

Curbside Recycling Changes FAQs

Why does the Town no longer include glass in the curbside recycling program?

As discussed during the Public Hearings on the Town's budget on March 1st & 2nd as well as a hearing on April 20, there are several reasons why the Town has elected to remove glass from the curbside program.

Single stream glass is not currently being recycled (it is landfilled often as daily cover)--it is essentially trash when it is included in a single stream program. This has been the case for some time as there is no market for co-mingled glass and it degrades the value of mixed paper.

If glass is kept separate, then there are reuses that aren't landfilling. Glass separation requires monitoring, a safe location for residents to bring it and space to process. The Town currently does not have a safe location in which we can monitor, process the glass or accommodate 50-100 additional vehicles on a daily basis. The Town will continue to investigate an in-town drop off location.

Finally, continuing to include glass in the program increases the recycling cost between \$60,000 and \$90,000 (depending upon market prices) annually. When glass is included in single stream recycling it is removed at a material processing facility (MRF) through a sorting process.

Why did the Town switch to toters from bins?

If the Town remained with the bin pickup system, we would have seen a 100% increase in costs in our curbside recycling program, which would have amounted to a 2% tax increase.

What if I do not have space for a toter?

The standard toter size is 96-gallons, however, our vendor can provide a 48-gallon unit if space is a concern.

What if I do not have space or my driveway is too long to use a toter?

If space or the ability to get a toter to the curbside is still an issue, the Town has a recycling drop off point at the Public Works Facility, located at 194 Lebanon Street. You are also able to bring your recyclable materials (including glass) to the Lebanon Recycling Facility which is located at the Lebanon Landfill.

What if my recycling does not fit in the toter?

If your recycling does not fit in the toter, contact Casella at 1 (800) CASELLA (227-3552) who will arrange to pick up recycling that will not fit in a toter.

The brochure I received indicated that I should put my recycling out the night before pickup but the Town just passed an ordinance that told me not to, what should I do?

You should not put recycling (or trash) out the night before. You should put it out the day of prior to 7 am (5 am the earliest).

What if there is a holiday during the pickup week?

If there is a holiday during a pickup week, all days after the holiday will be shifted to the next day. The next time this occurs is November 26 (Thanksgiving). Refer to the recycling calendar for your pickup week and any holidays that will change your pick up day.

What if my pickup is missed?

Call 1 (800) CASELLA (227-3552) to arrange for a pickup. If they can't pick it up that day, you will need to bring your recycling in and return it to the curbside on the day they will return.