THE LIVERMORE FALLS SINGLE-SORT GUIDE

ONE CONTAINER FOR ALL YOUR RECYCLABLES

What changed?

Instead of separating recyclables by type, simply combine all glass, metal, paper, cardboard, and plastics into one recycling container. It's simple.

> And now, plastics #1-7 are included, too!

Is this recycling system better for the environment?

YES. Every ton recycled is one less ton in the waste stream, and national statistics show that singlesort recycling systems result in more recycling. Why? Because it's so much easier (no sorting).

Studies done in Portland and Lyman showed improved efficiency and less pollution. By eliminating the need for separation, recycling trucks no longer have to idle at the curb while the driver is sorting. That results in less air pollution.

In addition to the reduction in air pollution, recycling always means greater conservation of our natural resources and using recycled materials to make products saves energy. Recycling in Maine saves the equivalent of 167 million gallons of gasoline every year.

For more information visit www.ecomaine.org.

PAPER PRODUCT

- cardboard/all boxes
- newspaper
- shoe boxes/cereal boxes
- magazines/catalogs
- junk mail/window envelopes
- phone books
- file folders
- •gift boxes/wrap
- shopping bags
- all books
- aseptic milk & juice cartons

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- PLASTIC, METAL, & GLASS
- all rigid plastics labeled #1-7
- foil
- cans
- pots & pans
- empty aerosol cans
- empty bottles (any color glass)
- jars

light bulbs, hypodermic needles or sharp objects, vinyl siding, bubble wrap, food, toys, Styrofoam packaging and peanuts, food bags, diapers, potato chip bags, or <u>trash</u>.

Every pound you recycle reduces Livermore Fall's disposal bill.

NOT INCLUDED IN SINGLE-SORT; By Law, they require special handling and disposal:

Hazardous Waste

These items include: fuel, anti-freeze, oil-based paints, paint thinners, stain, fertilizers, pesticides, and other chemicals.

<u>Universal Waste</u>

Common products, such as: mercury in thermostats, fluorescent bulbs, compact fluorescent lights, televisions, computers, and button-cell batteries.

For more information about Hazardous and Universal Waste, see the ecomaine website at <u>www.ecomaine.org</u>

What is ecomaine?

A non-profit regional recycling and waste disposal operation.

Who owns ecomaine?

21 Municipalities do.

