



ZERO WASTE POLICY proposal 2021
Wellfleet Recycling Committee
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In recognition of the need to make more efficient use of our natural resources, reduce solid waste volume and disposal costs, create markets for materials collected in recycling programs, and serve as a model for private and public institutions, the Town of Wellfleet is committed to a zero waste policy that will phase out single-use plastic products. Departments will purchase products which are 'environmentally preferable' and/or made of recycled materials whenever such products meet quality requirements and are available at reasonable prices and terms.

To the maximum extent practicable, the following standards should be adhered to:

IN THE OFFICE KITCHEN

1. Phase out all single-use plastic disposable cups, plates, forks, knives, spoons.
2. Expand the Community Cutlery program to provide washable tableware options in all Town buildings.
3. Priority procurement of products that are made of 100% recycled content and/or are BPI-certified compostable.*
4. Priority procurement of beverages packaged in aluminum cans or glass.
5. Eliminate procurement of beverages packaged in single-use plastic bottles.
6. Determine, on an annual basis, the feasibility of food waste collection for composting.
7. Lighting: Ensure that all buildings are outfitted with LED lighting in 2021.
8. Water Stations: ensure that all Town properties offer water bottle refill options.

IN THE OFFICE

9. Printers/Copiers: Set double-sided printing by default on all Town computers and copiers.
10. Distribute periodic reports, including monthly Town Accounting reports by email.
11. Encourage Town boards, committees, and commissions to share meeting materials electronically.
12. Encourage Departments to format flyers to be read as text messages.
13. Paint: Choose recycled latex paint **
14. Furniture and Rugs: choose plastic-free, durable materials.
15. Air Hand-Dryers: phase out paper towels and offer air hand-dryers in restrooms.

* BPIworld.org Biodegradable Products Institute

** Recolorpaints.com of Hanover, Mass. currently recycles latex paint collected from Transfer Stations all over Massachusetts, including Wellfleet.