

1 Recycle plastic films at Hannaford

Did you know that Hannaford has green recycling bins outside its entrances for plastic and paper? You can bring any clean, dry, soft plastic bags, wraps, packaging, garbage bags, Amazon soft delivery bags, bubble wrap, etc. - Any clean, non-rigid plastic and it doesn't have to be a Hannaford product. If you have a large amount, you can go to the service desk and they will take it out back. Hannaford then sells it in bulk to recycling enterprises.

This is a plastic we cannot recycle at our transfer station, so it's a great way to reduce this in your trash and help the recycling effort.

2 Compost

About half of what Mainers send to landfills and incinerators could be composted. If you aren't composting your food waste, consider starting. The University of Maine Extension offers great resources. You can also sign up with Scrap Dogs

Community Compost (scrapdogscompost.com), a local farm that collects food waste at the Transfer Station (bright blue bins before the dumpsters). For a monthly fee, you can drop off your food waste in provided buckets and receive finished compost.



3 Reuse containers for bulk products

Most single use plastics don't get recycled and end up in landfills or our oceans. Northport's recycled plastics are sent to EcoMaine in Portland that separates out the #2 plastics (rigid milk jugs, laundry detergent and soap bottles) for bulk sales. The remaining #3-#7 plastics are sold to a Canadian Company, EFS Plastics, that makes reusable resins. This whole process is still expensive. You can reduce all those discarded or recycled #2 containers by buying soaps, shampoos, detergents, cleaners, etc. in your own containers. The Belfast Coop and the Green Store both offer these products in bulk. Try it!

4 Recycle old paint

Got old paint cans cluttering your basement? A new state law offers a safe disposal method. A fee is charged on paint sold in Maine. This funds PaintCare, a program that processes the paint for reuse, recycling, energy recovery, or safe disposal. As of May 2022, 86% of collected latex paint was turned into new paint. Sherwin Williams and Aubuchon Hardware accept old paint, as long as it has the original label and doesn't leak.

5 Redeem beverage bottles at Clynk

Tired of seeing bottles thrown alongside our roads? Redemption Centers are a good solution, but they are getting harder to find and add an extra trip to our busy day.

A simple solution which also puts money back in your grocery budget involves that little yellow structure located in Hannaford's parking lot called "Clynk." You can sign up for a FREE account either online at clynk.com, or inside Hannaford at the Clynk kiosk. Once your account is open, you can print tags to place on green "Clynk" bags. Then just drop off your bags of deposit cans and bottles and a refund will be credited to your account. Use the kiosk inside Hannaford's to print out your credit that can be used to pay for groceries or get cash at Hannaford's checkout. Hannaford sells a box of 10 "Clynk" bags for just a few bucks.

6 Purchase and dispose thoughtfully

Bring old clothing and household items in good condition to Goodwill. But if you are ordering new stuff, remember to check the box on Amazon orders for less packaging and consolidate orders on one delivery day.

7 Fix It!

Instead of throwing out that old lamp, vacuum cleaner, sewing machine or old coat with a bad zipper – learn how to fix it! Every 3rd Saturday of the month at the Waldo County YMCA there is the Maine Community Works Repair Café. You are encouraged to bring your broken stuff. An average of nine volunteers will help you get it working again.

8 Separate haz-waste and e-waste

Place all fluorescent lightbulbs, aerosol spray containers, freon items, lithium batteries, mercury thermometers, cell phones, laptops, computers, and printers in the shed at the transfer station. It all goes to a company in New Hampshire for reuse, recycling or responsible disposal.

9 Dispose of special items

Expired medications can be dropped off at the Belfast Police Station (338-2040) or at the Belfast Drug Company (338-0441).

Old eyeglasses and hearing aids can be used by the Lion's Club (Dr. Michael Marden, 338-1900).

Expired, non-rechargeable fire extinguishers are accepted at the Belfast Fire Department (338-3362).

Old boat flares will be picked up by the Office of the State Fire Marshall (626-3870).

RECYCLING TIPS



1. Recycle plastic film at Hannaford.



2. Compost by yourself or with ScrapDogs.



3. Reuse your own containers for bulk products at the Belfast Coop or the Green Store.



4. Recycle old paint at Sherwin Williams or Aubuchon.



5. Redeem beverage bottles with Clynk.



6. Donate used items to Goodwill and minimize packaging for new purchases.



7. Fix it! at the monthly Repair Café at the Belfast YMCA.



8. Separate hazardous materials and electronics from your trash and place them in the shed at the transfer station.



9. Find alternative ways to dispose of special items:
Medications
Eyeglasses
Fire extinguishers
Marine flares

Northport



You can help!

*9 tips from your
Northport Recycling Committee
to save yourself and our town money on
the high costs of our recycling and trash.*

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