

Recycling is EASY! Instead of throwing away items that can be recycled, Put them all in your **BROWN** City of Saco curbside cart.

Recycling reduces the amount of tonnage sent to incinerators, therefore reducing the amount of taxes spent on solid waste disposal. Every pound we recycle is one less pound we bury or burn. Recycling means less mining, smelting, milling, and less energy used in production. It means cleaner water and cleaner air because less pollution is created during manufacturing of new products.

Recycling and trash collection both cost money. The difference is, the City pays for the disposal of trash, and does not have to pay to dispose of its recycling waste. By increasing the amount we recycle and reducing the waste we send to burn, we can save even more.

- Solid waste costs the City approximately \$103 per household
- Recycling only costs the City about \$43 per household

## **How does Recycling work?**

The City provides you with 2 Curbside containers. One is for trash (GREEN) and one is for Recycling (BROWN). Below is a quick reference guide help you decide what item should go in what cart. You can mix ALL your recycling together in the recycling cart. They can be put in loosely and do not have to be separated by product type.

Should your house still have a BLUE container, these were discontinued in 2008. You can still use this container for overflow recycling, however it is not required for you to separate by product (as the cover may state). If this cart is not needed at your residence, we do accept them back if you wish to drop it off at our Public Works building on North St. There is some confusion as to what should go in your BROWN cart due to the cover stating CARDBOARD only. However, note that we do have updated stickers for you to place on your cart should you want one. The city not only requires, but encourages recycling of all products and not just cardboard or paper items. If you have an abundance of recycling (boxes and or packing materials) or perhaps you missed your collection, you can also drop your recycling off at the Transfer Station Tuesday through Saturday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. As well at the Public Works Dept, 351 North St, Monday through Friday 7:00 am to 3:00 pm.

