

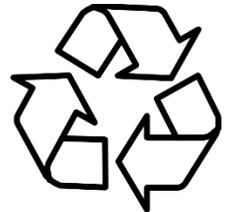


Changes in Kennebunkport's Recycling Program

On September 1, 2019, Kennebunkport will be **SUSPENDING** curbside recycling collection due to market conditions. As of this date, curbside recycling will no longer be picked up. Recycling should now be taken to the Kennebunk Recycling Center at 36 Sea Road in Kennebunk. Direct costs for recycling will be charged at drop off - a minimum of \$5 for our 18-gallon, blue recycling bin or \$10 for a 40-gallon container (large trash barrel). Cardboard can be brought to the containers at Bradbury's Market and in the Dock Square parking lot (Lot allows for 30-minute free parking.).

The current suspension will continue until further notice. The Town of Kennebunkport will evaluate curbside recycling and market changes as part of the budget planning for fiscal year 2021.

China's "National Sword" policy enacted in January 2018, banned the import of most plastics and other materials headed for that nation's recycling processors, which had handled nearly half of the world's recyclable waste for the past quarter century. Globally, more plastics, paper products, and glass are now ending up in landfills and incinerators. Although the recycling market was turned upside down in 2018, the Town was spared the impacts because of a contract that was already in place. That contract expires on August 31, 2019, which places the Town in the open market, similar to other towns and cities.



During FY 19, the Town paid \$152/ton to pick up and dispose of municipal waste, while recycling cost \$138/ton. Due to the changes in the market in FY 20, municipal waste will cost \$157/ton, while recycling will increase up to \$467/ton for curbside collection and processing. With a desire to balance fiscal responsibility with environmental concerns, the Budget Board and Board of Selectmen decided to suspend curbside recycling but support recycling efforts through the cardboard collection sites and the use of the Sea Road Recycling Center.

The Town will continue to promote reduce and reuse programs. Here are five tips on how to reduce and reuse your waste.

1. Donate items you no longer want instead of throwing them away.
 - Goodwill and Salvation Army will take clothing, toys, furniture, and small house appliances.
 - Plant Aid will take clothing and shoes.
 - Habitat for Humanity accepts new and gently used appliances, furniture, building materials, household goods.
2. Consider reusable items instead of single use items, e.g., grocery bags, coffee mugs, storage containers, etc.
3. Apply for Kennebunkport's At Home Composting Program coming soon! (Check www.kennebunkportrecycle.com)
4. Buy items in bulk to reduce packaging.

For more information about where to recycle materials, composting, or details on this decision, please visit:

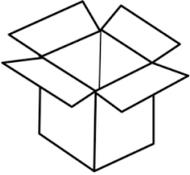
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Where Can I Recycle This?



Batteries

- Lead batteries can be brought to Hazardous Waste Disposal Day on October 26 or NAPA Auto Parts.
- Rechargeable batteries can be taken to Home Depot for free.



Cardboard (Corrugated Cardboard Only) Container

- Container behind Bradbury's.
- Container in Dock Square parking lot (lot allows for 30-minute free parking.)



CFL Light Bulbs

- Can be taken to Home Depot for free.
- Local hardware store.



Clothes

- Goodwill, Salvation Army, and for consignment at Return to Cinda.



Electronics

- Can be recycled at Staples for free.



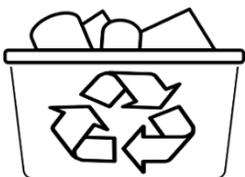
Plastic Bags

- Hannaford.
- Shaw's.



Redeeming Bottles and Cans (with deposit symbol)

- Donate at the police station.
- CLYNK.
- Local Redemption Centers.



Single Stream Recycling

- Take to Kennebunk Recycling Center on Sea Road (aluminum, metals, mixed paper, plastic containers).

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