

THANK YOU
FOR YOUR
PATIENCE AS
WE IMPLEMENT
THESE
CHANGES.

REMINDER :

Trash tickets are **\$3** each

Tickets can be purchased
at City Hall, the Transfer
Station, and participating
Stores.

- Ellsworth Freshies-
High St
- Friends and
Family Marketplace
- Hannaford
- Shaw's
- State St Market
- Mikes Country
Store
- Josie's

Boxboard or
Corrugated
Cardboard???

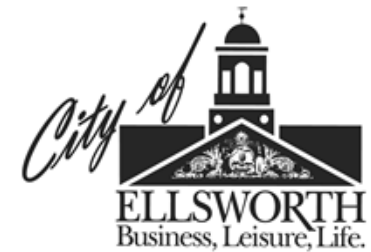
Which is which
And Which is
accepted

Boxboard is **NOT**
accepted

- Cereal Boxes
- Soda can
boxes
- Etc.

US Corrugated
Cardboard **IS**
accepted

- Shipping
boxes



Changes to Our Recycling Program

*The City of Ellsworth is making
changes to the recycling
program beginning:*

February 1st, 2019.



Items we will be accepting:

- US Corrugated Cardboard – broken down



- Newspaper/Magazines/Catalog Advertising Flyers (Not Junk Mail)



- # 1 and #2 plastics (clean)

Look on the bottom of your plastic items for the recycling number.



- Tin/Aluminum Cans (clean)



All other plastic, glass and paper items should be disposed of in your household trash.

How Ellsworth Recycles:

Currently we are a member of the Maine Resource Recovery Association (MRRA) which helps us manage and find a market to sell our recyclables. Through MRRA, we are able to sell the materials in a manner that helps pay for our recycling program. BUT currently, there is a very limited demand for recycled items here in the U.S. and Abroad. Should things change in the future, the City would begin accepting more types of recyclable materials.

WHAT DO RECYCLING SYMBOLS ON PLASTICS MEAN?



PET, PETE
(Polyethylene Terephthalate)

- Soft drink, water and salad dressing bottles; peanut butter and jam jars.
- Suitable to store cold or warm drinks. Bad idea for hot drinks.



PP
(Polypropylene)

- Reusable microwaveable ware; kitchenware; yogurt containers; microwaveable disposable take-away containers; disposable cups; plates....



HDPE
(High-density Polyethylene)

- Water pipes, milk, juice and water bottles; grocery bags, some shampoo / toiletry bottles....



PS
(Polystyrene)

- Egg cartons; packing peanuts; disposable cups; plates, trays and cutlery; disposable take-away containers....
- Avoid for food storage!**



PVC
(Polyvinyl Chloride)

- Not used for food packaging
- Pipes, cables, furniture, clothes, toys...



Other
(often polycarbonate or ABS)

- Beverage bottles; baby milk bottles; compact discs; "unbreakable" glazing; lenses including sunglasses; prescription glasses; automotive headlamps, riot shields; instrument panels...



LDPE
(Low-density Polyethylene)

- Frozen food bags; squeezable bottles, e.g. honey, mustard; cling films; flexible container lids...

The Good News

Ellsworth sends our trash to the Penobscot Energy Recovery Company (PERC) a waste to energy company that turns our solid waste into electricity. Many of the items we will no longer be accepting are considered Class A fuels which creates more electricity at the facility. The PERC facility is an award winning facility that keeps our waste from being disposed of in a landfill.

Additional Points

- Items to be recycled need to be clean of food, liquid, original contents. PLEASE RINSE OUT.
- Shredded paper is not accepted
- Please do not leave items for others to take in the recycling center – we do not have room for a swap/reuse area.

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