

Town of Winthrop

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#2 Plastic (HDPE) Now Being Accepted for Recycling at Winthrop Transfer Station

WINTHROP, Maine – Starting Saturday, September 19, the Winthrop Transfer Station will resume recycling of #2 plastics. Those materials marked with a #2 HDPE (High-density Polyethylene) in the recycling “arrow triangle” symbol will be accepted on SATURDAYS ONLY. This will minimize the manual sorting needed by staff with plastic recyclables and allow appropriate time for quarantining of these items prior to processing.

All other plastics can be placed with household trash where they are turned into energy by the Maine Waste to Energy facility in Auburn or held at peoples’ homes for future processing.

The Transfer Station staff, along with the town’s Emergency Management Agency, continues to evaluate options to return to full recycling operations as resources allow.

“We’re optimistic that this is a good step back to getting our recycling resumed safely and efficiently,” noted Town Council Chair, Sarah Fuller. “Cardboard has gone very well thanks to the conscientious efforts by residents and we’ll monitor how the #2 plastics go and add more items back into the stream as soon as we are able to do so safely.” A sampling of #2 plastics is below for easy reference.

For additional Winthrop notices:

As a reminder: people can sign-up to receive updates on the new town [website](#) under the section marked “Winthrop Alerts.” This new email notification system will provide updates as they are available, as well as on the Town’s Facebook page and those of the emergency departments (EMS/Ambulance, Police, Fire).

Questions for school-related activities and polices should be directed to Superintendent James Hodgkin: 377-2296 x2001.

Questions for municipal-related activities should be directed to Town Manager Jeffrey Kobrock, 207.377.7200 ext 423.

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