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Our waste provider has notified us that the City will be charged additional fees for contaminated recycling. Contamination is non-recyclable items in with Recycling. Please only place **ACCEPTABLE** items in your **BROWN** recycling cart. Items not accepted are listed on the back of this flyer along with some useful tips on how to recycle properly.

## SINGLE-SORT RECYCLING

No sorting or separating! Focus on what goes in your cart and not how it is in there! Eco-Maine will take care of the rest! Please do not bag items in your Brown cart, items should be in cart loose.



### CARDBOARD/PAPER

Clean Cardboard (no food waste or grease), dry food boxes, paper bags, egg cartons, toilet paper and paper towel rolls, junk mail, office paper, catalogs, envelopes, hard and soft cover books, milk and juice cartons, magazines, newspapers



### Rigid Plastic Containers

#1 - #7 – water bottles, milk jugs, detergent and shampoo bottles. Yogurt cups, **NO PLASTIC BAGS!**



**Metal/Tin** – cans, empty aerosol (with top removed) clean foil pans



**Glass – all colors** – food and beverage bottles. No broken glass. Metal tops removed. Rinsed out

### REMEMBER... RECYCLE WISELY

- All containers must be empty and rinsed out
- Cardboard is flattened and broken down
- Items are placed in cart loosely and are not bagged**
- Items not on this list are not accepted in BROWN Cart



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

If I can't fit all my trash in my green cart, can I put the extra in my brown cart? **NO**, your recycling bin is for recycling products only. Placing trash in your cart can contaminate the full load of recycling.

**Can I recycle pizza boxes? Yes!** However, the box cannot contain high amounts of grease or stuck on food. Sometimes, you can just recycle the top and the bottom will go into the trash.

**Can I recycle grocery bags? NO!** Plastic bags of any kind are not accepted as a curbside item. Most grocery stores will take the bags back for recycling.

**What type of metal is recyclable? Food metal!** soup and food containers. Do not recycle scrap metal, auto parts, or appliances through your curbside cart.

**How can I Recycle shredded paper?** Shredded paper is accepted but must be in CLEAR plastic bags for the sorters to easily take out the bag to recycle. Otherwise the paper will not end up recycled

**I have a large number of boxes; can I place them next to my cart? NO!** Our collection in Saco is fully automated and does not allow for additional collection. Bulk recycling can be done at the Transfer Station.

**Is Styrofoam recyclable? NO!** Styrofoam is not recyclable. Bulk Styrofoam should go to the transfer station if it is too large to fit in your cart.

**Leaves/Yard Waste should NOT go in either cart.** Residents can bring to the transfer station for free. Using your cart charges the city a tonnage fee

Visit our website for disposal recommendations: [www.sacomaine.org](http://www.sacomaine.org)

# NO

**DO NOT** put these items in your recycling cart.



Batteries or electronics



Hazardous or toxic product containers



Flower pots, plastic toys



Frozen food bags



Plastic and metal hangers



Light bulbs, drinking glasses, other glassware



Food & wet waste, food contaminated paper plates and napkins



Styrofoam containers, styrofoam peanuts or packing



Chip bags



Propane tanks

No Construction Debris, Yard Waste, Napkins/Paper towels

**NO PLASTIC BAGS IN YOUR RECYCLING! PLEASE DO NOT BAG OR SEPARATE YOUR RECYCLING PRODUCTS**

Any cart over filled or has non-acceptable items will be left and not collected. Much of the items above need to be disposed of at the **Transfer Station**. Clothing, toys, tires, hoses, wood, yard waste, and electronics are not accepted through our curbside pick-up and need to be brought to the Transfer Station

### Helpful Tips:

Trash & Recycling collection begins at 6:00 am. Please have carts curbside when collection begins to ensure your carts are collected. Same time pick up is never a guarantee.

Place carts at least 2 feet apart and 2 feet from any parked car, mailbox or obstacle which could prevent the automated arm from picking up the cart

All material must be placed loosely in carts. Please do not overfill, pack down, or leave material on top or next to the cart. If the cart cannot be lifted safely the cart will not be collected. Trash should be bagged, and recycling should not be.

Trash and Recycling will very seldom be cancelled due to weather. Even in extreme weather conditions. If you require weekly pick up, always assume collection is happening. To sign up for cancellation emails, visit our website [http://www.sacomaine.org/departments/public\\_works/trash\\_disposal.php](http://www.sacomaine.org/departments/public_works/trash_disposal.php)