

## TRASH AND RECYCLING

**REGULAR DOMESTIC HOUSEHOLD WASTE** is picked up weekly on Fridays. It should be roadside by 7:00 am each Friday to ensure pickup. Because the trash company may change its route plan at any time, everyone in town should have their trash out by 7:00 am. Trash should be in covered containers or in heavy-duty bags to discourage animals and birds. Containers should not weigh more than 40 pounds. (Pieces of carpet must be cut into 4-foot sections, 1 tire not on a rim, aerosol cans that are empty, opened-dried-out cans of latex paint, and regular alkaline batteries are also accepted in the weekly pickup.) (Furniture, leaves, grass and branches are not accepted) Our Trash is currently picked up by **Pine Tree Waste**. Their phone number is 862-7111 if you have any questions.

**SOME ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED AT ROADSIDE PICKUP** can be taken to the Brewer Transfer Station or Pine Tree Transfer and Recycling. You do not need a permit.

**Please call first to verify hours, rates and items accepted as they are subject to change.**

**Brewer Transfer Station and Landscape Products, (989-4000), 198 Dirigo Drive, Brewer, ME 04412. Hours: Monday-Friday 7:00-4:30, Saturday 8:00-Noon**

They accept many items that will not be taken with your regular trash. Such as: Mattress (includes box spring) \$40.00 – Commercial tires \$50.00 Appliances \$20.00 each – Appliances with Freon 30.00 – Minimum Charge, 400 pounds and under (and small items not weighed) \$40.00 – They also have 15 yard and 30 yard Roll-off Containers available, Delivery fee (within Bangor-Brewer Lines) 100.00 - Transportation \$195.00 – Disposal Fee \$160.00 per ton - Container Rental Fee \$10.00 per day. Please call them for any changes in prices or hours of operation.

They also sell Mulch, 2" minus stone, 3/8 stone dust, 1 ½ crushed stone, 3/8 pea stone, ¾ stone, crusher dust, Loan, Regrind by the yard and Seafood compost by a 50 pound bag. They deliver to Bangor, Brewer and Holden for \$80.00 and all other surrounding towns for \$110.00. Call for prices.

**Pine Tree Transfer and Recycling, (862-4200), 368 Emerson Mill Road, Hampden, ME,**

They accept demolition and/or regular debris, scrap metal, white goods, furniture, shingles and small tree stumps. For these items they charge a prorated fee based on the current tonnage price of \$180.00 per ton. They now accept Electronic Waste and Universal Waste like TV's, computers, printers, ballasts and batteries with a per item charge from \$1.00 to \$25.00 and items with Freon cost \$25.00. No food waste. Their hours are Monday through Friday from 7:30 am to 4:30 pm and Saturday from 7:30 am to 12:00 pm. Closed All Sundays.

All loads must be secured with tarps or coverings and tied in place. Entering and leaving customers must drive onto the scales (center lane) to weigh in and out and must pay the tipping fee. At the railroad track, entering and leaving traffic must stop, look both ways, and listen for train whistle before crossing. After crossing the railroad track, follow the signs to the appropriate dumping area. **PLEASE! Children must remain in vehicle.** No dump picking is allowed.

**UNIVERSAL AND E-WASTE** Are Electric items or some items containing harmful material that will not be accepted in your regular trash. **Universal & E-waste items are:**

Copiers/Printers/Scanners	Game Consoles	Televisions	Microwaves
Computer Peripherals	DVD/VCR Players	Typewriters	Lead batteries
Mercury Thermostat/Thermometers	Fax Machines	Florescent Bulbs	PBC Ballasts

**Best Buy, (942-3434) 45 Bangor Mall Blvd, Bangor** takes some electric items. **Pine Tree Transfer and Recycling, (862-4200) 368 Emerson Mill Road, Hampden,** now accepts Electronic and Universal Waste with a per item charge from \$1.00 to around \$25.00. **The Salvation Army, (941-2993) 585 Broadway, Bangor** and **Goodwill, (989-1511) 610 Wilson Street, Brewer** accept donations of working electronics. Please call each of the businesses for the items they will accept and the current cost if any. **The Challenger Learning Center** holds an Electronic Waste Collection Day once or twice a year as a Fund Raiser for the Center.

