



Sustainable Scarborough – What Happened to the Silver Bullets?

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You may have seen our recent Facebook post saying that the silver bullet recycling containers were removed from the Walmart parking lot, or you may have driven by and noticed that they were gone. We'd like to explain the reason for the removal, and it's not because the Town is reducing services. The silver bullets are no longer at Walmart because the store asked for them to be removed.



The silver bullets are meant to collect recyclable items, but in recent months, more and more trash and bulky items have been left in and around the containers. We're talking mattresses, gas grills, and used kitty litter. It got to the point that Walmart couldn't tolerate these items left around the containers, so they asked for the silver bullets to be removed. The silver bullets were removed from Hannaford for the same reason not that long ago.

We try to make recycling as easy as possible for our residents by providing weekly curbside pickup and silver bullets at locations around town. We want to continue these services, so we need your help! **Please only put allowed recyclables in your recycling carts and in the silver bullets.** If you're not sure what is recyclable, check out [ecomaine's Recyclopedia](https://www.ecomaine.org/recyclopedia/) (<https://www.ecomaine.org/recyclopedia/>) for great information about what can and can't be recycled. (There's also a Recyclopedia app for [Apple](https://itunes.apple.com/app/id1242527932) (<https://itunes.apple.com/app/id1242527932>) and [Android](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=net.recollect.ecomaine.waste) (<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=net.recollect.ecomaine.waste>) devices.) Signs posted at the silver bullet locations are also an excellent guide.

We are working to find another location for the silver bullets that will be convenient for folks in west Scarborough. In the meantime, you can still bring your extra recyclables to the silver bullets at the following locations:

- Maine Veterans' Home (290 US Route 1)
- Payne Road (behind On the Vine)

These locations also have [Garbage to Gardens](https://garbagetogarden.org/) (<https://garbagetogarden.org/>) containers for food waste.

Please take extra household trash to Public Works at 20 Washington Avenue. Drop off is available between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.