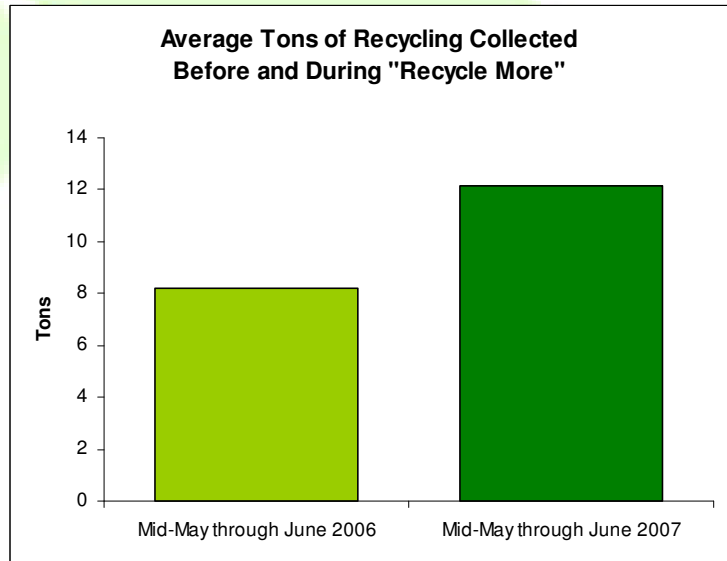


## 48% INCREASE IN RECYCLING; 15% DECREASE IN TRASH AFTER ONE AND A HALF MONTHS OF "RECYCLE MORE"

Way to go! Thanks to you and all the other great recyclers out there, compared to 2006 data, recycling has increased 48% and trash has decreased 15% in the first one and a half months of Recycle More. See the table below for average tons of trash and recycling collected. See the graph to the right for a visual representation of the change in recycling collected.

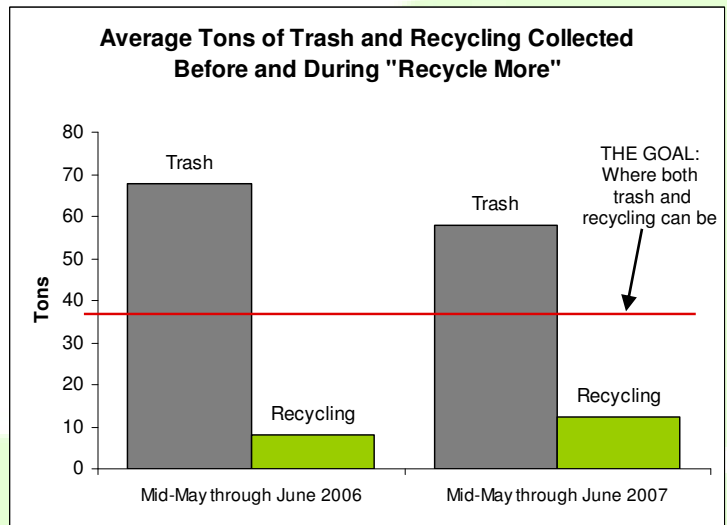
Change in Average Tons of Trash and Recycling Collected: 2006 to 2007			
	2006	2007	% change
Recycling	8.33	12.12	+48%
Trash	67.63	57.73	-15%



### THE ULTIMATE "RECYCLE MORE" GOAL – A 50% RECYCLING RATE

On the graph to the immediate right, the first set of bars show the average trash and recycling collected mid-May through June 2006. Because almost half of residential refuse is recyclable, these bars have the potential to be virtually equal. The line on the graph represents this ultimate goal of recycling half our refuse.

The second set of bars on the graph show the average trash and recycling collected during the first month and a half of Recycle More. The decrease in trash and increase in recycling illustrates how your neighborhood has progressed toward the ultimate goal.



Updates of progress toward the goal will be published in future newsletters.

**Can you make it happen?**

### CHECK YOUR TRASH

Help your neighborhood reach the goal! Keep an eye on your trash – are there any recyclables hidden inside? Make sure you are keeping all of your cans, bottles, paper, and cardboard out of your trash and in your recycling cart. What percentage of your refuse can you recycle?

### KEEP THE FEEDBACK COMING!

We have received lots of positive feedback! Jessica Bell of Charme Ave in Roslindale says **"I love the new recycling carts. The convenience of having one bin for all of the recycling definitely encourages me to recycle everything I can."**

How is your recycling cart working for you? Email any questions, comments, photos, stories, etc. to [recyclemore@cityofboston.gov](mailto:recyclemore@cityofboston.gov).

