

Talking Trash in Today's World

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Recycling

Course is Entirely Online
Mostly Using PowerPoint
for Visual Amusement
and Keep Me on Track



To the extent possible, I mean to keep things
Looking “Normal”

Sonia Will Monitor for Questions and Make Sure
I Answer Them

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Recycling

1. What is sustainability and how is it achieved? Long term zero waste goal (First Session)

2. The issues facing us with the landfill closure The Options for the Town when the landfill closes, and the choices being made.

3. **What can we recycle? How to decide and how to Separate them. What happens to recyclable stuff after pickup at the curb.**

4. Maine public policy initiatives to reduce waste at it's inception. Policy enforcement possibilities. Town policies to expand to schools and municipal buildings. Public education efforts and public participation needs.

5. How to compost at home, and why do it.



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Remember the Waste Hierarchy?

Re-use stuff, give it to Someone who can, or give it to a not-for-profit.



Consider places like Share center in Topsham for most anything that might be re-used in a school setting.

If we can't re-use it, We Need to Recycle it

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Recycling

Too Many to List

Talk about Classes and
Characteristics

Look at General Rules

Specific Rules of Our Processor

Discreet Items at the end of the day



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Recycling

General Rules:

Single Stream

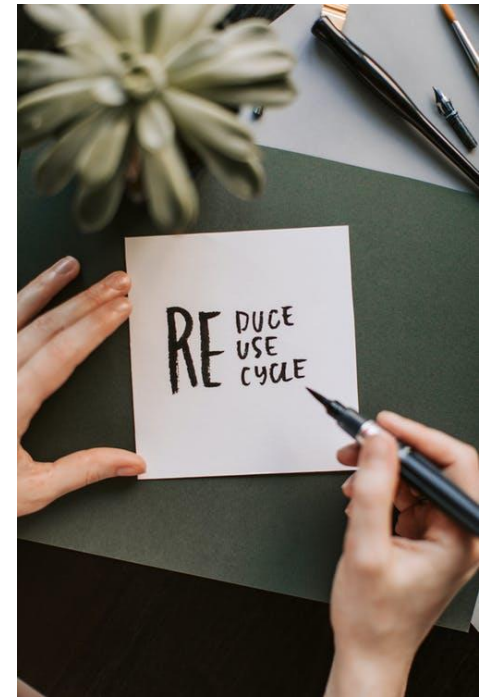
Clean and Dry

More Than 2" Across

Things That Won't Get Tangled Up

In the Sorting Equipment

Nothing Dangerous (Flammables, etc.)



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Recycling

What's OK ?

Magazines, Catalogs,
Newspaper, Envelopes,
Office paper (Any Color)
Cardboard, Brown Paper Bags, Cereal and
Shoe Boxes
Milk and Juice Cartons

BRUNSWICK RECYCLING GUIDE:

aluminum foil	Single Stream Recycling	cups for beverages	Blue Town Trash Bags	plastic grocery bags	Grocery Store
aseptic cartons	Blue Town Trash Bags	envelopes with plastic windows	Single Stream Recycling	plastic plant pots	Single Stream Recycling
batteries, button or camera	Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day	dry cleaning bags	Grocery Store	plastic bags inside food boxes	Grocery Store
batteries, rechargeable	Return to store where purchased or drop off at Public Works or at the Library	electronic waste	Donate to Charity (Goodwill Only) Or Brunswick Transfer Station	produce bags (soft and deformable without tearing)	Single Stream Recycling
batteries, single use (AA, AAA, C, D, 9 volt, alkaline or non-alkaline)	Blue Town Trash Bags	frozen food bag	Blue Town Trash Bags	produce bags (stiff, crinkly and unstretchable)	Blue Town Trash Bags
bubble wrap	Grocery Store	hazardous waste	Annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day	returnable bottles and cans	Redemption Center
butter boxes	Blue Town Trash Bags	ice cream containers	Blue Town Trash Bags	rigid plastic without triangle ID code	Blue Town Trash Bags
case wrapping	Grocery Store	laminated bags (seems as if made of foil with plastic coating)	Blue Town Trash Bags	ring holders for 6-packs	Blue Town Trash Bags (cut rings first)
cell phones	Return to store where purchased or drop off at Public Works or at the Library Can also be brought to Goodwill	lids for beverages (plastic)	Blue Town Trash Bags	saran wrap	Blue Town Trash Bags
CFL light bulbs	Return to store where purchased or drop off at Public Works or at the Library	metal food cans	Single Stream Recycling	shopping bags	Grocery Store
clamshell food packaging	Blue Town Trash Bags	metal items (not food cans)	Brunswick Transfer Station	straws (plastic)	Blue Town Trash Bags
clear plastic lids on lightweight cardboard package bases	Blue Town Trash Bags	milk cartons with plastic spout	Single Stream Recycling	styrofoam	Blue Town Trash Bags
clothing/textiles (worn out)	Donate to Goodwill	newspaper bags	Grocery Store	take out food containers (CLEAN and DRY with triangle ID code)	Single Stream Recycling
clothing/textiles (good condition)	Donate to Charity	lightweight cardboard designed to hold liquids	Blue Town Trash Bags	tree limbs	Brunswick Transfer Station
corrugated cardboard	Single Stream Recycling	lightweight cardboard with a strip of plastic film	Single Stream Recycling	unidentified clear plastic	Blue Town Trash Bags
construction debris	Brunswick Transfer Station	plastic food bags (soft and deformable without tearing)	Single Stream Recycling	wood scraps	Brunswick Transfer Station
		plastic food bags (stiff, crinkly and unstretchable)	Blue Town Trash Bags	yard debris (all)	Brunswick Transfer Station
				yard debris (small)	Bring to Leaf Dump on Industry Road

