

## Dedham joins Mass Recycles Paper! campaign

**Statewide effort to recycle more paper offers economic & environmental benefits**

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Town Administrator William Keegan announced this week that the Town of Dedham has joined the Mass Recycles Paper! campaign, a public/private partnership to reduce the 1.5 million tons of paper that is being thrown away annually in the Commonwealth at a cost of more than \$100 million.

Recycling paper saves money and reduces global warming. That's why the Town of Dedham has joined the Mass Recycles Paper! campaign. Together with municipalities all across the state, we have pledged to do our part to recycle more paper," said Keegan.

The Mass Recycles Paper! campaign is a public/private partnership of MassRecycle, MassDEP, the US Environmental Protection Agency, New England state and local officials, business leaders, and concerned citizens.

MassRecycle is a broad-based coalition with a 20-year history of advocating for and educating the public and policy makers about recycling.

"We thank the Town of Dedham for joining the Mass Recycles Paper! campaign," said Mass Recycles Paper! Campaign Chairwoman Claire Sullivan.

By resolving to do all that it can to help stop more than a million tons of paper from going to waste in the Commonwealth each year, Dedham will be saving money and the planet.

MassDEP estimates that 20 percent of the trash that is thrown away in Massachusetts is paper that could be recycled.

Weighing in at 1.5 million tons, the amount of paper could fill all of Fenway Park and reach as high as the Prudential Center.

Residents can recycle magazines, catalogs, mail (even with window envelopes), shredded paper, phone books, flat and corrugated cardboard, even spiral-bound, paper clipped or stapled reports.

According to MassDEP, the recycling industry bolsters the Massachusetts economy.

Approximately 1,500 recycling businesses employ a total of 19,500 people, have a com-

bined annual payroll of \$600 million and produce annual revenues of \$3.6 billion.

Recycling paper has vast environmental benefits. Recycling saves landfill space by reducing the amount of waste, slows global warming by conserving natural resources, saves energy, and prevents pollution.

By recycling just two bags of paper each week, in one year's

time you will save the equivalent of:

- 9 trees,
- 120 gallons of fuel and,
- prevent the production of one and a half tons of carbon dioxide.

For more information about recycling in Dedham, or to obtain additional recycling bins, call the Department of Public Works at 781-751-9350.