

# Maine Recycles



## How Recycling works

Recycling material is delivered to the UARRC from our member communities. Then all material is sorted and loaded by hand and compressed in vertical balers to form bales weighing 600 to 1400 pounds depending on material type. The processed recyclable material then becomes a commodity and is sold to mills and/or manufacturers that use the material to produce new products or to reduce the amount of virgin material required to produce a given product. When consumers purchase items that are made from recyclable material, or at least contain post-consumer content, a demand is created for the commodities that we produce.

When you purchase items that contain post-consumer content, or purchase items which are made from 100% recyclable material, you are creating demand for the commodities centers like ours produce. When recyclable demand increases, so does the price per ton that we receive (supply and demand). The revenue generated offsets the member obligation, or cost, to operate the Center; more clean recyclable material = more revenue = greater offset. Recycling is not free, but it is a responsible approach for every town's solid waste management plan. Recycling creates jobs, conserves natural resources, and diverts part of the solid waste stream that would otherwise be burned and/or landfilled.

In Spring 2018, the UARRC flipped the switch to solar power. We are proud to be on the leading edge of Green technology and reducing our use of fossil fuels.

**Every day is Earth Day.  
Please Recycle.**

**Reduce—Reuse—Recycle—Responsibility**



### WHERE WE'RE LOCATED

95 Leonard Road, Thorndike

207-568-3117

**TUESDAY—FRIDAY**

**9:00 AM—4:00 PM**

**SATURDAY**

**8:00 AM—1:00 PM**

**CLOSED SUNDAY & MONDAY**

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**Volunteers are always needed and welcome.**

Volunteers are requested to work a minimum of 2 hours per commitment

## MATERIALS NOT ACCEPTED

- Food waste
- Grass clippings, leaves
- Furniture (e.g. brown goods)
- Construction debris
- Wood/Lumber
- Large appliances such as clothes dryers, washers, dishwashers.
- Tires
- Trash

## Accepted materials are subject to change.

Contact UARRC with questions.  
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## TIPS

1. All accepted items need to be sorted separately as indicated
2. "newsprint" and "mixed paper" items bagged separately.
3. For towns with curbside pickup, make sure contents are visible, use clear bags and/or open boxes. Keep paper items dry.
4. Curbside pickup only for paper, cardboard, plastics, glass, and metals. **No curbside pickup of Universal Hazardous Waste (UHW).**
5. Can put milk jugs on a string.
6. **All recycling items should be clean and dry.**
7. Materials are sorted/packed by hand. Please be considerate.

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# Unity Area Regional Recycling Center

207-568-3117

## WHO WE ARE

Founded in 1991, the Unity Area Regional Recycling Center services the towns of Dixmont, Freedom, Jackson, Knox, Montville, Thorndike, Troy and Unity.

## OVERVIEW

Our goal is to reduce the amount of trash entering into the solid waste stream. The UARRC is where participating towns and residents bring recyclable materials, including Universal Hazardous Waste and Mixed Electronic Waste.


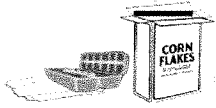

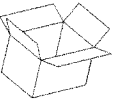





Residents of member towns use the Recycling Center at no additional cost. Residents of nonmember towns may purchase an annual membership for \$30 (Subject to change).

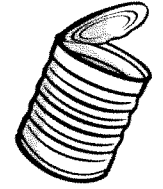

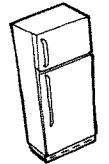
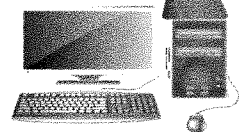
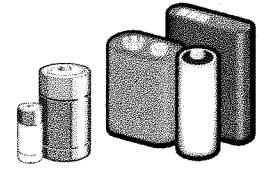
## SMART DOLLARS

The UARRC processes and sells recyclable material. This is \$SMART as it offsets tax dollars spent managing solid waste. When recyclables are thrown in the trash the offset is reduced. This can increase the expense to haul away and dispose of the trash. Fewer recyclables in the trash means less cost to haul away AND the more recycled, the greater the return when they are sold.

This is \$SMART!

