

TITLE 14

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I. RECYCLABLE MATERIALS

14-1 Recyclable Materials.

Clean and uncontaminated newspaper, glass, and cans, either aluminum or other metal.

14-2 Definitions.

When used in this ordinance, A. "Paper" shall mean any non-soiled paper, including, but not limited to newspaper and mixed paper; B. "Glass" shall mean any bottle, jar or container composed of glass; C. "Aluminum" shall mean any can container, foil wrapping or product composed of aluminum; D. "Metal" shall mean any container composed of metal, including but not limited to containers commonly used for food and beverages;

14-3 Municipal Program.

The City of Woburn will supply to each household, subject to this ordinance, and any regulations made under it, a bin for recyclable materials. Every household may be required to place in the bin for collection all recyclable materials as follows:

- A. newspaper bagged in brown paper bags or tied in bundles with string;
- B. glass, unbroken, but excluding ceramics, light bulbs and plate glass. All glass must have metal rings and caps removed.
- C. aluminum or other metal cans with labels removed.

14-4 Placement of Bins. (to be enacted)

14-5 Enforcement. (to be enacted)

14-6 Recycled Paper Product Procurement Policy

- A. Preference Mechanism -When the price for recycled products is within 10% of the lowest responsive virgin material bid and is of a quality adequate for the purposes intended, the City will make an award for the recycled products. Bidder must be bidding recycled products as defined in Subsection C and have the minimum recycled content as set forth in Subsection D.
- B. Certification - Bidders must provide certification documents for recycled paper from the manufacturer showing that the product meets or exceeds recycled content and specifications as listed in Subsection D. Recycled products will be competing directly with virgin products.

C. Recycled Paper Definitions

Post consumer recovered material – products generated by a business or consumer which have served their intended end uses and which have been separated or diverted from solid waste for the purpose of collection, recycling and disposition.

Recovered material – materials and by-products which have been recovered or diverted from solid waste but such term does not include those materials and by-products generated from and commonly reused within an original manufacturing process, e.g., mill broke and hoe scrap.

Recovered paper material – paper waste generated after completion of a paper making process, such as post consumer material envelope cuttings, bindery trimmings, printing waste, cutting and other converting waste, butt rolls and mill wrapper, obsolete inventories and rejected unused stock. Recovered paper material shall not, however, include fibrous waste generated during the manufacturing process such as fibers recovered from waste water or trimmings of paper machine rolls (mill broke) or fibrous by-products of harvesting, extractive process or forest residues such as bark.

D. Recycled Material Content Specifications

Minimum 25% recovered Material: Cotton Fiber Paper.

Minimum 40% post consumer material: newsprint.

Minimum 10% post consumer material and 50% recovered paper material: high grade bleached printing and writing paper, offset printing paper, mimeo and duplicating paper, writing paper (stationery), office paper and note pads, envelopes, book paper, bond paper, ledger stock, cover stock, computer paper (carbon interleave and no carbon required).

(added 4/10/98)

14-7 Trash Removal and Recycling – Condominium Associations

A. The Board of Health shall provide for the collection and disposal of recyclable material and garbage from residential condominiums in the same fashion as the City provides those services to single family residences. The Board of Health may establish reasonable regulations in relation to the manner of collection provided same are not more burdensome on the condominium association or unit owners than those imposed on similarly situated single family residences or other facilities to which public trash removal is provided in the City of Woburn. Condominiums shall be required to pay to the City of Woburn the cost of any insurance riders required by the City of Woburn. No collections of any refuse will be made at any time, or services in connection with disposal rendered to any commercial enterprise or apartment house where the number of apartments exceed three (3).

B. Condominium Association Responsibilities.

1. To keep the area around the trash containers free of litter and refuse.
2. Associations must keep clean access for the contractor to collect containers. If the contractor is unable to collect the containers due to vehicles or other impediments (such as snow or ice), it will be the association's responsibility to have the containers disposed of at their expense.
3. Failure to comply with any of the above shall be cause for suspension.

C. Recycling.

1. Any condominium units/associations who according to this ordinance may have their refuse/trash collected must participate fully in the City of Woburn recycling program in order to do so.

2. No recyclable material shall be included in rubbish or garbage collected pursuant to 1989 Woburn Municipal Code, as amended.
3. Any dumpster or containers that may be required in order to recycle will be provided at the expense of the association.

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