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City encourages residents to recycle right or risk paying fines

EAST PROVIDENCE, RI – The City of East Providence is educating and encouraging residents to recycle right or risk paying fines.

The City of East Providence sees a number of rejected recycle collection loads each year and is looking to residents to recycle right. If a load is deemed contaminated, Rhode Island Resource Recovery assesses a \$250 equipment use/handling charge to process the materials, which are transported over to the landfill and billed at the tipping fee the City pays for disposing trash. This is costing the city – the taxpayers – thousands of dollars each year.

“Last year our City paid a total of \$29,824.00 for rejected loads and that is just unacceptable,” Mayor Bob DaSilva said. “We have worked to educate the public on what is and is not recyclable, but bags of trash and plastic bags continue to be found in the recycle carts.

“In 2020, 342 tons of recyclable material of which some residents worked hard to separate and recycle was instead rejected and is now piled up in the landfill,” DaSilva added. “We are reminding residents once again no plastic bags, bags of bags, or recycling inside of bags in the recycle bins – let’s recycle right together.”

In September, the [City amended health and sanitation ordinances](#) to address the placement of non-recyclable material in trash bins, automated trash collection, rodent infestation and eradication and littering. The ordinances also address violations and fees including a fee for non-recyclable materials and trash placed in recycling containers. In accordance with Article III, Sec. 6-40 Disposal of Recyclables/Allowing Non Recyclables in Recycling Bin: Non-recyclable materials and trash placed within the blue recycling container may result in a fine of \$50 per day.

Efforts to recycle right will keep recycling workers safe, save the City of East Providence money, provide high-quality raw materials to manufacturers, and preserve space in the central landfill.

Rejected Loads and Cost of Rejected Loads by Year

Year	#Loads Equipment Fee	Cost	Rejected Tons	Landfill Cost	Total
2020	55 X \$250	\$13,750.00	342 tons X 47.00	\$16,074.00	\$29,824.00
2019	32 X \$250	\$8,000.00	194 tons X 47.00	\$9,118.00	\$17,118.00
2018	7X\$250	\$1,750.00	40 tons X 47.00	\$1,880.00	\$3,630.00
2017	3X\$250	\$750.00	21 tons X 47.00	\$987.00	\$1,737.00
2016	0	\$0	0	\$0.0	0
2015	0	\$0	0	\$0.0	0
					\$52,309.00

2021 Rejected Loads

MONTH	Loads Rejected	Equipment Fee Total	Rejected Tons	Landfill	Total Amount
Jan. 2021	4 X \$250.00 per	\$1,000.00	24 tons	\$1,128.00	\$2,128.00
Feb. 2021	2 X \$250.00 per	\$500.00	12.05 tons	\$566.35	\$1,066.35
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PAPER, CARDBOARD, AND CARTONS

That's it—no other fiber products. For example, wood and textiles are made from natural fiber but they aren't paper, cardboard, or cartons, so they don't belong in your bin or cart. Paper and cardboard should be mostly clean and dry (a little grease on a pizza box is OK) and be flattened. Cartons must be empty at a minimum, and rinsed whenever possible. Place plastic tops back on to cartons prior to recycling.

No shredded paper, and no napkins, tissues or paper towels.

METAL CANS, LIDS, AND FOIL

That's it—no other metal. For example, a metal frying pan is not a can, lid, or foil, so it doesn't belong in your bin or cart. Containers must be empty at a minimum, and rinsed whenever possible. Foil should be clean and bunched up.

GLASS BOTTLES AND JARS

That's it—no other glass. For example, a drinking glass is not a bottle or jar, so it doesn't belong in your bin or cart. Containers must be empty at a minimum, and rinsed whenever possible. Remove metal tops from glass bottles and jars first, and recycle separately.

PLASTIC CONTAINERS

That's it—no other plastic. For example, a plastic coat hanger is not a container, so it doesn't belong in your bin or cart. Containers must be empty at a minimum, and rinsed whenever possible. Place plastic tops back on to containers prior to recycling.

