



Recycling for New Bedford Businesses

Recycling is **MANDATORY** in the City of New Bedford.

Whether you use the City's trash and recycling program or pay for private trash pickup service, recycling is **REQUIRED** by City ordinance.

What should my business recycle?

Metal Cans 	Plastic Bottles, Jugs, & Jars 
Paper & Cardboard 	Glass Bottles, Jugs, & Jars 

In addition to the City's recycling requirement, the state bans certain materials from being disposed in the trash.

What items are banned from disposal in the trash?

- Recyclable paper including cardboard
- Glass, metal, and plastic recyclable containers
- Construction materials including wood and metal
- Food waste from businesses that exceeds 1/2 ton per week
- Textiles including clothing, bedding, curtains, towels, etc.
- Leaves and yard waste

For a complete list of banned items, visit [mass.gov/guides/massdep-waste-disposal-bans](https://www.mass.gov/guides/massdep-waste-disposal-bans).

For more information, call (508) 961-3008 or email trashandrecycling@newbedford-ma.gov.



The City offers several recycling programs to New Bedford businesses.

Business Cardboard Collection

The City offers a weekly cardboard collection program at no charge to eligible businesses. **Businesses must sign up to be part of the program. Call (508) 961-3008 to be added to the FREE business cardboard pick up route.**

The collection days are the following:

Monday – Downtown/West End

Tuesday – South End

Friday – North End

Place cardboard at the curb by 8:00 a.m. and no earlier than 5:00 a.m. on the day of collection. Remove all Styrofoam or plastic packaging. Collapse boxes and put into one (or more) larger box(es).



Single Stream Recycling



Eligible businesses can participate in the weekly single stream recycling collection program. In this program, businesses place bottles, cans, jugs, jars, paper, and small amounts of cardboard in wheeled carts and set them curbside for collection.

Recycling carts must be placed curbside by 7:00 a.m. on the designated collection day, but no earlier than 5:00 p.m. on the day before collection. In downtown, recycling carts must be set at the curb between 3:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. on the collection day. Property owners are eligible to pay a one-time fee for recycling carts. For more information, call the Department of Facilities and Fleet Management at (508) 961-3008.

You may also contact your private waste hauler to see what recycling programs they offer.

Let your customers know your business cares about recycling!

Your business can earn an "Our Business Recycles!" window cling for doing your part to recycle!

To earn the window cling, each New Bedford business must meet specific requirements including separating recycling and trash properly and having a way to recycle cardboard.



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