

REDUCE-REUSE-RECYCLE RECYCLING IS A GIFT TO FUTURE GENERATIONS

The Town of Rumford encourages all residents to recycle as many items as possible. All recycled materials are sold to organizations that use materials for other purposes.

The towns of Byron, Dixfield, Mexico, Peru, Roxbury and Rumford are part of the Northern Oxford Regional Solid Waste Board. Each town pays an assessment for the removal of trash to NORSWB. When items are recycled, NORSWB is paid for the material by vendors who recycle the materials.

In 2020 the Solid Waste Board received \$102,567.32 in revenue from recycling. If we had instead transported and deposited this material to a landfill the cost would have been \$64,062.83. By recycling, the Town realized a gain of \$102,567.32 plus the decrease in costs of \$64,062.83 giving a net gain of \$166,630.15. Recycling reduces all property owner's tax bills. More importantly, these efforts also help to decrease the amount of materials that go into landfills that future generations will need to address as time goes by.

Recycle bins are available for town residents at the Town Office. There is no charge for one bin, additional bins are \$10.00 each. The Recyclable Materials information sheet lists the many items that we recycle. We encourage everyone to use reusable cloth bags for groceries and to avoid the use of Styrofoam products. Currently, we do not recycle plastic bags, however, some local grocery stores do accept plastic bags to recycle.

If your recycle bin has become damaged and unusable, please recycle it and stop into the Town Office for a replacement at no cost. We will also replace lost bins.

Our Island Project is now complete with the exception of a few punch list items, mainly replacing a few sections of sidewalk panels that did not cure properly and have a fair amount of Spaulding.

Our downtown continues to see improvements with added businesses. The new infrastructure and newly resurfaced roads and sidewalks we hope will continue to support this trend toward development.



Recyclable Materials



Please properly prepare and separate your materials. Follow the instructions below.

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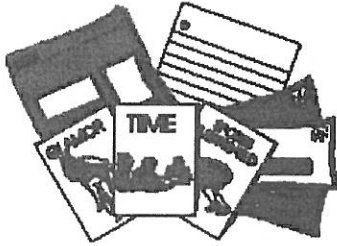
Newspapers and inserts, phone books, magazines, catalogs, all types of office and school paper, fax and copy paper, shredded paper, books, paper back books, flyers, glossy inserts, coated (slick) paper, junk mail, wrapping paper, colored paper, construction paper, colored bond paper, colored copy paper, manila folders, post-it notes, window envelopes, index cards, lined paper, legal pad paper, NCR paper, paper with printing/writing

Preparation:

Keep clean and dry, remove hard covers from books and recycle with cardboard

NO

Tape, wire, string, paper layered with plastic/foil, foil wrapping paper, waxed paper, paper towels/napkins/plates/cups, wet or soiled paper



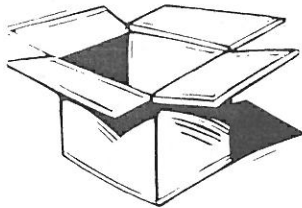
CARDBOARD

All corrugated cardboard, cardboard boxes, paperboard (cereal boxes, paper towel tubes, shoe boxes, tissue boxes, cracker boxes, etc.), hard covers from books, paper egg cartons, boxboard/ brown envelopes, paper feed and seed bags, and brown paper bags

Preparation: Keep clean and dry

BREAK DOWN BOXES

Remove and discard grease/food spots and recycle rest of pizza boxes, etc.



NO boxes/cartons layered with plastic/foil/wax, milk cartons, juice boxes, broth cartons, paper towels/napkins/plates/cups, wet or soiled paper

For more information contact the NORSWB
recycling center
at 364-3645

Hours 8-5 Mon.—Fri. 8-1 Sat.

GLASS

All types of glass and ceramics to include clear and colored glass, dishes, crystal, porcelain, Pyrex

Preparation:

Remove lids and rinse away food debris. Recycle metal lids with cans and plastic lids with plastic. Labels are ok. Try not to break or crush glass bottles or jars.

