

Recycling in Bowdoinham

The first 30 Years

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Sagadahoc Recycling Company
announces a pilot project

Curbside Recycling Pickup for Bowdoinham

The following materials to be recycled will be collected door-to-door every Saturday from Jan. 7 through March 11, 1989:

Corrugated Cardboard - Break down and leave stacked inside a cardboard box, or bundle and tie.

Newspapers - Leave in shopping bags, or bundle and tie. No glossy magazines, please.

Mixed Recyclables - Household glass, plastic and metal containers, styrofoam and rags. These materials must be clean. They can be mixed together and will be picked up in recycled grain bags. These bags will be provided free and bags picked up will be replaced with empty ones.

Recycling Pickup Route:

From Recycling Facility north on Post Rd., Millay Rd. from town line south, Post Rd. to Bowdoin line, Rte. 125 to Bowdoin line, Fisher Rd, Village, Brooklyn, Valentine Rd., Bay Rd., Bridge St., Browns Pt. Rd., Wildes Rd., Adagadasset Rd., Pork Pt. Rd., River Rd. to Richmond, Carding Machine Rd. south, White Rd. north, Ridge Rd south.

- Grain bags for mixed recyclables may be picked up at the Town Office during its regular business hours after Dec. 26th and at the landfill on Dec. 31st. You may also have a bag delivered to your home on Jan. 7th, or any Saturday following, simply by calling the Town Office (666-5531).

- Please leave a rock or brick near your bag of mixed recyclables so can weight down the empty bag we leave.

- If stormy weather requires the Town to close the landfill, recycling pickup will be on the following day or the next day the landfill is open.

Further information, call the Town Office 666-5531.



handed out before special town meeting.

March 8, 1989

To the residents of Bowdoinham:

This is the last week that Sagadahoc Recycling Company will provide curbside pickup for the Town. For the past 9 weeks we have been collecting both recyclable materials and information on the willingness of Town residents to participate in a comprehensive recycling program. During this period, 382 households (55% of the 690 we listed) put material out for collection at various times. From January 21st, when we began measuring material at the landfill, through February 18th, we recorded 487 cubic yards placed on the landfill, and collected 160 cubic yards of recyclable materials, including cardboard, newsprint, mixed paper, glass, plastic, metal, styrofoam, and rags. With half of the Town participating on a voluntary basis, nearly 25% of the total waste stream was recycled. Based on this information, Sagadahoc Recycling Company feels that, with a strong incentive to separate out recyclable material, we could achieve an even greater reduction (30-40%) in the amount of waste buried at our landfill. This would extend its life as a low-cost disposal site, and give us time to prepare for the expensive alternatives awaiting us.

A user fee for material placed on the landfill would provide an incentive to recycle, would be simple to administer, and would raise immediate revenues to operate an expanded recycling program. All clean recyclable material would be received by the Town at no charge and only material deposited at the landfill face would be subject to the user fee. Residents would be free to choose a level of participation in the recycling program, and there would be no need for inspection of the material going on the landfill, as in a mandatory recycling program.

Sagadahoc Recycling Company has made a proposal to the Town to run a short-term program, financed by a user fee, between March 25th and the annual Town Meeting of June 19th. Such a program would give the Town solid information for figuring the costs of handling recyclable materials, as well as an accurate measurement of the amount of material going on our landfill. This coming Monday, March 13th, a special Town Meeting will be held at the Community School at 7:00 pm to discuss a new Solid Waste Ordinance which would establish user fees. We hope you will attend this meeting, and would like to thank you for the support we have received during this curbside pickup program.

Sagadahoc Recycling Company
Bowdoinham, Maine

Waste ordinance is enacted

By Karen Mayo

3/11/89

BOWDOINHAM — At a special town meeting Monday, residents here voted to amend the current Bowdoinham code by enacting a Solid Waste Management Ordinance. The ordinance will act as the enabling legislation to support the town's recycling program.

Voters approved Article 4 authorizing municipal officers to collect landfill user fees and to place the income into a solid waste management operating account.

The article also set up the specifications for individual trash bag size and a maximum fee schedule for waste to be disposed of at the landfill.

According to the article, individual bags shall be no more than 30 gallons or weigh more than 40 pounds.

