

December Recyclable of the Month



Refundable Containers



It makes little sense, and yet almost everyone has done it: throwing away refundable containers. After all, it's essentially the same as opening a change purse and throwing a handful of coins into the trashcan. And yet, improperly disposing of refundable containers is a national problem. According to the Container Recycling Institute, the recycling rate for beverage containers has dramatically decreased. At the same time, the number of bottles and cans in the trash has increased—for example, last year, the throwaway rate for plastic bottles jumped to about 30%.

In Massachusetts, aluminum cans, plastic soda bottles and glass bottles are refundable. The Wellesley RDF has clearly marked areas for refundables —just follow the signs! Make sure to sort out those recyclables that belong somewhere else, like plastic water bottles, and glass jars.

Thanks for “Stepping Up!”

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