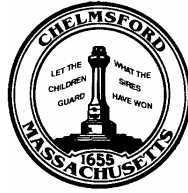


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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL CHELMSFORD RESIDENTS, **SCHOOLS and MUNICIPAL FACILITIES**

The Town has been advised by its hauler, Russell Disposal, that one of the recycling facilities to which some of Chelmsford's recyclable material is taken will be implementing "strict quality control measures" to reduce the level of contamination in the material brought to that facility. It is likely that other facilities will follow suit as they too try to reduce their costs and increase the value of the material they are processing and trying to sell. As a result, Russell Disposal will now be leaving bins and totes that they may have emptied in the past (e.g., in the past Russell may have accepted a bin that contained Styrofoam or that had newspapers in plastic bags – that will no longer be the case).

- EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY and until further notice, **pizza boxes will NOT be accepted with recycling;**
- AS HAS ALWAYS been the rule, **paper MAY NOT be placed out for recycling collection in plastic grocery bags;**
- AS HAS BEEN THE CASE FOR MANY YEARS, **NO STYROFOAM in the recycling** (even if it has the recycling symbol);
- AS HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE CASE, **DO NOT MIX your paper and your containers!**

We are hopeful that as market conditions rebound, recycling facilities will return to their "any and all policy" and be more willing to accept materials such as clean, non-food contaminated pizza boxes. Until then, it is essential that all Chelmsford residents and other participants in the Town's recycling program observe these requirements. Failure to do so will result in recycling being left at the curb.

Please call the office at 978-250-5203 if you have any questions.