

Talking Trash in Today's World

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The Laws

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”

My Assistant Will Monitor for Questions and
Make Sure I Answer Them

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MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES TOWN OF BRUNSWICK, MAINE

ARTICLE VII. - MANDATORY RECYCLING PROGRAM

Sec. 13-84. - Residential recycling.

All persons occupying **residential units** are required to segregate residential recyclables from their solid waste stream and cause the residential recyclables to be taken to a recycling facility.

(Ord. of 3-1-93)



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Schools Are Part Of The
Town's Management.
Programs Exist To Teach
And Encourage Recycling.

Some Collected Recycling Has Then Gone To
Trash.

We're Working On It !



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LD2104 introduced by
Rep. Ralph Tucker in Feb 2020

LD2104 reimburses towns for
The cost of recycling single-use
Packaging With Fee On Producers



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Fees Based On:

Recyclability of materials used;

Percentage of recycled content;

Toxicity;

Total weight of their sold single-use packaging.

Any remaining funds would go towards education around recycling and building out recycling infrastructure.



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Hazardous Waste means are products that the EPA has determined can **catch fire**, **react**, or **explode** under certain circumstances, or that are **corrosive** or **toxic**. Products such as cleaners, oils, batteries, and pesticides can contain hazardous ingredients and **require special care** when you dispose of them.



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The Means Of Handling The Hazardous Waste Are Defined In MRSA Title 38 Section 1303-C
More Information On The EPA Website:



<https://www.epa.gov/hw/household-hazardous-waste-hhw>

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Especially Bad Stuff!

Motor Oil

A single quart can pollute
25,000 gallons of water

Old Tires

Brunswick Public Works says
take them to the landfill,
where they are separately

collected. You need a Brunswick disposal permit, and also will be
charged a fee based on the tire size. Automobile tires are currently
charged a \$2.00 fee.



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Fluorescents

Fluorescent Tubes (4 foot, 8 foot and circular) and **Compact fluorescent light bulbs** (CFLs) contain **Mercury** and may not be put in either the recycling or trash.

Tubes Go To Graham Rd

A few local stores will accept only the CFL bulbs for recycling (but not fluorescent tubes). For a full listing of local stores in Maine that recycle CFLs, visit the Efficiency Maine website (<https://www.energymaine.com/>)



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Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

Saturday, Oct 17, 2020 this year

FREE to residents of Bath, Bowdoin,
Brunswick, Georgetown, Harpswell,
Topsham, and West Bath
Held at Brunswick Public Works



