

## Town of Dracut

### **2024 HOLIDAYS RECYCLING REMINDER**



**Happy Holidays!** Thank you for both your recycling and waste reduction efforts over the past year. Along with donating clothing and related household items and composting food waste, the following are some guidelines for reducing waste and increasing recycling during the holidays and winter months:

Please **DO INCLUDE** the following items in your single stream recycling mix:

- paperboard gift boxes (*except* those with foil, wire, metallic inks or glitter)
- paper gift bags
- greeting cards (*except* those with batteries, foil, wire, metallic inks or glitter)
- cardboard boxes (flatten)
- paper shopping bags (*no* plastic)
- catalogs, magazines

Please **DO NOT INCLUDE** the following items in your recycling mix:

- wrapping paper; tissue paper (re-use or toss in the trash)
- ribbons, bows, foil and tinsel (re-use or toss in the trash)
- packing peanuts & Styrofoam (contact a local pack & ship store about re-use)
- holiday lights
- plastic bags (bring back to most grocery stores for recycling)
- plastic packaging

Other Tips:

- purchase products/ packaging made with recycled content (items made with post-consumer recycled content are best) and minimal packaging.
- when purchasing large items (e.g. appliances, bed, sofa), you can often arrange for the no or low-cost disposal of your old item as part of the purchase agreement.
- visit [recyclesmartma.org](http://recyclesmartma.org) for up to date information on what and how to recycle.

***Thank you for helping the Town of Dracut by reducing waste & recycling everything possible.***