

## Norwood's Recycler of the Month Winner

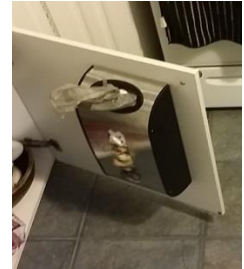
General Manager John Carroll and Waste Management's Public Sector Solutions Representative Heather Leger awarded Chris Karavoulias on November 13, 2014 as Norwood's next winner in Recycler of the Month Contest. Chris was presented with an official town Recycler of the Month award certificate as well as five separate gift certificates to local restaurants in recognition for his recycling dedication. All awards are sponsored by Waste Management.



His girlfriend Kelly nominated him because of dedication to recycling. Kelly wrote Chris is so dedicated to recycling he even built a recycle/trash area bordering their kitchen to make it easy for their guests to recycle! Chris explained he keeps a plastic bag in the recycling can to collect acceptable recyclables. When it is full he empties the recyclables into the outside recycling cart, but the plastic bag stays in the recycling can. He reuses the plastic bag inside the in house recycling can over and over again. Plastic bags of any kind are not allowed in the recycling cart because they jam the highly sensitive sorting machines at the recycling facility. However, recyclable plastic bags and plastic wrap are recyclable at most grocery stores. Chris bought this plastic bag storage container to



keep the plastic bags neat and easily accessible for reuse. To recycle the plastic bags, he would have to bring them to the grocery store and drop them off in the recycling receptacle inside the store. Please go to [www.plasticfilmrecycling.com](http://www.plasticfilmrecycling.com) to learn more.



When asked about why he recycles, Chris explained it is good for the town, good for the environment, and Norwood makes it so easy to recycle.

Chris was born in NY, and studied mechanical engineering in Greece and electrical engineering England. He has lived in a few other towns in MA before coming to Norwood. "Norwood is the most beautiful town around and I've seen quite a few towns here in Massachusetts. I'm not joking when I say that this town has the best of everything." Chris and his girlfriend decided to purchase a home in Norwood in 2010. According to Chris, he and Kelly are so happy with Norwood that they would like to serve their community as town meeting members someday soon.

Chris said he found out about the Winter Street Compost Site through the town website. He was researching where he could bring his thermostats (mercury.) He was most pleased to find out Norwood has a Mercury Shed at the Winter Street Compost Site. Please go to [recycling.norwoodma.gov](http://recycling.norwoodma.gov) to learn more. Chris was not aware other collected materials such as rigid plastics, scrap metals, textiles and books could also be dropped off for recycling at the compost site.

In addition, Chris created a web site to help Norwood residents connect and communicate about almost anything to do with Norwood. Go to <https://nextdoor.com/invite/kstbdmmdangemuqcfve> and learn more.

If you are an avid recycler or you would like to recommend someone in your family, go to [dpw.norwoodma.gov](http://dpw.norwoodma.gov). Click on the Recycler of the Month Nomination link and follow the prompts.

You could be Norwood's next Recycler of the Month winner!