

1. WHAT'S NEW AND EXCITING?

You asked and we listened! We are pleased to report that Hallowell has greatly increased its ability to recycle in big ways:

- expanded hours at North Bay, and
- expanded categories of recyclables.
- part-time staff at North Bay – Chris Buck

Hallowell is recycling more than ever and stopping lots more reusable materials from ever reaching the landfill. Help us continue this effort by becoming a savvy recycler. Read on for the latest need-to-know info about recycling and solid waste disposal in Hallowell.



At least **TWO THIRDS** of most waste generated by a Hallowell household can now be recycled at North Bay or composted!

2. WHY RECYCLE? WHY COMPOST?

What your neighbors are saying...

"We recycle because it is not only the right thing to do, but is also a "feel good" thing to do. With recycling, this household of two is down to one trash bag a week."

anonymous

"It saves me money at the dump!" anonymous

"...Recycling makes me feel good about myself. In some small way, I hope I am making a difference for the earth my daughter will inherit. I don't recycle 100% but we create quite the truckload every Saturday to bring to our recycle center." --Ray and Tom

"It's satisfying when it's done." anonymous

"We've gotten down to one kitchen garbage bag per week ending up in Hatch Hill. If we can figure out how to compost, we might get down to a half-bag!"

--Deb and Syd

"She makes me!" anonymous

"For my kids and their future! Because the way we've been doing things (otherwise) is wasteful and selfish and destructive. It's time for change!" Deb



Depends on You

3. RECYCLING: CRITICAL INFORMATION

What Can I Recycle in Hallowell?

Recyclable categories include:

- METAL (tin and aluminum)
- GLASS (both clear and colored)
- PAPER (cardboard)
- MIXED PAPER (includes newspapers and junk mail)
- OFFICE PAPER
- PLASTICS (#2 plastic, milk jugs)
- CLEAR PLASTICS #1 ***NEW!***
- MIXED OPAQUE PLASTICS
#2, 3, 4, 5, 6, & 7 ***NEW!***

The Sort Sheet in the centerfold of this booklet lists all recycling categories with more details and guidelines. Bins at North Bay are clearly marked, with examples!

The City contracts with NexCycle to pick up our recyclables about once a week from North Bay. The City's contract with NexCycle requires that our recycling be separated and clean. In return, NexCycle pays the City for items picked up. So when you are careful about following the separation rules you are helping ensure that the City can get paid for the items being recycled.

Reduce  then Recycle 

3. RECYCLING: CRITICAL INFORMATION (continued)

When and Where?

North Bay Recycling Center

North Bay is open
for dropping off recyclables
Monday – Saturday,
7:00 am to 3:30 pm.

North Bay Recycling Center is operated by the City.
It is located at the Public Works Building at
286 Water Street in Hallowell.

Directions: heading out of downtown Hallowell on
Route 201 towards Farmingdale, pass the entrance to the
Kennebec River Rail Trail on your right, and the Arnold Trail
turnout on your left. North Bay is on the left, part of the
Public Works building. Public Works phone: 622-3993

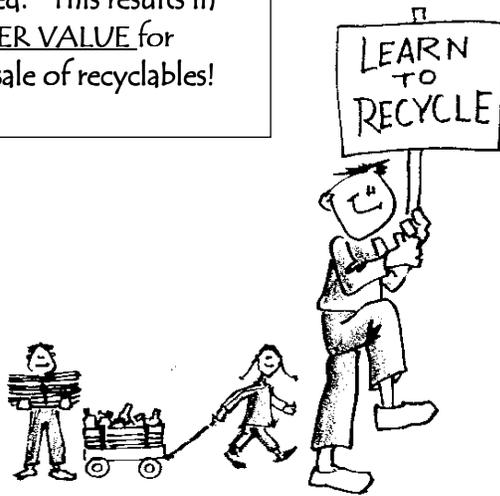
New information about recycling categories, guidelines, or
changes in North Bay operation
will be posted on the City's website:
<http://hallowell.govoffice.com/>

Did you know?
Each Mainer generates an average of
.4413 tons of solid waste per year!
That's 883 pounds per person per year,
or
2.4 pounds per person per day!

Recycling Tips

- Toss all junk mail in a recycling bag or box as soon as you get it from the mail.
- Stomp away your stress by flattening cardboard boxes for recycling.
- Use both sides of clean office paper. When you're done with it, toss it in a box near your printer or desk.
- Use clean plastic containers to store things around the house before recycling: office and craft supplies, food leftovers in the fridge, hobby items, garage or basement odds and ends. Label the containers!
- Vegetable trimming and scraps can be composted to provide rich nutrients for vegetable or flower gardening, and household plants.

