

## PLASTIC BAG REDUCTION

- The Plastic Bag Reduction Ordinance originally passed in 2015 and an update passed in 2019 by Newton City Council.
- The updated ordinance bans all retail establishments in the city from issuing plastic bags at check-out and places a 10¢ fee on paper bags.
- This ban reduces the number of single-use bags used, discarded, and littered in Newton and encourages the use of reusable bags.

**Effective January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020** All establishments over 3,500ft<sup>2</sup> are required to comply with the updated ordinance. Businesses over 3,500ft<sup>2</sup> are required to charge no less than 10¢ for paper or other reusable bags. Customers are encouraged to bring their own reusable bags.

**Effective July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 ALL retail businesses are required to adhere to the 2019 ordinance update** All retail establishments includes: restaurants, food or ice cream trucks, convenience stores, retail pharmacies, all supermarkets, and all seasonal/temporary businesses.



**NEVER BAG YOUR RECYCLABLES.**

**DON'T PUT PLASTIC BAGS, FILM, OR WRAP IN THE GREEN CART.**

**Reduce** your use of plastic bags by using your own reusable bag when shopping.

**Reuse** plastic bags at home to pick up pet waste and line small waste baskets.

**Recycle** plastic bags at store drop off.

### Contact Us

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MOST DESIRABLE

Reduce

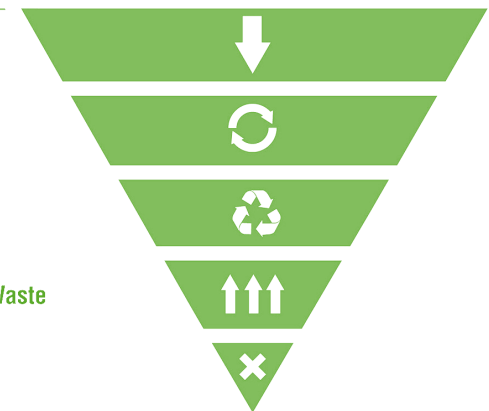
Reuse

Recycle/Compost

Recover/Energy-from-Waste

Dispose/Landfill

LEAST DESIRABLE



## WASTE REDUCTION & REUSE



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# REDUCE YOUR WASTE FOOTPRINT

**1,939 lbs**

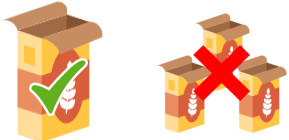


The amount of waste generated per household served in Newton in 2017— that's almost 1 ton!

Single stream recycling was roughly 37% of total waste collected per household served.



**Choose products with minimal packaging and buy in bulk.**  
Avoid individually wrapped items



**Shop for items with a lifetime warranty.**

**Donate, sell, or give away usable unwanted items.**

**Reduce food waste by meal planning and using fresh items first.**



**Buy items such as dish soap and laundry detergent in concentrated formulas.** This uses less packaging.



**Use the *Recycle Right Newton* app to find the best way to get rid of stuff.**



**Choose products that returnable, reusable, or refillable over single-use items.**



**Compost.** Manage leaves, grass, food scraps and paper towels in your backyard.



**Shop at second-hand stores for clothes and household goods before buying new.**



**Toxic home /garden products don't go in the trash.** Responsibly manage your household hazardous waste and learn about non-toxic alternatives. Find specific dates and times for city wide HWW events at [newtonma.gov/hhw](http://newtonma.gov/hhw).



**Reduce your use of paper.** Use e-mail, get bank statements and newsletters electronically, and use the library for books and magazines.



# REUSE OPTIONS AT THE RESOURCE RECOVERY CENTER



115 Rumford Ave.  
Auburndale, MA 02466  
Closed during holidays and extreme weather

## BOOK REUSE SHED

Drop off books in good condition or take some home from the Book Shed. The book shed is kept orderly by volunteers.



## LATEX PAINT EXCHANGE

Four 1-gallon cans (must be less than 3 years old and 3/4 full) per household per year are accepted for reuse. Also, take as much latex paint to use as you want at no cost!

Open Seasonally: Monday—Friday during May through October



## NEWTON RE-USE-IT (MAY - OCTOBER)

Clear out clutter without adding to the waste stream by visiting the Newton Re-Use-It swap shop. Drop off **USABLE** unwanted belongings or come take stuff for free. Think of it as a yard sale without the work. We need volunteers! Email us at [recycling@newtonma.gov](mailto:recycling@newtonma.gov).

## GOODWILL

The Goodwill trailer accepts donations of household goods, clothing, and working electronics. There is an onsite attendant to provide a tax-deduction slip.



## SALVATION ARMY

Donation collection boxes for the Salvation Army accept clothing and textiles.

## RED CROSS

Donation collection boxes for the Red Cross accept clothing and textiles.



## MORE THAN WORDS

Donate books using the More Than Words collection container.

LET'S COMMIT TO REDUCE WASTE AND INCREASE WASTE DIVERSION