## RECYCLE RESPONSIBLY

## Prepare material properly

- Use a lid to prevent the wind from blowing recyclables out of your container(s). Lids will prevent rain and snow from getting into your container(s).
- If your recyclable material does not fit into one container, use more than one so that loose material is not sticking out. Never use a plastic bag.
- Flatten corrugated cardboard boxes and stack them into reusable containers or into another cardboard box.
- All recyclable materials must be empty, clean, dry, and free of food residue.
- Containers with contamination may not be collected. Remove contamination by next scheduled recycling day for pick up by the recycling crews.
- Recycling containers must be at the curb by 6:00 AM on the day of collection.
- Report missed recycling collection by 10:00 AM the day following collection.

## Use properly sized containers

- The weight limit for a single container is 50 pounds when full.
- It is recommended that containers be no larger than 32 gallons each to avoid exceeding the weight limit. Use multiple containers if necessary.
- Retail stores sell recycling carts with wheels that are too big. They will exceed the 50 pound weight limit when full. Do <u>NOT</u> use large 64 and 95 gallon carts.
- Containers must have handles.

## Only recycle what is acceptable

- Be careful to follow the recycling guidelines as advertised by your town and on the MCMUA's website at www.MCMUA.com. Guidelines provide specific details about the materials that are and are not acceptable.
- Unacceptable materials increase the cost of operation and lower the value of recyclables. Your cooperation with these guidelines is greatly appreciated.
- If you have questions or would like recycling decals for your container, please contact your town's recycling coordinator or the MCMUA at 973-659-3490 or visit www.mcmua.com.



