

**Is there any service that you would like to see added to the recycling program?**

zero-sort pickup

yes a receipt provided for ALL items for which residents have paid a sum to drop off.

We need a way to Find and fine folks who dump un-useable items in gift shop. food in recycling, trash in recycling or returnables,etc. And it would be good to have an area for real, untreated wood for residents who heat with it.

We need a spot we can visit and unload our trash bags.

Waste oil collection & disposal from \*\*\*\*\* motors- etc.

waste oil

Used Motor oil (just incase that was not part of the Hazardous material question above) and Glass when and if a suitable processing facility becomes available again.

Unmanned recycling, we don't need someone watching as we place recyclable items in well marked containers. The schedule above is unmanned, cut labor. If recycling is mixed pay for it with the saved labor. Many many towns have unmanned containers in Convenient locations like down by the river on land we already own . No more spending use what we have!

Unlimited amounts for people cleaning the environment

Toy area, want to donate

Town stickers for residence at a yearly cost with big disposal extra

To have glass added back in if it isnt now-again. To not change what is taken ie: glass & batteries. Unless there is no alternative.

There are so many things in life that need improving. But not the Bowdoinham recycling program. It has been a really great program for the 30 years I have lived in the town.

Taking glass recycling again.. but I know there's nowhere to sell it right now.

styrofoam, single stream curbside pickup.

Sorting if it saves money, otherwise single sort

single stream would be great!

single sort

scrap wood collection, building materials (windows, doors,etc.). -Brush, leaf and composting can be done by residents at home.-The boy scouts do charitable bottle collection downtown already.

Restore curbside

Removal of household construction waste

regular trash disposal - if i miss curbside day i am frustrated i have to wait a week

Regarding Hours: Anytime as long as we know when it's open

recycling glass

Re Hours: Or any morning others find convenient

RE Hours: Any day or days is ok- twice a week is good but separated by more than 2 days is better (like wed+sat)

Re hours: Any 1 week day is fine. Would like to see it closed on Sun.

RE "The Store" questions: Creative options could be developed!
Plastic Film recycling
Plastic bags and containers for bulk -ie packaging for waterbottles-; disposal of old motor oil
Plastic bags
Plastic bag recycling? Do supermarkets in the area collect it? Could Bowdoinham collect plastic bags and send them there?
Perhaps a place (bin) at the recycling facility that you could bring a "tagged" bag of trash to drop off when the facility is open.
Only recycling that financially supports itself
once or twice a year curb side pick up for residents to be able to dispose of unwanted items like used furniture.
Once a year pick up of large items
old bikes, picture frames
Oil & gas disposal
Of late it has been hard to know what we can recycle and why. We need a MUCH better list/explanation of what can be recycled and why. See TimesRecord "The Recycling Bin" on Tuesdays. Also perhaps a discount for folks who totally sort materials at home.
nope.
Non-food trash should be allowed to be dropped off at recycling facility (with ticket or cash payment), like we used to be able to do curbside pick up and drops off recycling & picks up trash - no big deal.
Glass needs to be accepted again - sort by color in 55 gal drums w/ hand crusher - also waste oil & anti freeze.
No. The increased info and notifications have been GREAT. Much Needed
No.
no.
No, you have it covered.
No, how about a decent trash service?
No you covered it.
No the standard hours have always been enough.
no
No
no
No
No
no
No
No
N/A
Music in the barn. Maybe live bands.
Mostly i would just like to see the town continue (return to) its commitment to a robust recycling program.

More REUSE: let us leave furniture there like we used to - not to be burned but for someone else to take. There is a lot of need in this town, and people willing to help fill it. We just need the space. Like that place for clothing on the second floor. That was great! And the store.

More information about what we can recycle, and how and where we can recycle it. Same for hazardous and bulky waste, please!

More hours for regular recycling and monthly or quarterly for specialty recycling

Maybe an annual bulky waste collection day? Residents could pay a small extra fee for pickup, and/or the Scouts or other organization could do the pickup as a fundraiser.

Maintain David's barn and lease once repairs are completed!

Loved y'all the way y'all are :)

Looks like you've got it covered!

less mud to walk through

Keep the practice of road clean-up days in Spring where the town covers the trash disposal collected that day  
Consider a Clean-up day of road side pick-up of bulky items

Like to see a continued effort for public education regarding solid waste and recycling

Keep it free like it was ten years ago!

Keep barn

Junk pick up at home for a fee (items accepted at recycling facility) could be scheduled, not everyone can load and haul, may be popular and offer a job or contract to someone.

It would be great if we could start recycling glass again.

It was perfect as it was.

Is there any use for glass that we can no longer recycle? Jar exchange/craft uses etc? Does the barn have a way for people to "advertise" when they're bringing certain items to the swap shop?

In an effort to make the recycling program more sustainable long-term, I'd be interested in down the line looking at technology that converts excess waste into energy for the facility, or investing in solar power.

I also think the recycling program can benefit from being more accessible/sharing more information with Bowdoinham residents by using a social media platform, like Instagram or Facebook, to share updates on its services, provide educational info about their operations, and alert residents as to what books/clothing/furniture etc. is available at a given time that may be of interest to residents looking for specific things. If the program needs additional help for a specific project they are trying to tackle, this could also be a great way to garner interest in either volunteer or paid opportunities to help keep the facility running smoothly and safely.

If there is anything to be done with plastic bags that would be great but im not sure there is.

If there are other places that take recycled material, like lightbulbs etc, then we should let them take those material. No reason to pay for something, other places take for free. Unless there is value to take them, if paying a yearly amount added days of service.

If Electronics disposal was costly, there used to be a truck that went to towns or cities for one day drop off, I believe no charge, if still around, say twice a year to Bowdoinham.

