

## Town of Westminster

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For more information on the recycling and solid waste collection program go to our website: [www.westminstervt.org](http://www.westminstervt.org)



## Universal Recycling Law

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### Universal Recycling Law (Act 148)

As of July 1, 2015 the State of Vermont is requiring all municipalities with solid waste programs to implement a variable rate pricing system. This law requires every Vermont town to become accountable for their recycling and solid waste. Vermont as a whole recycled approximately 35% of generated solid waste for the past ten years. Vermont's goal which forced the mandate is to recycle 50% by 2020. A major portion of the waste stream that is disposed of is composed of recyclable items, leaf and yard debris and food scraps that could be kept out of our landfills and put to better use.

In Westminster we have chosen a curbside recycling and solid waste program. This program will put our town in compliance with the Universal Recycling Law. Our program is a work-in-progress as is the Universal Recycling Law (Act 148). Many months of preparation went into developing this program that not only meets the state mandate but keeps curbside solid waste pickup intact. In order to meet the guidelines of the mandate we will need everyone's cooperation and participation.

For more information on the Universal Recycling Law (Act 148) go to the State of Vermont website at: [www.recycle.vt.gov/Act148](http://www.recycle.vt.gov/Act148)

## TOWN OF WESTMINSTER

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*Recycle, Reduce, Reuse*

### Municipal Recycling and Solid Waste Collection Program



Effective July 1, 2015

## General Rules for Recycling

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### **Paper goods:**

Do's: Keep dry; remove plastic cards and strings from envelopes; empty all cardboard boxes but staples, tape and labels are alright.

Don'ts: no Styrofoam; no stuck on food or grease; no oil, paint, chemical stained or wax coated cardboard; no bubble wrap; no Tyvek or plastic envelopes; no CD's; no shredded plastic (credit cards); no plastic wrappings on catalogs; do not tie newspapers with string; no napkins or paper towels.

### **Aluminum & Metals:**

Do's: Rinse clean; separate cap from container.

Don'ts: no stuck on food; no full or partially full containers; no oil filters or scrap metal; no hazardous fluid containers which includes paint, cleanser, auto sprays, etc.

### **Glass :**

Do's: Rinse clean; Food & beverage containers only.

Don'ts: No light bulbs, Pyrex, drinking glasses, window panes, or ceramics.

### **Plastics #1-7 and Rigid Plastics:**

Do's: Check bottom of product for recycling symbol. Rinse clean.

Don'ts: no plastic grocery bags, bubble wrap, etc.; No Styrofoam products such as cups, takeout containers, packaging blocks and peanuts, etc.; No motor oil containers or electronic housing; No biodegradable plastics (PLA)

## Single Stream Recycling

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### **Acceptable Items:**

**Paper** egg cartons  
Aseptic milk/juice cartons  
Chipboard/box board/corrugated cardboard  
Computer, fax, and copier paper  
Construction paper  
Craft paper (brown grocery bags)  
Frozen food cartons  
Juice boxes  
Junk mail (including envelopes & coupons)  
Magazines and catalogs  
Milk cartons  
Newspaper  
Notebook paper  
Soft covered workbooks  
Telephone and paperback books  
White envelopes  
White and colored ledger paper

### **Aluminum & Metal cans**

Aluminum foil (pie plates, eg.)  
Tin and bi-metallic containers (including food & personal care aerosol cans)

**Glass** bottles (clear, blue, brown & green)

### **Plastic** containers (# 1-7)

Most product containers have the "recycling" symbol imprinted on underside of the container.

### **Unacceptable Items:**

Trash  
Diapers  
Clothing  
Styrofoam  
Bags (Plastic)  
Caps or lids  
Food  
Compost  
Yard Waste  
Wrapping Paper  
Batteries  
Light Bulbs



## Westminster Recycling Program

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### **Rules to Follow:**

- Trash will need to be contained in a can, tote, bin, etc.. with a lid furnished by you.
- Recycling will need to be contained in a can, tote, bin, etc.. with a lid furnished by you.
- Cans, totes, bins, etc.. will need your street number clearly printed on them so that the Hauler will be able to see from his truck.
- Both trash and recycling will be picked up weekly curbside (see attached schedule).
- Our new Hauler is "Ruggiero Trash Removal" and he has offered to supply totes (3 sizes) to those who want to purchase them at cost. Call Town Hall for pricing at 722-4255.
- Trash that you place in your container will need to be bagged and have a sticker attached to the neck of the bag. The bag's capacity per sticker is 33 gals. or 30 lbs. whichever is greater. Your first 52 stickers will be paid for by taxation. Any additional stickers that you need can be purchased at the Town Hall for \$2.50 each.
- Recycling will be single stream. This means that all of your recycling (as per the list on the adjacent page) will go into the same container with a lid on it. All of the recycled products must remain dry and clean. For now, the large roll off containers at the Town Garage will also remain for your convenience.

**Please note that if any of these rules are not followed, your trash or recycling will not be picked up. Any questions, please feel free to call the Town Hall at 802-722-4255**