Landfill user fees were approved as follows: individual bag \$1, bulk garbage by the yard \$5, pickup truck without sideboards \$15 per load, tires \$1 per item, lead acid batteries \$1, white goods with electric motors \$5 per item, white goods without electric motors \$3 per item and non-burnable furniture such as beds, sofas and mattresses \$4 per item, and miscella-

neous, such as chairs, lamps \$2 per item.

Selectmen recommended the article as an incentive to encourage residents to recycle.

Article 6, which originally asked voters to authorize municipal officers to expend up to \$10,000 from the solid waste site reserve funds for capital expenditures, was amended down to a cap of \$4,000. Following the amendment by David Berry, the article was approved.

The ordinance shall be effective as soon as the selectmen determine the town is prepared to provide recycling services. The date the ordinance shall take effect will be publicly announced to provide at least 30 days notice to residents.

The Board of Selectmen have received a proposal from Sagadahoc Recycling Co. to provide recycling services to the town until the annual town meeting in June. Town manager Steve Dyer said the board will be discussing the proposal and decide whether or not to accept it.

In other business, residents approved extending the town clerk's term from one year to three beginning with the annual town meeting in June.

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Distributed to town residents
to inform them of newly enacted 'Solid Waste Ordinance'

TOWN OF BOWDOINHAM - RECYCLING PROGRAM

To the residents of the Town:

The Town has recently enacted an Ordinance establishing a user fee for material deposited on the Landfill. Beginning April 22, 1989 the Town will collect one dollar for each 30 gallon bag of material that goes on the Landfill. Recyclable material will be received at no cost to residents. Properly cleaned and separated materials will be received at the Landfill on Saturdays from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, at the Post Road Recycling Facility on Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, and will also be picked up by the commercial haulers.

The user fee will be administered in the following way. Residents must purchase Landfill Tags at the Bowdoinham Country Store or at the Town Offices. These will be available by April 10th. Elastics will be provided for easy attachment. All bags of material which are not recyclable must be tagged before being accepted either by the haulers (Hollis Temple or Dick Plummer) or at the Landfill on Saturdays.

Recyclable materials will be grouped in five categories: corrugated cardboard, newsprint, magazines, mixed paper and mixed recyclables. There are specific guidelines for handling these materials on the back of this page. Residents served by a hauler must bag clean and separated materials in clear plastic bags (available at the Town Office) and set them (together with any tagged bags) at curbside for pickup. Residents who deliver their own recyclables may use any containers they choose, providing the materials inside are clean and properly separated.

If you have any questions regarding either the way the system will work or the specific instructions for cleaning and separating recyclable materials, please call me at the Recycling Facility (666-3228) or at home (666-5589).

Thank you,

David Berry
Solid Waste Manager

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TOWN OF BOWDOINHAM - RECYCLING GUIDELINES

General Instructions:

Rule #1 - All material must be clean.

The buyers and reprocessors of recycled materials require this, and we cannot sell material that is not clean and free of organic materials. All containers should be washed so that no traces of the original contents remain. Paper labels must be removed from metal cans. Caps must be removed from all containers.

Rule #2 - All material must be properly separated.

The five categories of recyclable material are all handled at the Recycling Facility and proper separation in the home saves time and expense at the facility. All material set out for haulers, including corrugated cardboard, must be in closed, clear plastic bags. This will permit the haulers to inspect the materials, to collect them easily, and will keep material dry. Residents who deliver their own recyclables may use any container they choose.

Specific Instructions:

Corrugated Cardboard - All corrugated boxes must be broken down. Large amounts may be delivered to the Recycling Facility. Call 666-3228 to make arrangements.

Newsprint - Newspapers and newspaper inserts only.

Magazines - All glossy magazines, catalogues and similar material.

Mixed Paper - All other clean non-glossy paper. Junk mail, office paper, cereal boxes, etc.

Mixed Recyclables - Any clean household containers made of glass, plastic, or metal. Containers (or anything else) made of more than one material (aluminum and paper juice cans, for example) cannot be reprocessed and are not recyclable. Styrofoam, rags (no paint or solvents on these) and dry cell batteries should also be included with your mixed recyclables. Please do not separate any of these materials within your mixed recyclable container - it is easier for us to sort them if they are loose. All caps must be removed, and paper taken off cans.

Waste Motor Oil & Antifreeze - Will be accepted at the Landfill or the Recycling Facility if delivered in sound, capped 1 or 2 gallon containers. The haulers will not pick these up.