## **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE**

These items will not be accepted in your regular trash or at the Pine Tree Landfill or Brewer Transfer Station. The following is a list of such items:

### **Household Hazardous Waste items are:**

Liquid mercury	Varnish	Linseed Oil	
Turpentine	Old Gasoline	Used Antifreeze	Pesticides
Brake Fluid	Paint Remover & Thinners	Chemical Fertilizer	

There is no longer a yearly Household Hazardous Waste Day offered in Bangor. You can call **Pesticide Control** at 287-2731 to find out when they are having a collection in our area. You can find more information at [Maine.gov/Board of Pesticides Control/obsolete pesticide collection](http://Maine.gov/Board of Pesticides Control/obsolete pesticide collection).

## **RECYCLING**

There currently is not a recycling program available in the area. The State of Maine is working on some new programs for recycling and we will share that information as it becomes available. You can go to [maine.gov](http://maine.gov) to learn more about these programs.

If you would like to learn more about a program in which you can recycle many items by boxing them up, printing off mailing labels and mailing them free of charge, go to [teracycle.com](http://teracycle.com). Their list of recyclable items continues to grow. With this program you also earn rewards that can be redeemed as a donation to a favorite non-profit.

## **COMPOSTING**

Composting your yard waste (leaves and grass) and food scraps will create rich fertilized soil that you can use to plant your vegetables or flowers into. Up to a third of all the rubbish that's thrown away each year could be transformed into compost. We participate in a program in which we can purchase compost bins for around \$50.00 each and Kitchen Pails for around \$15.00 and sell them for the same price. You do not have to purchase one of these containers to participate. Many people make their own Compost Bins. More information about composting is available at the State Planning Office website at [www.recyclemaine.com](http://www.recyclemaine.com) and many other websites online.

### **Compost these:**

Egg Shells & Boxes  
Fruit & Vegetable waste  
Coffee Grounds  
Teabags

Brown paper bags  
Scrunched up newspaper  
Toilet roll tubes  
Leaves and Grass

### **Don't compost these:**

Meat  
Cooked vegetables  
Dairy products  
Dog or cat poo

### **Tips for top compost:**

- 1) Have a caddy in the kitchen to help you get into the composting habit.
- 2) Get a good mix of 'greens' (vegetable peelings) and 'browns' (scrunched up cardboard)
- 3) In your compost bin, try to create alternating layers of greens and browns – this will help create air pockets for the microbes that break the material down to breathe, and that speeds up the rotting process.
- 4) You can add even more air by occasionally mixing the compost in the bin with a fork or broom handle.
- 5) Keep it up for 6-12 months, and you'll have beautiful, rich compost to improve the soil on your plant or vegetable beds – and all for free!
- 6) If your compost bin is becoming a restaurant for local wildlife, sprinkling red pepper flakes around it may help to keep your visitors away.

## NEW OR REUSABLE BUILDING SUPPLIES & APPLIANCES

**Habitat for Humanity of Greater Bangor, (992-0704) 378 Harlow Street, Bangor, Me 04401**

The ReStore is a Program of Habitat for Humanity that accepts donations of new or reusable Building Supplies, Furniture and Appliances from individuals, contractors and businesses. The ReStore then sells these items at discount prices to the general public. Proceeds help fund new Habitat Home Construction for local low-income families.

If you donate, you earn tax deductions, help the environment by diverting reusable materials from area landfills and best of all, help build homes for families in your community. As a customer, you could save 50% and more off retail prices on home improvement materials of all kinds. Get more information on line at [www.HabitatBangor.org.restore](http://www.HabitatBangor.org.restore) or follow their Facebook page, Habitat Store, where they post incoming donations.

**Store and Donation Hours – Open to the Public: Tuesday – Saturday: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm**

**Here are some examples of the kinds of things they will take in and then resell:**

Lumber(no nails)	Plumbing & Bathroom Fixtures	Windows/Doors(no cracked/broken glass)
Tools	Electrical Fixtures & Hardware	Flooring/Tiles(no broken or with grout)
Latex Paint	Kitchen & Bathroom Cabinets	Working Appliance(10 yrs/newer-cleaned)

**\*\*They will not take mattresses, box springs, clothing, linens, TVs or computers, storm doors, single-pane windows, mini or vertical blinds, furnaces or baby related items. Please call them if you have any questions.\*\***

