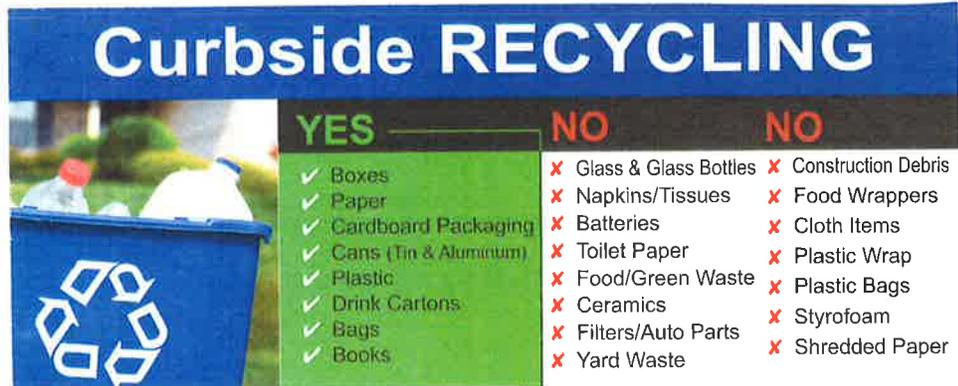


**May 2016 - News from the Municipal Services Department (M.S.D.) Let's make it a community goal to do neighborhood cleanups in 2016!**

- All residents and businesses will be seeing a 4" x 10" Vinyl Sticker on the lid of their Recycling Container LID (image below) sometime in the next two months. The purpose of the decal is to keep the proper items in the proper containers so our Recyclables continue to be free Contamination.



- Due to the inability of numerous **Material Recycling Facilities (M.R.F.)** that process recyclable materials, glass has become a major operational issue with no end use value to these facilities. We are now asking that all glass be bagged and placed in your TRASH (GREY LID) Container. Those using the Transfer Station Recycling Compactor are also asked to do the same, which is to bag your glass in with household trash. We will supply ample notice when we can begin to start recycling glass again. Recycling Markets Nationwide are having difficulty handling the volume of waste being delivered. There are six different plants in New England and glass is problematic to these plants at the present time especially with no market for it.
- Flushing and inspection of Fire Hydrants was completed as scheduled in April. The flushing is necessary to inspect fire hydrants and "turn over" the water in the distribution system.
- We continue to replace all 2,314 water meters in the City. When you receive a door tag or know you have a meter we have not replaced please call the Municipal Services Office at 934-4103. We have about 450 left to replace.
- A Reminder that City Ordinance requires Trash and Recycling Containers be removed from the side of the road and back onto private property by midnight the day they are picked up. They also need to be placed out by 6:45 A.M. on pickup day or no earlier than 4:00 P.M. the day before pickup. Please take extra effort to clean up litter and debris as needed in the vicinity of where your trash containers are positioned. Also disinfect the interior of your container with bleach and scrub down the exterior of your container with soapy water. We also encourage residents to rid their property of trash that has accumulated, especially couches and other debris that is not picked up curbside. Remember that the City only picks

up containerized household trash and recyclables curbside. The Transfer Station is open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 7:30 AM to 3:00 P.M. for all other items. (SEE CITY WEBSITE/ SOLID WASTE GUIDELINES). There is no charge to dispose of couches and mattresses! It would be great to encourage the organization of "Neighborhood Cleanup Groups" to rid property of unsightly unused motorized vehicles; construction debris and junk.

- Annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day is held the last Saturday in July.
- The Franklin City Council unanimously passed Resolution 08-16 at their March 7, 2016 monthly meeting and 09-16 at the April 4, 2016 Meeting. This Resolution authorizes the borrowing of funds over a 10 year period. The funding is being derived from the retiring of the twenty year Daniel Webster Bridge Bond which has been paid off. Most of the \$503,000 will be used for improvements and resurfacing of Prospect Street. Resolution 09-16 appropriated an additional \$159,000 from the "Municipal Transportation Improvement Fund", A list will be issued once Road Projects have been publicly bid and we are certain on funding each project. The following Roads are scheduled for resurfacing and reconstruction this summer: Prospect Street; Davis Street; Woodrow Avenue; Terrace Road (from Davis to Pleasant St.); Pleasant Street (from Wilderness to Baldwin St.) and Sanborn Street (from Babbitt Rd. to Kendall Street).
- A pamphlet on "NON FLUSHABLE ITEMS" has been posted under the "Sanitary Sewers" section of the City Website. Non Flushable Items create serious operational problems to our sanitary sewer collection system causing sewer line backups and at the River Street Wastewater Treatment Plant. The Brochures are also available at the M.S.D. office at 43 West Bow Street.
- The Municipal Services Budget will be presented to the City Council on Monday May 9, 2016, 6:00 P.M. at City Hall.
- We have a 3 to 5 year backlog of work and try to prioritize projects based on Public Safety, Protection of City and Private Property. Your patience and support is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your efforts to help cleanup the City! Any questions call the Municipal Services Department weekdays at 934-4103. Thanks from all of us at the Municipal Services Department.

Brian J. Sullivan, Director