #617-796-1443; alkelley@newtonma.gov

Thank you again for making this waste diversion program possible.