## MISCELLANEOUS DISPOSAL/RECYCLE ITEMS

If you have other items to dispose of that are not addressed on this list, please contact the Town Office at 843-5233 and we will look into it for you

## CELL PHONES AND OTHER GENERAL ELECTRONICS

You can turn in your old cell phones to the **Bangor Police Department, (947-7382)** at the front counter at 240 Main Street, Bangor. They will distribute these phones to homeless, needy or battered women in the area. You can get a receipt for your donation from them. Best Buy, (942-3434) 45 Bangor Mall Blvd, Bangor will accept cell phones, electric cords, keyboards, VCR's, printers and some other electric items. You can check their website for a complete list of items they accept at no charge. (TVs and computer monitors have a \$40.00 fee)

## CFL BULB RECYCLING

**Aubuchon, Lowe's and Home Depot** all participate in a recycling program and will accept used (unbroken) CFL bulbs for no charge. Note: CFL bulbs must be recycled and cannot be disposed of in the trash because they contain small amounts of mercury. For more information on mercury-added light bulbs, go to [lamprecycle.org](http://lamprecycle.org) or [maine.gov/dep/helpmecycle](http://maine.gov/dep/helpmecycle).

## FIREWORKS

To safely dispose of used or unused Fireworks, completely submerge them in a large bucket of water and soak until thoroughly saturated. This may take 15 minutes for small fireworks or as long as overnight for larger one. Double wrap the completely soaked fireworks in plastic wrap or two plastic bags so they do not dry out. Place the double-bagged fireworks in the household trash or take them to your local solid waste facility.

If you plan to store unused fireworks that have not yet expired, keep them in a cool, dry place such as a garage and out of the reach of children. Never place fireworks on top of an electrical appliance, such as a refrigerator or freezer. The appliance could be struck or damaged through extreme weather events such as lightning or power surges, resulting in the possible ignition of the fireworks.

For more information on safe fireworks handling and disposal, please contact the State Fire Marshal's office at (207) 626-3880 or (207)626-3870 or the Maine DEP Division of Materials Management at the nearest regional office.

### INK CARTRIDGES

Staples Office Supply Stores (947-9225) 180 Bangor Mall Boulevard, Bangor, ME at no charge.

### LEAVES OR GRASS

These will not be taken with the regular trash pickup. Composting these along with food scraps is a great way to create your own fertilizer for future planting.

### MISCELLANEOUS METALS, APPLIANCES, VEHICLE BATTERIES, ETC:

**Libby's Salvage** (991-0245) 304 Main Road, Eddington, ME - No charge for metal items, sheet metal, iron, copper, aluminum, tin, metal appliances (unless they have freon and then there is a \$15.00 charge to be paid at the Town Office), drums and barrels and vehicles. (1995 and newer must have the title) No Tires will be accepted. Please call to set up a time and get instructions on where to drop items inside the gate. Items should not be left outside the gate!!!!

**Lakeman and Sons** (989-2780) 134 Levensellar Rd, Holden, ME – They buy anything metal: Aluminum - Brass - Copper Pipe - Metal Door Knobs - Hinges – Locks – Keys – Extension Cords – Christmas Tree Lights - Metal Fencing – Washing Machines – Dryers – Stoves – Hot Water heaters – Metal Screen Doors – Microwave Ovens – Toasters – Pots – Pans – Silverware – VCR's – Computer Parts – Satellite Dishes – BBQ Grills – Lawn Movers – Rototillers – Weed-Trimmers – Chain Saws – Bicycles – Snowmobiles – Automobile Battery's – Metal Gas Cans (must be empty) – radiators – Rims without tires – Cars – Trucks – Vans (2000 & up must have title)

They accept but do not pay for: Food Cans/Cat & Dog Food Cans (must be clean) – Refrigerators – Propane Cans – Air Conditioners. Call for more information

### MOTOR OIL

**Advanced Auto** (989-8999) 1 Vista Way, Brewer- Accepts Only Motor Oil. It **cannot be contaminated** with water or other fluids. There is a 5 gallon limit and there is no charge. Please call ahead to make sure their container is not full that day.

**Autoworks** (843-5757) - 1328 Main Rd, Eddington – They will recycle Motor Oil, Kerosene, Heating Oil, and some Gas. They will not accept anything contaminated by water or antifreeze and there is no charge.

