TOWN OF SHUTESBURY, MASSACHUSETTS

TRASH DISPOSAL AND RECYCLING BYLAW

Bylaw passed by Shutesbury Town Meeting on May 1, 1999

In order to implement a mandatory recycling program in conjunction with ordinary waste collection, residents of every household whose trash is collected by the Town shall separate out waste material into the following categories before depositing trash collection:

1. At curb side: glass, cans, plastics and other recyclable containers as designated by the Materials Recycling Facility (MRF).
2. At curb side: paper and paper products.
3. Recyclable batteries and fluorescent light bulbs, to be collected as designated by the Town.
4. Banned materials as designated by the Town, including yard waste, bulky items, household hazardous waste, mercury-bearing waste and cathode ray tubes.

Enforcement: If no separation takes place, the driver of the trash collection truck shall reject the material and notify the residents of that household. If a second offense occurs, the driver shall again reject the material and issue a second notice. The driver shall record the street number of the household. For third and subsequent offenses, the material shall be rejected and the driver shall report the street number to the Town. A designated enforcing agent shall go to the location to confirm that the load does contain recyclable materials. Under non-criminal disposition, as provided by in MGL Chapter 40, Section 21D, a ticket shall be issued.

The following schedule of penalties shall take effect on July 1, 1999:

1. First ticket: $25.00
2. Second ticket: $50.00
3. Third and subsequent tickets: $75.00

Enforcing Agents: Recycling Coordinator, Recycling and Solid Waste Committee, Town Administrator, Board of Health, Selectboard, Police Department.