Printed on 100% post-consumer content recycled paper

Material	What to Recycle	How to Recycle	Do Not Include
White Office Paper 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>White office, envelopes without plastic windows</li> <li>Colorized white (e.g. when torn can see white fiber)</li> <li>White ruled school paper</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Keep dry and clean</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Carbon paper</li> <li>Colored construction paper</li> <li>Envelopes with cellophane windows</li> </ul>
Mixed/Low Grade Paper 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Magazines, catalogs, phone books</li> <li>Textbooks <b>with hard covers removed</b></li> <li>Cereal boxes, colored construction paper, gift boxes, shoe boxes, paper egg carton, junk mail, envelopes with plastic, glossy paper, heavier stock papers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Keep dry and clean</li> <li>Remove bags from cereal boxes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Waxed (e.g. juice/milk carton, ice cream)</li> <li>Kleenex, paper towels, napkins</li> <li>No hard covers</li> <li>Pringles cans</li> </ul>
Newsp 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Newspapers (all newspaper contents)</li> <li>Glossy advertising and coupon papers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Keep dry and clean</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No magazines, catalogs, phone books</li> </ul>
Corrugated Cardboard 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Boxes (very fine to large corrugation)</li> <li>Feed bags (no plastic liner)</li> <li>Brown paper bags</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Keep dry and clean</li> <li>Please flatten boxes</li> <li>Staples should be removed if possible</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wax coated boxes</li> <li>Duct tape</li> </ul>
Glass 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All colors</li> <li>Canning jars</li> <li>Broken jars</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rinse clean</li> <li>Separate into clear and colored</li> <li>Remove all metal and plastic lids and rings</li> <li>Labels may be left on</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Light bulbs, dishes, ceramics, window glass, mirrors, drinking glasses, cookware, candle containers, bowls, glass coffee pots, Pyrex</li> </ul>
#2 Natural Plastic (Semi-Clear) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jugs (e.g. milk, water, vinegar, windshield washer fluid)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rinse clean</li> <li>Flatten</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Motor oil, pesticide or hazardous waste containers</li> </ul>
#2 Colored Plastic (Solid White or Colored) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bottles (e.g. laundry detergent bottles, bleach containers)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rinse clean</li> <li>Flatten</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Motor oil, pesticide or hazardous waste containers</li> </ul>
#2 & #4 Plastic Bags & Wrap 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>#2 Grocery bags/cereal bags</li> <li>#4 Wood pellet bags</li> <li>#4 Industrial stretch film &amp; bubble wrap</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Keep dry and clean</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chip bags, candy wrappers, most plastic pouches</li> </ul>
Textiles <b>**No Curbside Pickup**</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All clothing</li> <li>Purses/bags, ties scarfs, hats</li> <li>Towels</li> <li>Bedding/Curtains</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All items must be clean, dry, and mold free</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rugs/carpet</li> <li>Sewing scraps</li> </ul>

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Tin/Steel Cans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Food cans</li> <li>Metal lids/caps</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rinse clean</li> <li>Remove both ends and flatten</li> <li>Aerosol cans <b>must be punctured</b></li> <li>Propane cans <b>must be punctured</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dirty cans</li> <li>Paint cans</li> <li>Scrap iron</li> </ul>
Aluminum & Aluminum Foil Non-magnetic (e.g. soda cans) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pie and roasting pans</li> <li>Foil seals on jars</li> <li>Aluminum Foil (flat or rolled into a ball)</li> <li>Most cat food cans</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rinse clean</li> <li>Remove both ends and flatten</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dirty cans</li> <li>Non-Aluminum parts</li> </ul>
Freon Appliances <b>**No Curbside Pickup**</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Refrigerators</li> <li>Freezers</li> <li>Air Conditioners</li> <li>Dehumidifiers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must still contain Freon</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must be clean/mold free</li> </ul>
Universal Hazardous Waste (UHW) Mixed Electronic Waste <b>**No Curbside Pickup**</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coffeemaker with timer</li> <li>Printers</li> <li>Keyboards</li> <li>Microwave ovens</li> <li>Fax &amp; copy machines</li> <li>Portable radios</li> <li>Telephones (including cell phones)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>E-Waste—needs to have circuitry to function, may have LCD display or time clock</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coffeemaker with on/off switch</li> <li>Toasters</li> <li>Fans</li> <li>Vacuums</li> <li>Hairdryer</li> </ul>
Universal Hazardous Waste (UHW) Toxic Containing Components <b>**No Curbside Pickup**</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Batteries—All types</li> <li>Printer ink and toner cartridges</li> <li>Televisions</li> <li>Computers &amp; computer monitors</li> <li>Game consoles</li> <li>Digital picture frames</li> <li>All mercury-containing devices</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PLEASE use caution handling mercury. It is a poisonous heavy metal! (e.g. fluorescent bulbs, thermometers, thermostats, automotive switches, some antiques—pendulum clocks, barometers, silvered mirrors and vases)</li> <li>Keep intact</li> <li>Do not mix with other recyclables</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)</li> <li>Pesticides</li> <li>Gas</li> <li>Oil</li> <li>No chemicals</li> </ul>