

THE SCARBOROUGH SINGLE-SORT GUIDE

ONE CONTAINER FOR ALL YOUR RECYCLABLES



What changed?

Instead of separating recyclables by type, simply combine all glass, metal, paper, cardboard, and plastics into one recycling container. It's simple.

And now, plastics #1-7 are included, too!

Is this recycling system better for the environment?

YES. Every ton recycled is one less ton in the waste stream, and national statistics show that single-sort recycling systems result in more recycling. Why? Because it's so much easier (no sorting).

Studies done in Portland and Lyman showed improved efficiency and less pollution. By eliminating the need for separation, recycling trucks no longer have to idle at the curb while the driver is sorting. That results in less air pollution.

In addition to the reduction in air pollution, recycling always means greater conservation of our natural resources and using recycled materials to make products saves energy. Recycling in Maine saves the equivalent of 167 million gallons of gasoline every year.

For more information call 730-4400 or visit www.ecomaine.org.

YES

PAPER PRODUCTS

- cardboard/all boxes
- newspaper
- shoe boxes/cereal boxes
- magazines/catalogs
- junk mail/window envelopes
- phone books
- file folders
- gift boxes/wrap
- shopping bags
- all books
- aseptic milk & juice cartons

YES

PLASTIC, METAL, & GLASS

- all plastics labeled #1-7
- foil
- cans
- pots & pans
- empty aerosol cans
- empty bottles (any color glass)
- jars

NO

light bulbs, hypodermic needles or sharp objects, vinyl siding, bubble wrap, food, toys, Styrofoam packaging and peanuts, food bags, diapers, potato chip bags, or trash.

ecomaine
the future of regional waste systems

Every pound you recycle reduces Scarborough's disposal bill.

NOT INCLUDED IN SINGLE-SORT;

By Law, they require special handling and disposal:

Hazardous Waste

These items include: fuel, anti-freeze, oil-based paints, paint thinners, stain, fertilizers, pesticides, and other chemicals.

Universal Waste

Common products, such as: mercury in thermostats, fluorescent bulbs, compact fluorescent lights, televisions, computers, and button-cell batteries.

For more information about Hazardous and Universal Waste,

Call 730-4400 or visit www.scarborough.me.us

Or

See the ecomaine website at www.ecomaine.org

What is ecomaine?

A non-profit regional recycling and waste disposal operation.

Who owns ecomaine?

We do.



ecomaine is owned and operated by the following 21 municipalities:

Bridgton	Gorham	Portland
Cape Elizabeth	Harrison	Pownal
Casco	Hollis	Scarborough
Cumberland	Limington	South Portland
Falmouth	Lyman	Waterboro
Freeport	North Yarmouth	Windham
Gray	Ogunquit	Yarmouth

In addition, the following 7 municipalities have long-term contracts:

Baldwin	Parsonsfield	Saco
Hiram	Porter	Standish
Naples		