No foam containers, or plastic containers that once held flammable materials or oily chemicals like gasoline, motor oil, antifreeze, pesticides or herbicides.





City of East Providence Ordinance Violation

V I O L A T O R	Location of Violation:	Date of Violation:	Time of Violation:	Reference #:
	Property Owner:	Street:	City/Town:	State: Zip Code:
	Tenant Name if Applicable:	Street:	City/Town:	State: Zip Code:

V I O L A T I O N	<input type="checkbox"/> Use of Receptacles/Trash not in proper containers (Sec. 6-37)\$50
	<input type="checkbox"/> Bulky Waste Pick Up Appointment Required (Sec 6-37.1)\$50
	<input type="checkbox"/> Time to Place rubbish for collection (Sec. 6-37.2)\$50
	<input type="checkbox"/> Disposal of Recyclables / Allowing Non Recyclables in Recycling Bin (Sec. 6-40).....\$50
	<input type="checkbox"/> Overflowing dumpsters, trash containers (Sec. 4-331) 1st Offense \$50; 2nd Offense \$100; 3rd Offense \$150
	<input type="checkbox"/> Rubbish Disposal Facilities (Sec. 4-161) 1st Offense \$50; 2nd Offense \$100; 3rd Offense \$150
	<input type="checkbox"/> Removal of Snow and Ice (Sec. 14-40) 1st Offense \$25; 2nd Offense \$50; 3rd Offense \$100
	<input type="checkbox"/> Depositing on Streets and Sidewalks Litter/Vermin Harborage (Sec 7-52)..... 1st Offense \$150; 2nd Offense \$250; 3rd Offense 500
	<input type="checkbox"/> To be placed in receptacles (Litter) (Sec 7-53)..... 1st Offense \$150; 2nd Offense \$250; 3rd Offense 500
	<input type="checkbox"/> Streets ,alleys, lanes sidewalks Private land Public Land (Sec 7-62)..... 1st Offense \$150; 2nd Offense \$250; 3rd Offense 500
<input type="checkbox"/> Rodent, vermin, pest control, extermination/72-Hour notice (Sec. 4-140) City shall cause nuisance to be abated & lien shall be placed on property for cost of abatement.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other VIOLATION _____ Sec. _____ Fine: \$ _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> This is a WARNING the next offense will be a VIOLATION	
Total Amount: _____	

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Procedure for Pleading Not Guilty: Mark an X in the box below and fill out your name, address and telephone number and return the ticket by mail or in person to avoid penalties.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Name: _____	Address: _____	City/Town: _____	Zip Code: _____	Telephone #: _____
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P A Y M E N T	<p>Payment must be received by the City no later than seven (14) days prior to court hearing date. Acceptable forms of payments:</p> <p>1. Cash paid in person</p> <p>2. Check, money order or certified cashier's check payable to East Providence Municipal Court</p>	<p>Administrative payment address:</p> <p>East Providence Municipal Court 145 Taunton Ave. East Providence, RI 02914 401-435-7540</p>
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H E A R I N G	<p>If Summons is not paid or you are not eligible to pay, you must appear in court on:</p> <p>Date: _____ Time: _____</p> <p>Failure to appear in court will result in a bench warrant issued to the violator (property owner or tenant).</p>	<p>Hearing Location:</p> <p>East Providence Municipal Court 145 Taunton Ave. East Providence, RI 02914-2427 401-435-7540</p>
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I certify that the facts contained herein are true and that I served this notice upon the violator in person, by mail or by tacking to the location of violation

INSPECTOR SIGNATURE: _____	DATE: _____
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I certify that the facts contained herein are true and that I HAVE BEEN served this NOTICE in person or by tracking to the location of violation. This is not an admission of guilt.

VIOLATOR'S SIGNATURE: _____	DATE: _____
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