Please CLEAN items to be recycled. This results in HIGHER VALUE for the resale of recyclables!



3. RECYCLING: CRITICAL INFORMATION (continued)

Where Can I Recycle Stuff
Hallowell CAN'T Take?

Pages 7 - 11 explain more about how to properly dispose of those rarer items that shouldn't go with your usual household trash.

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Where can I Recycle Stuff
Hallowell CAN'T Take? (continued)

Batteries

Most **non-rechargeable alkaline batteries** used in households contain chemicals that are benign enough to be disposed of in household waste, but they may also be recycled. **Rechargeable alkaline batteries** must be recycled. **Hatch Hill** accepts both rechargeable and non-rechargeable alkaline batteries for recycling. To dispose of or recycle batteries, tape both terminal ends and place in a plastic bag. Information is available on Hatch Hill's website about battery recycling.

Many **micro-batteries** used in **hearing-aids, watches, cameras,** and **electronic devices** contain toxic heavy metals, and must be properly disposed of through recycling programs like the annual Household Hazardous Waste collection mentioned on page 10.

Lead-acid car/truck batteries can be recycled at Hatch Hill or as Household Hazardous Waste.

**"Bulky Waste" -- Stoves, Freezers, Washers,
Mattresses, etc.**

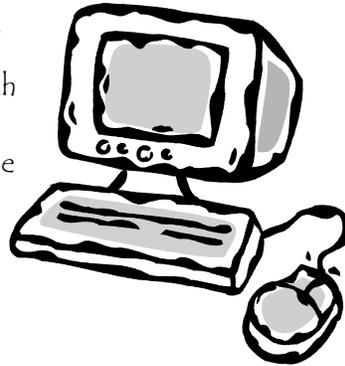
In May and October, Hallowell holds a "**Spring and Fall Cleanup**", when residents may take "white goods" (stoves, refrigerators, freezers and washers), and other Bulky Waste such as chairs, mattresses, and furniture to Public Works building on Water Street for disposal. Shingles and tires are not accepted at this cleanup event. For requirements on proper refrigerator and freezer disposal, contact Public Works and/or Hatch Hill.

Where can I Recycle Stuff
Hallowell CAN'T Take? (continued)

Computers, Monitors, TVs,
Cell Phones, Telephones

These electronic devices are known as **Universal Waste**. By state law these items must be recycled properly through companies that are licensed by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection. Hallowell residents may take their universal waste to **Hatch Hill** without buying a permit. There is, however, a fee of \$3 per unit for a residential TV or computer monitor. If you have questions, please call Hatch Hill: 626-2435 or 626-2440.

Also look for periodic **Ewaste** disposal events, many of which are free. See listing of such events and disposable items at www.ewastemaine.com or on the City of Hallowell's web site.

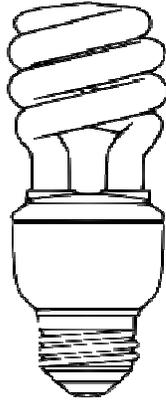


Fluorescent Light Bulbs/
Other Mercury-Containing Stuff

Hatch Hill will take them, and charges \$1 each for fluorescent bulbs, or mercury-containing device.

*Where can I Recycle Stuff
Hallowell CAN'T Take? (continued)*

Energy-Efficient Light Bulbs
(CFL Light bulbs)



CFL bulbs must be recycled and **cannot be disposed of in the trash** because they contain small amounts of mercury. Efficiency Maine has a CFL Recycling Program and lists participating retailers that accept used, unbroken CFL bulbs for recycling.

Participating retailers display the following sign at their business:



To find a participating retailer, call 1-866-376-2463 or go to:
[http://www.energymaine.com/residential_
programs_esrl_rl_kennebec.htm](http://www.energymaine.com/residential_programs_esrl_rl_kennebec.htm)

*Where can I Recycle Stuff
Hallowell CAN'T Take? (continued)*

Household Hazardous Waste

Toxic chemicals used in households are generally referred to as Household Hazardous Waste and include items such as insecticides, cleaning fluids, oil base paints, etc. These chemicals should not be thrown away with your household waste, but should be properly disposed of as Household Hazardous Waste.



