

Most New Year's resolutions focus on improving personal health by losing weight and getting in shape. This year I wish more Belmont residents will turn their attention to our planet and help make it healthier. For the many residents that already routinely recycle, thank you! We not only make the world a better place but we save the Town money.

Below are three tips that can easily turn into habits that will lead to an improved planet, by preserving natural resources, saving energy and reducing carbon emissions.

1. If you can rip it, recycle it. Recycle all paper: newspapers; magazines; junk mail; homework papers; cereal, cracker and pasta boxes; paper coffee cups; spiral cans; soft covered notebooks; rolls from paper towels and toilet paper; paper milk and juice containers; corrugated boxes and pizza boxes (empty and oil stains ripped off).
2. Recycle all containers: plastic containers #'s 1-7, glass bottles/jars, metal cans, and aluminum foil (clean). Labels, lids and caps can be left on. Please no plastic grocery bags or other plastic film curbside (recycle at local grocery stores). Don't even use them for holding other recyclables at the curb. Durable containers up to a 32-gallon barrel can be used with recycle stickers (available at DPW Office, Belmont Library, and Town Clerk Office) for easier recycling of a large quantity of containers.
3. Please recycle all corrugated cardboard by flattening and cutting into approximately 3' x 3' sections. Then it can be placed in a paper bag, neatly stacked next to the bin or bundled together.

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