### PAINTS, LATEX AND OIL BASED

**Aubuchon Hardware** (989-5669) 484 Wilson Street, Brewer, ME

**Color Concepts** (942-9625) 840 Hammond St, Bangor, ME

**Sherman Williams** (942-8119) 625-B Broadway, Bangor, ME

Labels must be on the containers and they cannot be leaking. Please call the business before you take items in for any further instructions. For more information go to [paintcare.org](http://paintcare.org). (Opened-dried-out cans of latex paint can be disposed of in the regular household trash.)

### PLASTIC BAGS

**Hannaford** in Brewer accepts plastic bags. Plastic bag recycling bins are not just for plastic shopping bags. Many types of thin, flexible plastic are accepted. An easy way to tell if a plastic film can go in the bin is to see if it is labeled with a #2 or #4. **The important point to remember is that in order to be considered recyclable, all items must be EMPTY, CLEAN and DRY.**

All the following items are OK to recycle in the plastic bag recycling bins located at retail stores:

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| • Plastic grocery and retail bags              | Dry Cleaning Bags        | Bread Bags  |
| • Zip Lock & other reclosable bags             | Newspaper Sleeves        | Ice Bags    |
| • Mattress bags                                | Produce Bags             | Pellet Bags |
| • Furniture Wrap                               | Cereal Bags              | Bubble Wrap |
| • Case over-wrap (diapers, toilet paper, etc.) | Stretch film/pallet wrap | Salt Bags   |

Some plastics require a bit of preparation before being placed in the recycling bin. For example, when recycling wood pellet bags, the top of the bag should be cut off completely, and the bag should be turned inside out and shaken thoroughly to ensure that the bag is empty. Plastic bags used to hold bread or other food items may also need to be shaken out to remove any crumbs. Please note that any film or bags labeled as compostable, pre-washed salad mix bags, and frozen food bags are NOT acceptable.

### **PROPANE CANS**

**Lakeman and Sons** (989-2780), 134 Levensellar Road, Holden, ME will accept small propane tanks. Give them a call to see if they have any special rules in regards to propane CANS.

**RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES** The following businesses accept rechargeable batteries:

**Lowe's**, (299-9039)-3 Arista Drive, Brewer, (Small equipment & tool rechargeable batteries)

**Best Buy**, (942-3434) 45 Bangor Mall Blvd, (General electronics & rechargeable batteries)

For more information go to [call2recycle.org](http://call2recycle.org).

### **SMOKE DETECTORS**

Some smoke detectors have a label on them, which states that the detector contains radioactive material and should not be disposed of in your regular trash. First check the detector for a phone number or address of a disposal service or the manufacturer who can be contacted for further instructions on disposal. If there is no information available, remove the batteries, wrap the detectors separately and dispose of it in your regular trash. (The radioactive material in the detector would only cause concern if there were a large number of detector.)

### **VEHICLE LICENSE PLATES**

Any unused or expired license plates can be returned to the **Town Office** and we will return them to the State of Maine Bureau of Motor Vehicles where they will be recycled.

## **Miscellaneous School Fundraising items to save!!!**

Various Businesses and Organizations offer Fundraising Programs for that allow them to purchase educational items.

### **Box Tops 4 Education:**

Eddington Elementary School participates in Box Tops 4 Education. You do not have to cut out coupons any longer. You simply sign in to their website, make Eddington Elementary School the school to get credit for your purchase and then scan in your receipt. The School will receive credit for Participating Products on your receipt such as General Mills Cereals, Pillsbury and Yoplait refrigerated items, Betty Crocker, Old El Paso and "Helper" meals and sides, Pillsbury, Green Giant and Totino's frozen items, Betty Crocker and various brands of Fruit Snacks, and Bisquick and Betty Crocker Baking Items. **A complete list of products is available Online at [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com)**

### **Hannaford Helps Schools**

Hannaford Supermarkets offer a program to help schools raise money for needed supplies. Look for shelf tags "Hannaford School dollars" on over 1500 participating products. Collect your school dollars from an associate at checkout. Drop your School Dollars in the Hannaford Helps Schools Collection Tower in Store. For more information, check their website at [www.hannaford.com](http://www.hannaford.com).

If you would like more information about any of these programs, contact Tina Ferrill at 843-6010 or email her at [tferrill@rsu63.org](mailto:tferrill@rsu63.org).