I'd like to see trash sorted more than single stream system

I'd like to see a yearly spring or fall junk/rash collection (similar to what Lewiston/Auburn does) or a "Free" Trash dumpster once a year.

I would like to see Glass recycling added back by using a glass crusher or finding another outlet to reuse glass.

I would like to see a return to the previous processes of the barn with recycling of glass and other materials.

I would like residents to have access to a local dump such as Augusta residents have so large disposals can be conducted without going through the town. Construction projects often generate waste and dumpster removal can be cost prohibitive. Dump access allows a person to pay for the disposal and drop it off using their own vehicle and paying for their own waste. It is my understanding that Maine towns must have agreements with dump facilities to provide access to their services and Bowdoinham has no such agreements. Perhaps such an agreement would alleviate some of the burden on the town's facility.

I think there needs to be educational resources (a live and recorded talk, info online and printed at the facility, info on bag tags, etc about what can and cannot be recycled. And other info like jars must be cleaned out, no plastic bags, etc. one bad apple ruins it all!!

I think that town composting could be greatly enhanced, much like at the Topsham facility. The town could collect food waste, brush, and even add soiled cardboard and black and white mixed paper (w/o color ink) in the system. Properly managed as hot compost, vermin would not be an issue. The compost could then be given free to residents. Additionally, while the recycling barn has been great for the reuse and recycle Rs, we can all do more as a town to reduce packaging consumption.

i appreciate the box that is available for items that are not recyclable, hoses, tarps, rugs, etc.

I am most interested in the services noted above in the survey

How about composting leaves kitchen waste & grass clippings & chipped brush and selling it? People pay a lot of money for compost at Nurseries & Agway.

Hopeful that glass will again be taken, yes?

Home pick up for elders. they would pay dues as needed for things that could not be put curbside.

Hazardous Waste

have a hazardous waste collection several times a year.

Hard Drive destruction

Glass! We need to be able to adapt to changes in market forces and find creative, cost-effective solutions for recyclable material. Other parts of the state crush glass and use it as fill; throwing out glass is such a waste, and also increases cost of disposal.

glass recycling

Glass Recycling

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Glass crushing

Glass (to come back)

Furniture EXCHANGE (like we used to have!)

Food waste collection

FOOD WASTE - is it included here?

First of all, I don't want any of the services we've had in the past to become too costly or be diminished in any way! Bowdoinham MUST continue to be a strongly recycling community! Our pre-pandemic recycling capacity is part of our town heritage now. Whatever changes are ahead, we must work together to preserve that capacity. I sincerely hope that what we have been able to accomplish as a community in terms of recycling will continue into the future and is not under threat.

Finished compost available to home/community gardeners

Film plastic

film plastic

Everything that was at the recycle barn was great.

EDUCATION. Staff need to educate the public not holler at us and blame people for mistakes made by others!!!

Education about the importance of recycling. Education about the other 2 "Rs" - reduce and reuse.

Education - why to recycle, what to recycle, how to prepare goods for recycling, allowable and non-allowable recyclable items, allowable and non-allowable items for the "store" and/or "clothing exchange"

drop off bin for salvation army

donating the stuff that doesnt move in the store

Donate stuff that no one wants from the clothing store.

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disposable batteries

Demolition debris disposal

Curbside/ Drop-Off compost exchange (like Garbage to Garden, which doesn't service Bowdoinham)

Continue to provide adequate, accurate, current information and education on reduce/reuse/recycle

Continuation of waste oil collection

construction/demolition debris (for fee)

Community involvement like trash reuse contests etc.

cant think of one now

Can we have something like "garbage to garden" where we put in compostables and get clean soil back?

Can we have a spot to put garbage bags like every other town?
Brush pile, wood chip pile
Brush disposal for chipping; free for residents of Bowdoinham to take. (limited)
Bring back pickup
be able to use 1qy containers to dispose of motor oil.
Back to where it was
As part of the "store" crutches, walker, wheelchairs, lift chairs, for people recovering from operations or surgery.
Waste Oil to use for fuel
As above, a place for batteries, electrical wires, as in Christmas lights that no longer work. Thank you for the survey.
Are items actually being recycled or are we overpaying to have plastic melted in Indonesia?
Annual pick up day of any household items, bulky included.
An open lot with containers open to the public.
An historic building with character and history that is affordably upgraded to last for many decades more; not a new multimillion dollar McCycling center
All the services that were available at the Recycle Barn (Post Rd) met our needs.
Ability to sort through metals, large items to source materials for reuse by others
A waste wood pile so you would not have to have a 2"x12"x4' limit. Richmond has a just scrap wood pile, they contract with a farm that comes in and grinds it for mulch.
A seperate Bin/Dumpster for glass jars/bottles, etc. (pickle jars etc.)
A registration for using the recycling program. A one-time yearly fee of \$10.00 to receive identifiable tags for curbside pick-up and includes a signed agreement of what can be in the clear-tagged bags- but have the tags so if contaminated can be refused -notified.
A plane to drop off donations for the food bank
A drop off bin for the salvation army
A bulky pick up day would be great! The free store could expand, if there were enough volunteers it could offer delivery/pick up of big items to save them from the landfill.
A bulk rolling bin at each house to use for recycleables. Bagging the recycles is time consuming for everyone.
1.) Bring back the "store" 2.) Plastic (Film) & styrofoam recycling
* Tool/household item collection for rental
* The Solid Waste FB page has been a good start. I'd love to see more educational opportunities to help others learn about recycling/ reducing. Where does our recycling go? How much money could you save in trash fees by using a compost pile vs. throwing out food? Etc.