

Version 1:

Sample text for communications to the school community:

New recycling and composting efforts at our school

In our school, the [insert the name of your group here] has decided to help our planet and save natural resources by reminding our school to recycle right -- in other words, to know **what *should go in the recycling bin and what *should not****. Putting only the correct items in the recycling bin is important to keep the recycling system working.

They are even going a step further to reduce trash by teaching the community to separate out their food waste in the cafeteria. Keeping food out of the trash is good because food scraps have value. The food scraps from [insert the name of your school here] will be sent to an anaerobic digester where the methane they release is captured to generate electricity for our homes and businesses. Through similar waste reduction efforts, some schools across the country have been able to reduce their trash by 80%! Thank you to the students, staff, custodians, families, and City for helping to keep the correct recyclable items and food scraps out of the trash.

Want to learn more?

The average person in the U.S. generates 7 pounds of trash in 1 week or 364 pounds of trash in 1 year! How much trash do you throw out? Could you make less trash today?

Remember to **reduce, reuse and recycle**. This means: Buy only what you need and use what you buy. Reuse something more than once if you can. Some examples are buying secondhand and donating used items. Recycle what you can and only throw things in the recycling bin if you are certain that they are acceptable for recycling at that location.

You can recycle the same things at home as you can at school in Newton and all of Eastern Massachusetts. Here's what belongs in your green cart at home:

- Cardboard and paper (junk mail, office paper, newspaper, magazines)
- Plastic bottles, jugs, tubs, and containers with lids
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- Glass bottles and jars
- That's it!

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A guide to recycling at home:



Use the *Recycle Right Newton* app!

- Trash day and schedule reminders
- What to recycle
- Sorting game



Recycle Only These Items 仅回收这些物品

 **Food and Beverage Cans**
empty and rinse



食物和飲料罐
(倒空並沖洗)

 **Plastic Bottles, Jars, and Jugs**
empty, rinse, and replace cap



塑料, 瓶, 罐, 桶
(倒空並蓋上蓋子)

 **Glass Bottles and Jars**
empty, rinse, and replace cap



玻璃, 瓶子和罐子
(倒空並蓋上蓋子)

 **Newspaper, Magazines, Junk Mail, and Boxes**
empty and flatten



混合的紙張, 報紙, 雜誌, 和盒子
(倒空並整平)

Cart may be rejected and fines may be issued for recycling carts containing anything other than the above items.

如果回收車內含有上述物品以外的東西, 回收車可能會被拒收, 並予以罰款



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Version 2 for recycling only:

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