Hallowell participates in an annual collection of Household Hazardous Waste sponsored by the Kennebec Valley Council of Governments. Dates and times are announced by the City at its website, City Hall, and at North Bay. This event is usually held the 3rd Saturday in May. Check the City of Hallowell's website for specifics: <http://hallowell.govoffice.com/>

Where can I Recycle Stuff
Hallowell CAN'T Take? (continued)

Car Tires

Hatch Hill will take them, and charges \$2.00 per each passenger car tire up to 8 tires, or \$1.10 per 20 pounds for a load of tires.

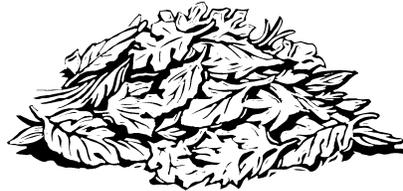
Christmas Trees

Christmas trees may be dropped off at the Public Works building in January, and they will be recycled.

Leaf, Grass and Brush Waste

Leaves, grass and brush waste may be dropped off at the City of Hallowell's composting and wood waste area. Construction debris is not accepted at this site. The site is open spring through fall, 7:00am– 5:00pm, 7 days a week.

Directions: From downtown Hallowell, travel 1.6 miles up Winthrop Street and turn left onto Town Farm road. Travel .3 miles, and turn right onto Fish and Game Road. The site is at the end of this road. Call the Public Works Department, 622-3993, with any additional questions.



Scrap Metal

Scrap metal has value and can be sold at commercial metal recyclers:

- Industrial Metals – Oakland 465-2212
- Industrial Metal – Augusta 622-2071
- New England Metal – Portland 772-8329

4. COMPOSTING: HELP! How do I do it?

(It really is easy.)

Composting of organic matter (vegetable waste) is an excellent way to reduce household waste, and at the same time produce a nutrient rich additive for flower and vegetable gardens, trees and shrubs, and even houseplants. About one-third of household waste consists of organic matter that can be composted.

"How Do I Do It?"
The really short version is:

You throw your vegetable scraps into a pile or bin, add grass clippings, and mix it up every so often! After weeks or months you'll get dark, crumbly organic matter with tons of nutrients for all kinds of plantings!



4. COMPOSTING: HELP! How do I do it? (continued)

More information on composting can be found at North Bay, garden centers, and libraries. Also check out the Maine State Planning Office's website and the City of Hallowell's website, referenced on page 18.



Backyard composting bins can be purchased from a number of vendors, including:

- Hallowell City Hall in the spring
- Kennebec County Soil and Water Conservation District
- Kennebec Valley Council of Governments
- Maine Resource Recovery Association

Refer to "Contacts" section on inside front cover for phone numbers. When the city participates in a compost bin purchasing program, the ordering information is posted on the City's website, at City Hall, and at North Bay Recycling Center.

5. OTHER SOLID WASTE: What Do I Do With Garbage I Can't Recycle or Compost?

In Maine, each municipality is responsible for making arrangements for solid waste disposal generated within the municipality.

The City of Hallowell pays Augusta an annual fee (currently \$37,000) for Hallowell's solid waste to be disposed of at Augusta's Hatch Hill landfill dump. This landfill has an expected closing date of 2020.

Hallowell's annual fee allows Hallowell residents and businesses to choose from **two options** for waste disposal:

1) Purchase a permit from Hatch Hill and take their waste there as well as some kinds of recycling. They must also pay "tipping" fees for each use of the facility (see page 15 for information on tipping fees), OR:

2) Hire a private licensed commercial waste hauler to collect and dispose of their trash. These haulers can take the waste to Hatch Hill. The haulers also pay a "tipping" fee based on tonnage.

5. OTHER SOLID WASTE: What Do I Do With
Garbage I Can't Recycle or Compost? (continued)

**1) You Can Purchase a Permit to Use
the Hatch Hill Landfill**

Hatch Hill Landfill, a regional facility, is operated by the City of Augusta and is located on the east side of the Kennebec River on Route 105 about 3 miles from downtown Augusta.