NO

Mirrors, light bulbs, window glass, picture frames

METAL

Aluminum cans, soda cans, aluminum foil, pie plates, aluminum bakeware, steel cans, all food cans (vegetables, fruit, pet food, juice, coffee, etc.) metal jar lids

Preparation:

All items must be rinsed, free of food debris, labels ok

NO

Paint cans, fuel containers, propane tanks (recycle at Transfer Station), aerosol cans

PLASTIC

1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7 plastic with exceptions (see NO below)

YES

Milk jugs, water bottles, juice bottles, detergent/soap/hair and body care/bottles, food containers/tubs/bottles, and lids

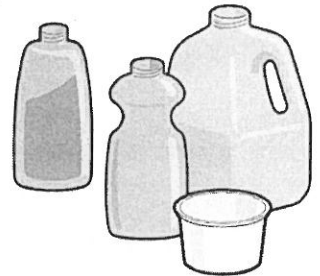


Preparation:

Remove lids, rinse containers, crush milk jugs

NO

Motor oil bottles or other petroleum containers, plastic wrap, plastic bags, film, Styrofoam, single-use plastic cups, clamshell-style containers/blister packs (like the kind used to package berries, greens, and baked goods)



***Recycle #2 and #4 bags, wrap, and mailers at the grocery store

***Check packaging for material and recycling info ***Separate a single item into multiple recyclable materials, if possible ***Clean/rinse items as needed ***Recycle even more at the Transfer Station

Recyclables are collected every week for the town of Rumford.

If a holiday falls during the week, collection is delayed one day.

Safe Disposal of Hypodermic Needles (Insulin syringes, etc.)

The safest way to dispose of used needles is in a "sharps" container. Sharps containers are available for purchase at many pharmacies, and some companies offer "mail-in" programs for used needles.

If you are unable to purchase a sharps container, obtain a sturdy, puncture-resistant container such as an empty detergent or bleach bottle or an empty coffee can (NOT a milk jug).

Drop used lancets, needles, and syringes in container immediately after use.

Dispose of syringes as one unit - do not attempt to break needle off.

Do not attempt to remove, bend, or recap needle.

Store container out of reach of children.

Tightly seal container when 3/4 full.

Reinforce lid with heavy duct or electrical tape (completely cover lid to discourage people from opening or recycling the container).

Write "DO NOT RECYCLE" on the container with permanent marker.

Dispose of completely sealed container in the trash (be sure to place it in a trash bag first).

***NEVER** dispose of needles, sharps containers, or homemade needle containers in the recycling bin!



DON'T FLUSH YOUR MEDS!



Located at the Rumford Police Station

Call 364-7408 for more information

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Leftover household products that contain corrosive, toxic, ignitable, or reactive ingredients are considered to be "household hazardous waste" or "HHW." Products, such as fertilizers, cleaners, oils, batteries, and pesticides, that contain potentially hazardous ingredients require special care when you dispose of them. Improper disposal of these wastes can pollute the environment and pose a threat to human health.

The Collection for these materials is in June - Look for details



PAINT PRODUCTS

Paint must be in its original container and the container must have a label and a secured lid. We cannot accept open or leaking cans.

Please review the following detailed list to find out what can be accepted prior to dropping off your paint at the Transfer Station/Recycling Center in Mexico.

- Interior and exterior architectural paints - latex, acrylic, water-based, alkyd, oil based, enamel
- Deck coating, floor paints
- Primers, sealer, under coaters
- Stains
- Shellacs, lacquers, varnishes, urethanes
- Waterproofing concrete/masonry/wood sealers and repellents (not tar or bitumen-based)
- Metal coatings, rust preventatives
- Field and lawn paints.

FOOD WASTE

Please, start a backyard compost to remove food waste from the waste stream.

UNIVERSAL WASTES (2 types) Mercury & Electronics

Mercury containing devices such as fluorescent lamps and bulbs, thermometers, rechargeable batteries, and mercury switches. Electronics such as cell phones, TVs, printers, laptops, tablets, desktop computers and monitors. These items can be dropped off at the Recycling Center/Transfer Station at any-time.



APPAREL RECYCLING

Bring clean, dry, odor- and mildew-free clothing, footwear, purses, scarves, hats, blankets, and other cloth items to an Apparel Impact Textile Recycling bin at the Transfer Station, Rumford Marden's parking lot, or the Dixfield laundromat. Please, bag all items.