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NORTH BERWICK
*The Newsletter of
The Town of North Berwick
Single Stream Recycling*

On August 1, 2017, the Town of North Berwick will change the way we recycle materials at the Transfer Station. Instead of sorting all of your recyclables, you will be able to place them unsorted into the recycling compactor at the Transfer Station. The switch to Single Stream Recycling is being implemented to Make Recycling Easier. Inside this newsletter is a poster showing how Single Stream Recycling works.

This change is being made to make Recycling Easier as well as Save Money. For years the town has sorted the recyclables at the Transfer Station in an effort to generate the maximum amount of income from the recycled products. Over the past few years, the recycling market has become increasingly difficult to generate income on the products that the Town recycles. Currently the only products that the Town receives income from on a consistent basis is metal and mixed paper and for all other recycling products the town either pays to recycle or gives them away at no cost. However, the mixed paper market is not performing well and prices have continued to decline. It does not make financial sense for the Town to continue to sort materials and expend labor costs to have to pay to get rid of our recycling materials when we can place them all together and the cost to the town would be the same as if we did sort the materials. Many communities have made the switch to a Single Stream Recycling. In anticipation of moving to the single stream process, the town has relocated our recycling compactor, added a chute similar to the trash compactor to assist in feeding the compactor with the recycled materials and installed safety improvements to allow easier compacting of the materials.

In addition to the change over, the Town of North Berwick will have available for purchase, 18 gallon Blue Recycling Totes to assist citizens in their recycling. The Totes will be sold for \$10.00 at either the Transfer Station or Town Office beginning in August. The Town's initial purchase of 400 totes will be made available to citizens and will be emblazoned with the a "North Berwick Recycles" Logo. Citizens do not need to bring their recyclables in the Blue Totes. They can be brought in other containers, however recyclables brought in plastic bags will need to be emptied from the plastic bags and deposited in the recycling compactor as plastic bags cannot be recycled.

If you have any questions, please ask the staff at the Transfer Station.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

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