Hallowell contracts with Augusta, and pays \$15 per resident per year. The fee paid by the City of Hallowell entitles its residents to have access to Hatch Hill with payment of the following fees:

- **\$15** for a **two-year** vehicle permit (paid by the user)
- **\$7 minimum fee** for 200 pounds or less of **solid waste (rubbish, trash, etc.)**, and 70¢ for each 20 pounds greater than 200 pounds. This includes pressure treated wood and cedar shakes.
- **\$3 minimum fee** for 200 pounds or less of **Residential Recyclables**, and 30¢ for each 20 pounds greater than 200 pounds
- **\$3 minimum fee** for 200 pounds or less of **solid waste and separated Residential Recyclables in the same load**. You must have at least 20 pounds of recyclables in this load.
- **\$5 minimum fee** for 200 pounds or less of **Other Recyclables: Clean Construction/Demolition Debris and Asphalt Shingles** and 50¢ for each 20 pounds greater than 200 pounds

A complete listing of services and fees are available at:
www.ci.augusta.me.us/waste.html under "Documents"
Hatch Hill phone: 626-2440 or 626-2435

5. OTHER SOLID WASTE: What Do I Do With
Garbage I Can't Recycle or Compost? (continued)

2) You Can Hire a Private Licensed Commercial Waste Hauler

Below are the four commercial waste haulers that are currently licensed to operate in Hallowell. Residents or businesses may contact them for private waste removal and recycling services.

- Maine Squeeze 582-8171
- Pine Tree Waste Services 1-800-244-8290
- Riverside Disposal 623-2577
- Worthing Rubbish 622-1412

Commercial waste haulers set their own fees. Most have a flat fee rate for weekly or biweekly pickup. Ask if they have a Pay-by-the-Bag rate that would reward those who recycle and have less waste to be picked up.

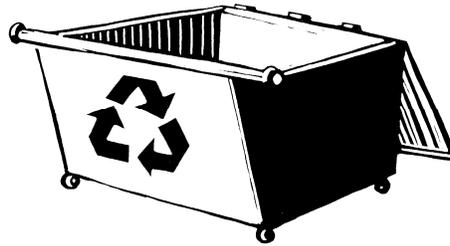
Haulers are required to collect recyclables in Hallowell as a condition of getting licensed to serve Hallowell. Hallowell's Solid Waste Ordinance does not require haulers to collect all recycling categories accepted at North Bay. If you hire a private hauler, please check with them about what they accept for recycling and their procedures for collecting recyclables from your home.



5. OTHER SOLID WASTE (continued)

Dumpsters

Hallowell's ordinances require a permit for the placement of dumpsters, and dumpsters must be visually screened. Questions about dumpsters should be directed to the Code Enforcement Officer.



Solid Waste Ordinance

Hallowell has a solid waste ordinance adopted by the Council on November 20, 2003. Copies of the ordinance may be obtained at City Hall, and on the City's web site:

<http://hallowell.govoffice.com/>

6. LEARNING EVEN MORE

Hallowell City Website:

<http://hallowell.govoffice.com/>

Maine State Planning Office:

www.recyclemaine.com

Maine Department of Environmental Protection:

www.state.me.us/dep/rwm

Maine Resource Recovery Association:

www.mrra.net

Augusta Solid Waste: Hatch Hill Landfill:

www.ci.augusta.me.us

Reuse:

www.freecycle.org

www.craigslist.org

Composting:

www.earthmachine.com

These are just a few websites on recycling, waste reduction, sustainable living, and composting. Search and surf for new information!

Also look for the monthly column,
"Recycle City," in the Hallowell Record,
available at many fine businesses
in Central Maine.

7. HELP OUT; SHARE SUGGESTIONS; GET INVOLVED!

Solid Waste & Recycling Committee:

Hallowell has a five-member committee appointed by the mayor to assist and guide the city with solid waste and recycling issues. The committee meets monthly, and meetings are open to the public. The committee helps to organize occasional public forums, known as "Trash Talk" for citizens, businesses and elected officials to discuss related issues. Citizen participation is welcomed by the committee. Currently appointed members are:

Hank Tyler, Co-Chair
Susan Farnsworth, Co-Chair
Patrick Cunningham
Ron Kreisman
Nicky Mathieu
Councilor Phil Lindley, City Council Liaison
Todd Shea, Ex-Officio Interim City Manager

Citizen volunteers are now responsible for opening and closing North Bay Recycling Center on Saturdays. Help is also welcomed for projects such as recycling displays at community events, and coordinating Trash Talk forums.

**Contact the City Manager or Susan MacPherson
to volunteer. We welcome your help!**

*Z. HELP OUT; SHARE SUGGESTIONS;
GET INVOLVED! (continued)*

Please share your suggestions at North Bay Recycling Center or with the City Manager for improving Hallowell's recycling program. You can also email your comments to the City Manager via the City's website: <http://hallowell.govoffice.com/>

We look forward to hearing from you!



And yes, this handbook was printed
on recycled paper!
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