



## Disposing of Trash in Environment-Friendly Ways

Every Tuesday morning, when we walk outside, there are hundreds of containers on the curbs, ready to be emptied by Goode Companies and the Compost Crew. As I have recently visited Goode's recycling facility, I thought I would take a moment to remind everyone where disposable items go. Surprisingly, judging by the way Somerset residents place their discarded items on the curbs, there still is some confusion.

Our main objective is to reduce our landfill as much as possible. Almost all things can be repurposed, recycled, or composted. Here are some reminders:

### Plastic Bags Go To The Supermarket

All bags that are made of thin flexible plastic should be placed in a plastic bag and delivered to the supermarket for recycling. This includes single-use plastic bags, plastic UPS envelopes, plastic bubble wrap, and all rinsed flexible plastic bags that are used to contain food. *These bags should NOT be put out on Tuesdays with recycling, because they will then become landfill.*



### Recycling Pizza Boxes and More on Tuesdays

The main objects that should go into your blue bucket are: pizza boxes (slightly soiled is fine), cardboard boxes (with plastic tape removed), paper, newspaper, rinsed plastic containers (e.g., carry out), metal cans, glass bottles, soiled tissues, and aluminum foil. *If you put your recycled materials in large plastic bags, they will be sent to landfill at the recycling center, so make sure to remove the plastic bags.*



### Purple Heart Give-Aways

Clothes, furniture, kitchen items, are just a few of the things that Purple Heart (and other charitable organizations) receives on a call-ahead basis.

### Trash and Treasure

This is a twice-annual bulk trash service that is provided by the Town. You can place both large landfill items (e.g., old construction materials) and items that could be used by others (e.g., bike) on the curb. Typically, people grab what they want from the curb and the rest is taken to landfill by Goode Companies.

*[Editor's note: for an update on bulk trash collection, see Manager's Corner on page 9]*

### Landfill the Rest on Tuesdays

If done carefully, there should be next to nothing going to landfill, except: Styrofoam, small construction materials, plastic tape from boxes, and broken items that can't be given away.

### Remember - The Main Goal is To Reduce the Amount that You Take to the Curb

Let's try to reduce our use of items that end up in the landfill and increase our use of reusable items.



Please make sure to say hello and thanks to the Goode and Compost crews every Tuesday — they help keep our neighborhood clean!

*Please let us know if you have any comments or ways that our Town can become more sustainable by emailing us at: [tos.environmentcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:tos.environmentcommittee@gmail.com).*