

The following items are **NOT included**; they require special handling and disposal:

Hazardous Waste

These items include: fuel, anti-freeze, oil-based paints, paint thinners, stain, fertilizers, pesticides, and other chemicals.

Universal Waste

Common products, such as: mercury in thermostats, fluorescent bulbs, compact fluorescent lights, televisions, computers, and button-cell batteries.

For more Hazardous and Universal Waste information see our website at:

www.ecomaine.org
or call us at **773-1738**

ecomaine is a non-profit regional waste disposal and recycling operation; it is owned and operated by the following 21 communities: Bridgton, Cape Elizabeth, Casco, Cumberland, Falmouth, Freeport, Gorham, Gray, Harrison, Hollis, Limington, Lyman, North Yarmouth, Ogunquit, Portland, Pownal, Scarborough, South Portland, Waterboro, Windham, and Yarmouth.

We also have long-term contracts with: Baldwin, Hiram, Naples, Parsonsfield, Porter, Saco, and Standish.

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SINGLE-SORT RECYCLING



IT'S CHILD'S PLAY.

Now, thanks to new equipment at ecomaine, all types of recyclable materials go into the same box... no need to separate!

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What changes?

Instead of separating recyclables by type, simply combine all glass, metal, paper, cardboard, and plastics into one recycling container. It's simple.

And now, plastics
#1-7 are included, too!



Is this new recycling system better for the environment?

YES. Every ton recycled is one less ton in the waste stream, and national statistics show that single-sort recycling systems result in more recycling. Why? Because it's so much easier (no sorting).

Studies done in Portland and Lyman showed improved efficiency and less pollution. By eliminating the need for separation, recycling trucks no longer have to idle at the curb while the driver is sorting. That results in less air pollution.

In addition to the reduction in air pollution, recycling always means greater conservation of our natural resources and using recycled materials to make products saves energy. Recycling in Maine saves the equivalent of 167 million gallons of gasoline every year.

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THE SINGLE-SORT GUIDE

ONE CONTAINER FOR ALL YOUR RECYCLABLES

YES

PAPER PRODUCTS

- cardboard/all boxes
- newspaper
- shoe boxes/cereal boxes
- magazines/catalogs
- junk mail/window envelopes
- phone books
- file folders
- gift boxes/wrap
- shopping bags
- all books
- aseptic milk & juice cartons

YES

PLASTIC, METAL, & GLASS

- all plastics labeled #1-7
- foil
- cans
- pots & pans
- empty aerosol cans
- empty bottles (any color glass)
- jars

NO light bulbs, hypodermic needles
or sharp objects, vinyl siding,
bubble wrap, food, toys, food
bags, potato chip bags, diapers,
Styrofoam packaging and
peanuts, or trash.