Recycling Guidelines

Still unsure if it will recycle?
Send us your recycling question at ecomaine.org.

DO RECYCLE

PAPER
- All Clean Cardboard, Paperboard & Pizza Boxes
- Newspapers & Inserts
- Magazines
- Mail & Catalogs
- Paper Bags
- Office Paper & Envelopes
- Wrapping Paper
- Phone Books
- Hard Cover Books
- Paper Plates (clean)
- Milk & Juice Cartons
- Drink Boxes & Aseptic Containers
- Shredded Paper (put in clear bags)

PLASTIC
- Water Bottles
- Milk Jugs
- Detergent Bottles
- All rigid containers marked with a #1-#7 (except Styrofoam®)

METAL
- Tin Cans
- Aerosol Cans (empty)
- Aluminum Cans/Foil
- Pots & Pans

GLASS
- All glass Bottles & Jars (all colors, caps on)

All containers must be EMPTY, but not perfectly clean. A light rinse will do.

DON’T RECYCLE

Note Size:
- Anything bigger than a 5-gallon bucket is not recyclable.

Trash/Garbage
- Needles & Sharps
- No Large metal parts: car, boat, truck, etc.
- Wood/Lumber
- Propane, helium or other gas cylinders
- Piping, plastic or metal
- Clothing & shoes
- Plastic bags: shopping bags, frozen vegetable, bread or sandwich, newspaper bags, chips or snack, trash bags
- Plastic wrap or film
- Garden hoses
- Batteries, alkaline or button-cell
- Boat shrink-wrap/tarps
- Bubble-wrap
- Diapers
- Envelopes that are plastic or Tyvek®
- Food (compost it)
- Kitty litter
- Knives
- Light bulbs (any type; return CFLs to store)
- Paper napkins/towels
- Styrofoam® or polystyrene foam (even if marked #6)
- Toys
- Vinyl siding
- Waxed paper / boxes

Got more questions?
ecomaine.org
or call us at
207-773-1738

Know Which Plastics to Recycle

With the exception of polystyrene (Styrofoam), your plastic is recyclable if the answer to all three of these questions is YES:

1. Does it have a number (1-7) in the middle of the chasing arrow symbol?
2. Is it rigid or hard?
3. Is it a container?

Many supermarkets & retail stores accept plastic bags and film for recycling. Find drop-off locations at plasticfilmrecycling.org.

No hazardous waste – ever!

The following items, categorized as "hazardous waste" must be disposed of carefully and cannot be included with your trash or with single-sort recycling:

- Ammunition
- Anti-freeze
- Button-cell batteries
- CFL light bulbs (compact fluorescent lights)
- Chemicals
- Computers & related parts
- Fertilizers
- Fluorescent bulbs (of any kind)
- Fuel (gasoline, diesel, kerosene)
- Mercury (in any amount)
- Oxygen tanks
- Paint thinner
- Pesticides
- Propane tanks
- Rechargeable batteries
- TVs

However, area transfer stations and recycling centers often offer programs to take this kind of waste.

For more information:
- Go to www.ecomaine.org
- Call ecomaine at 773-1738
- Call your town office or transfer station