

Town of Bowdoinham, Maine

Accepted Recyclables and other materials

Recyclables

✔ Materials that can be deposited all together in the Big Red recycling compactor:

- Clean Mixed Recyclables, including:
 - tin cans
 - all plastics with recycling symbol (#1 - #7), please note:
 - all food containers should be rinsed - no food residue
 - if a container has a shrink wrap label on it (e.g. some coffee creamers) the shrink-wrapped label should be removed
 - clean aluminum foil
 - Mixed papers, including:
 - newsprint
 - magazines
 - office paper
 - non-corrugated cardboard (e.g. cereal boxes)
 - clean paper products
 - wrapping paper without metallic elements on them

⊘ We cannot accept any items containing biological waste, e.g. no materials with blood or other bodily fluid (like used tissues or bandages) on them.

⊘ At this time, we cannot accept glass for recycling

⊘ We cannot accept any paper or cardboard items that have food waste on them, e.g. greasy pizza boxes, used paper plates or cups.

⊘ We cannot accept plastic coated paper (e.g. ice cream, milk or broth containers)

⊘ We cannot accept mixed medium containers, e.g. Pringles 'cans', nut 'cans' or paper coffee 'cans'

⊘ We cannot accept plastic hangers, silicone plastic or bags/containers, e.g. pet food bags, feed bags, seed bags, plastic bags/wrappers (even if they have a ♻ symbol on it.

⊘ We cannot accept any styrofoam, even if it has a ♻ symbol on it.

✔ Corrugated cardboard (clean and dry) like Amazon boxes, and brown paper bags, are gladly accepted in the Cardboard Pallet Box.

✔ The following items are also accepted, please ask recycling attendant for the appropriate place for them:

- All lightbulbs, including CFLs, 2', 4', 6', and 8' straight bulbs, U shape and circular bulbs, HID and other mercury containing bulbs.
- Mercury, including thermostats containing mercury
- Lithium-Ion Batteries, including rechargeable batteries from household items, power tools and phones. Also includes non-chargeable lithium batteries
- Lead Acid Batteries, including automotive, marine, emergency backup systems, etc.
- Architectural paint (house paint-interior or exterior, primers, stains, sealers) and clear coatings.
- Scrap metals
- Nickel-cadmium batteries
- Electrical ballasts

⊘ We cannot accept aerosol spray cans, (e.g. paint, hairspray) unless totally empty of all contents and pressure.

⊘ We do not accept standard regular, alkaline (e.g. size AAA, AA, etc.).

⊘ We cannot accept propane containers (unless totally empty with a hole in them to assure they are empty).

⊘ We cannot accept paint thinners, mineral spirits or solvents.

⊘ We cannot accept Auto and marine paints, Arts and crafts paints, paint additives (colorants, tints, resins)

⊘ We cannot accept Wood preservatives (containing pesticides)

⊘ We cannot accept roof patch and repair, tar and bitumen-based products, 2 component coatings, deck cleaners, traffic and road marking paints

✔ We also accept the following electronics for disposal (please note fees may apply to dispose of some of these items):

- TVs, including CRTs, flat panel, console and projection TVs
- Computers and monitors, including laptops
- Game consoles
- E-Readers and tablets
- Printers and scanners

⊘ We cannot accept computer mouse, keyboards, controllers, charging cords or connector cables.

Please note while we have tried to make this list as comprehensive as possible there may be items that are not included on this list. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the Solid Waste Department at (207) 666-3228 or send us an email at recycling@bowdoinham.com

White Goods

✔ We accept the following white goods:

- Refrigerators (without freon)
- Ranges
- Water Heaters
- Freezers (without freon)
- Unit air conditioners (without freon)
- Washing machines,
- Clothes dryers,
- Microwave ovens with the glass plates removed
- Other similar domestic appliances

⊘ If you have any appliance containing freon please contact the Solid Waste Director to discuss proper disposal.

Construction or Demolition Waste

✔ We can accept construction or demolition debris only twice a year on the days we accept bulky waste. Construction or demolition waste we accept includes:

- Building materials
- Asphalt (e.g. shingles)
- Wall board
- Pipes (if the pipe is metal, it can be accepted weekly as scrap metal waste)
- Metal conduits (metal conduits can be accepted weekly as scrap metal waste)

⊘ We cannot accept partially filled containers of glues, tars, solvents, resins, or caulking compounds, friable asbestos or other special wastes. If you have any of these materials, please contact the Solid Waste Department.

Bulky Waste

NOTE: Currently bulky waste can only be accepted two (2) times annually. Please contact the Solid Waste Department for the dates we can accept bulky waste.

✔ We do accept bulky waste on a fee per piece basis. Fees can be found in the Solid Waste and Recycling Rules.

- In general, bulky waste refers to furniture pieces (e.g. mattresses and box springs, sofas) that are too large for standard trash disposal.

Non-Standard Waste

✔ Please contact the Solid Waste Department to determine proper disposal of waste items not listed here.

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