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Brunswick's List

Antifreeze

Any liquid that is
clearly not oil

Cooking Oil

Gasoline

Motor Oil Containing
Gasoline or Antifreeze

Oil Based Paint

Paint Thinner/ Turpentine/ Solvent

Transmission Fluid

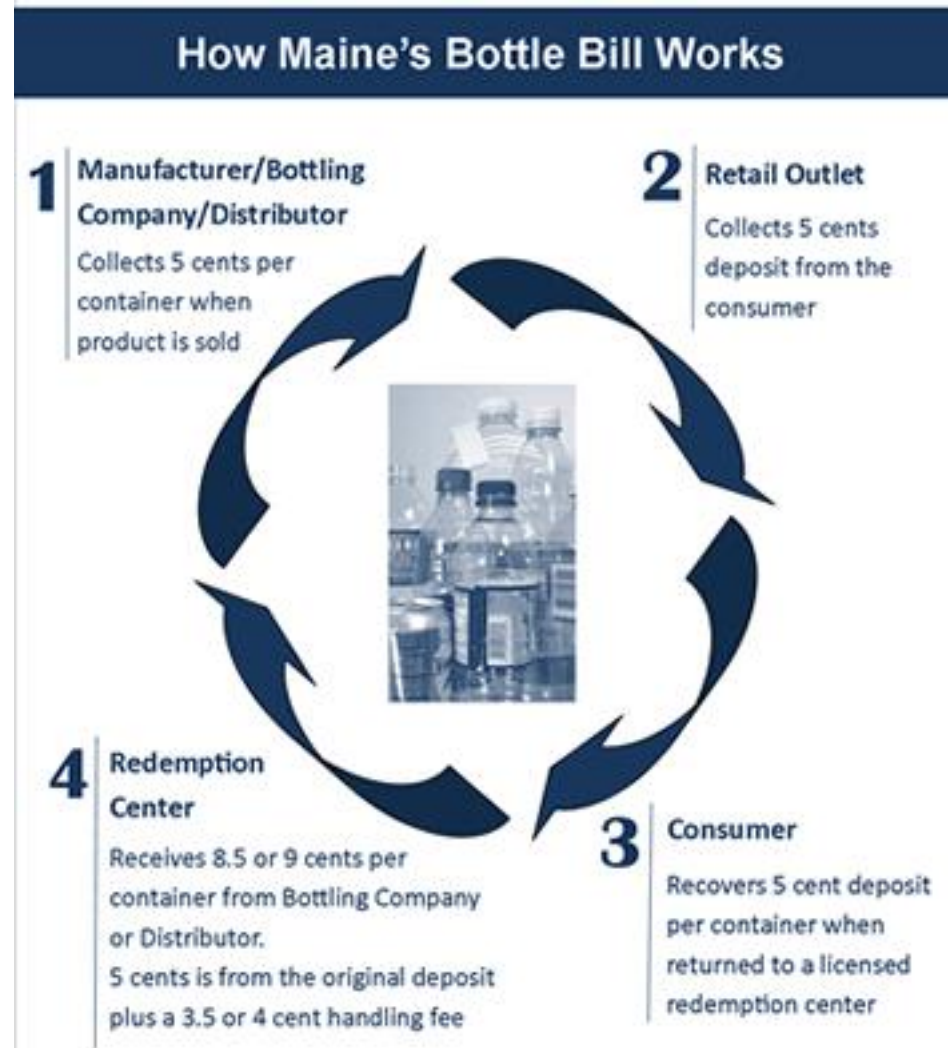


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Laws That Work

Maine Bottle
Redemption Bill
Best Recycling
Program in
Maine!
Zero Contamination



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Casella Doesn't like the Redemption Program!

It reduces the amount of material they get paid to collect and resell.

Consumers waste 5 cents/ bottle they don't redeem, AND we pay Casella to recycle them!

Consumers lose money, the town loses money, and Casella wins
(Casella.com/news-media/blog)



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([38 MRSA § 1316](#) et seq.) Was

Enacted in 1995

Regulates Discarded Tires

“Tire Tax” On New Tires Pays For Environmental Programs And Removal Of Unlicensed Tire Dumps

Imaginative Uses at

<https://www.pinterest.com/taketentire/things-to-do-with-old-tires/>



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38 M.R.S. §1610 Is The Maine
Law Covering E-Waste
Manufacturers Pay For The
Recycling



Drop Off Locally At Any Goodwill Store

<https://goodwillnne.org/donate/computer-donations/> For A Complete List

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Items Delivered Then To EPA
Approved Reprocessing Center



Cell Phones Handled Separately
Return Those To The Store That Sold Them
Donate Usually via Police Dept. For Various
Emergency Use Programs

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Long Term Plan

Sustainable “Zero Waste Future”
Reduces Tons To Either Waste-to-Energy or Landfill BY 2030

Total Solid Waste Management
Costs Stabilized And Reduced
Over Time



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Short Term Plan

Baseline Of Operating & Financial Data

For Waste Activities

Outlets For Recycling & Solid Waste

Disposal

Explore Outlets For Transfer Station Activities

Explore Decoupling Contracts For Collection From
Recyclables Processing & Solid Waste Disposal



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Plan Components

Public Education

Organics Recycling

Public Policy

Long-Term Zero

Waste Plan



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Final Thoughts, Discussions, And Questions!