

Solid waste is the second biggest item in the Town budget (after education).

When we recycle things instead of throwing them in the trash, we help the environment and save our Town and its taxpayers money.

Please do your part!

Please DO NOT try to recycle...

- Trash
- Food (*compost it!*)
- Styrofoam
- Diapers
- Potato chip bags
- Vinyl siding
- Hypodermic needles or any sharp objects
- Containers that are not empty
- Bubble wrap
- *Electronic devices, batteries **
- *Paint and other chemicals **

**these are collected each fall at a hazardous waste event on Mt. Desert Island.*

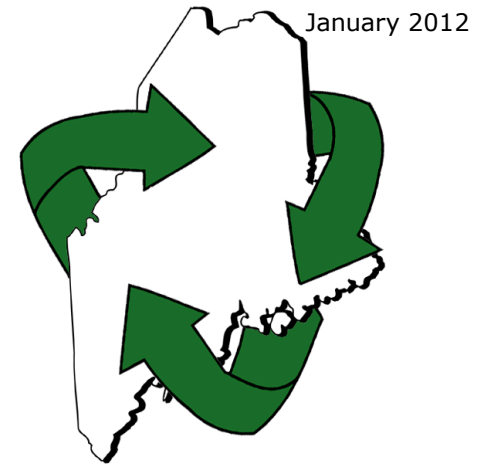
Where does our recycling and our trash go?

Trash gets taken to the transfer station in Southwest Harbor. We pay them \$135 per ton to accept it, plus a substantial yearly access fee.

From there it is hauled to Penobscot Energy Recovery Company in Orrington, where it gets burned in their incinerator to make electricity. The 10% of it that will not burn (ash etc.) is taken to the Juniper Ridge landfill in Old Town.

Things that you recycle instead of throwing them in the trash go to the Ellsworth recycling facility. Not only do we avoid paying \$135 per ton, but Ellsworth sells them and returns 75% of the money to the Acadia Disposal District, of which Trenton is a member, and our share comes back to us. By recycling we earn money, instead of spending it.

**TRENTON
RECYCLES**



Recycling dumpsters are now at Salty Sand Way off Oak Point Road, just east of the Trenton Town Office. Open hours are posted, and may change as needed.

Dumpster for PAPER

What may go in:

- Newspapers
- Magazines
- Office paper
- Envelopes and junk mail
- Books (with hard covers removed)



Dumpster for CARDBOARD

What may go in:

- Corrugated cardboard
- Compressed cardboard (such as cereal boxes, gift boxes, etc.)
- Hard book covers
- Brown paper bags

**ALL CARDBOARD MUST BE
FLATTENED!**



Dumpster for GLASS

What may go in:

- Glass jars (such as for pickles, spaghetti sauce, jelly) with metal tops removed
- Bottles that are not returnable for deposit

NO window glass

NO light bulbs or fluorescent bulbs



Dumpster for PLASTIC CONTAINERS

What may go in:

- Plastic containers # 1 through #7 (please flatten them when you can)

NO PLASTIC BAGS PLEASE!



Dumpster for METAL CONTAINERS

What may go in:

- Tin, aluminum or steel cans
- **EMPTY** paint cans
- Metal jar lids
- **EMPTY** aerosol cans
- Aluminum foil

