



Memorandum

DATE: JUNE 10, 2020
TO: ALL DEPARTMENT HEADS
FROM: BRIAN S. NOBLE
RE: BUYING RECYCLED

In preparation of the new fiscal year, I would like to remind all department heads about purchasing recycled products. Your participation and support in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Buying recycled products makes a difference.

As you are all aware, East Bridgewater's recycling program is always looking for ways to improve. We have been doing a great job of collecting recyclables, but success does not end here. As public sector purchasers we need to complete the recycling process by purchasing products made with recycled material.

Recycling is big business in Massachusetts.

Buying products made with recycled material is critical to our efforts. If we don't purchase recycled products, there is no economic motivation for manufacturers to use the raw materials that we do recycle. Additionally, the recycling industry is adding jobs daily and contributes significantly to the state's economy.

Today, recycled products are high quality.

East Bridgewater is officially committed to buying recycled products. In the past, recycled products may have represented less quality and cost more, but tremendous advances from improved technology and increased demand have resulted in recycled products that are extremely cost competitive and high quality. Many products routinely purchased contain recycled content such as toilet tissue, paper towels, plastic trash bags and copy paper.

So next time you place an order with a vendor, ask for products containing recycled content or require printing jobs be done on recycled paper such as reports, utility bills and even paychecks!

Your support is greatly appreciated and vital to the success of our recycling efforts. If you have any questions, please contact the Board of Selectmen's office. Thank you!

Brian S. Noble
Town Administrator