Brunswick Recycling Committee | More info click here: <https://www.brunswickme.org/267/Recycling-Trash>

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What's OK ? (Continued)

Plastic Containers With
Numbers 1 through 7

Aluminum, Steel or Tin Cans

Soda/Juice/Water Bottles (glass or plastic) Milk

Jugs, Bleach/Detergent, Shampoo Bottles

Food containers (cottage cheese, margarine/
yogurt)

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cell phones	Return to store where purchased or drop off at Public Works or at the Library. Can also be brought to Goodwill!	irradiated bags (seems as if made of foil with plastic coating)	Blue Town Trash Bags	saran wrap	Blue Town Trash Bags
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clothing/textiles (room out)	Donate to Goodwill	milk cartons with plastic spout	Single Stream Recycling	take out food containers (CLNAN and DRY with triangle ID code)	Single Stream Recycling
clothing/textiles (good)	Donate to Charity	newspaper bags	Grocery Store	tree limbs	Brunswick Transfer Station
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Tricky Stuff!

Plastic bags, plastic film
Of Any Type

Cellophane, Clear wrap, Cling Wrap, Shrink wrap
No Glass , light bulbs, dishes, Pyrex, or ceramics
(flower pots, figurines, etc.)

No Styrofoam or packing peanuts – even if it's
marked Type 6

No food waste, trash, furniture, or appliances
of any kind

RECYCLABLES			
condition (Goodwill only)	REDEMPTION CENTER: -Returnable fee-deposit bottles and cans	HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY: Oct 17 2020 - bring button batteries and other hazardous waste to 9 Industry Road. By appointment only	GROCERY STORE: Shaws - Grocery bags only Hannaford - All clean plastic bags that are not food
(requires \$5 annual fee) -Metal items (not food cans) -Wood scraps -Construction debris -Brush/tree limbs	SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING: (all items must be CLEAN and DRY and GREATER THAN 2 INCHES) -Metal food can -Aluminum foil -Takeout food containers with triangle ID code ♻️ -Plastic plant pots -Milk and juice jugs -Office papers/ junk mail -Thin cardboard with plastic windows	-Requires \$5 annual fee -Metal items (not food cans) -Wood scraps -Construction debris -Brush/tree limbs	Styrofoam -Rigid plastic without triangle ID code ♻️ -Soiled takeout containers -Laminated bags -Plastic straws -Plastic ring holders for 8-packs -Clear unidentified plastic -Single use batteries -Containers designed to hold liquids (paper cups, coffee cups, ice cream containers etc.) -Plastic lids for beverage cups -Flashlight batteries -Septic cartons (packaging designed to extend shelf-life without refrigeration)
RETURN TO STORE WHERE PURCHASED OR DROP OFF AT PUBLIC WORKS OR LIBRARY.			

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Tricky Stuff(Continued)!

No Household Hazardous Waste

No shredded paper

Stuff that's too small, tangles up, etc. (Hoses,

plastic bottle holder rings, like on Gatorade)

Plastics with no code (Hoses, Lawn furniture or tools,

Toys)

Batteries

“Wishcycling”

Returnables – Take Those Back!

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Brush/tree limbs	RETURN TO STORE WHERE PURCHASED OR DROP OFF AT PUBLIC WOODS OR LIBRARY

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Recycling

Into the bins

Picked Up by Casella

Non-recyclables Removed

Contaminants Dumped

Recycles Sorted

Sorts Baled Up

Bales are sold



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Contamination

Anything Collected, But
Not Recyclable

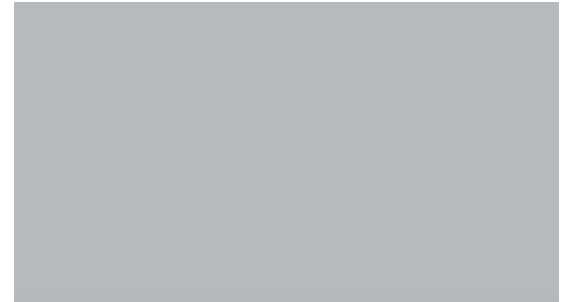


Limit Now 0.5% Contamination
Essentially Zero

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Gray Areas Stuff That Should
Be Good To Go, But
Really Isn't



Milk and Juice Cartons

Envelope Windows

Paper With Plastic Inside (Pet Food Bags)

Items With More Than One Type of Plastic

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Dealing With Plastic Bags

Hannaford Has A Surprising List

Of Plastics It Can Accept

newspaper bags

dry cleaning bags

toilet paper, napkin, and paper towel wraps

furniture wrap Electronic wrap

All clean, dry bags labeled #2 or #4.

Bubble Wrap Air Pillows for packaging

Plastic shipping envelopes (remove labels)



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What Hannaford Cannot Accept

NO food

NO cling wrap

NO prepackaged food bags including
frozen food bags

NO film that has been painted or has excessive
glue on it

NO bags or films not already mentioned

NO degradable bags

No Crinkly plastic bags



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E-Waste Cannot Be Recycled
With Regular Municipal
Goods

Too Many Different Things In It
Some are Hazardous
Needs Special Handling

Goodwill or the Landfill (Where It Is Recycled)



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Recycling

Reduce What We Collect

Ensure That What We
Collect is Actually
Recyclable

Shop With Trash in Mind

Mesh Bags for Vegetables

Cloth Bags to Go Home

Look for Recyclable Packaging (Or None)

Get Involved!



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Final Thoughts, Discussions, And Questions!