

For Everything Else...

Aerosol Cans

Do your best to use up all the product inside even if it's a non-hazardous product like whipped cream. The easiest way to make sure it's empty is to shake the can and listen for liquid inside, or spray until nothing comes out. Whitefield residents can recycle at Hatch Hill in the eco-Maine single sort recycling collection container.

DO NOT puncture a hole in the can to remove any remaining product, as the can will explode and hurt you. You should also not attempt to remove the spray nozzle on top of the can.

Batteries (Non-Rechargeable)

Non-rechargeable or single-use batteries (including alkaline and "classic" general purpose or heavy duty) can be recycled, but there is not currently a free recycling program available in Maine. You can recycle your single-use batteries through fee-based programs. Search the internet for "battery recycling services" to find a service that best meets your needs.

Small quantities may be safely and legally disposed of in normal household trash. Never dispose of batteries in fire since they could explode.

Reminder: rechargeable batteries can be recycled at the Whitefield recycling center.

Batteries (Lead-Acid, Car Batteries)

Any store that sells these will take back old batteries. For example, NAPA, Advance Auto Parts.

Paint (Oil and Latex)

Many stores that sell paint will accept up to 5 gallons per visit (some take more) for recycling. Please call ahead to confirm business hours and ask if they can accept the type and amount of paint you would like to recycle. Sites do not accept aerosols (spray cans), leaking, unlabeled, or empty containers.

Plastics (All Numbered, other than #2)

Hatch Hill Landfill in Augusta accepts single-stream recycling including all numbered plastics.

Please bring your Number 2 plastics to the Whitefield Recycling Center; its value helps support Lincoln County Recycling.

Compost and Food Scraps

Whitefield is working with Lincoln County Recycling to collect compostable material. Finished compost can be purchased from Lincoln County Recycling at 54 Huntoon Hill Rd in Wiscasset.

Bring the following to the collection bin: All fruits and vegetables, grains, bread, pasta and hard cheese. **Cooked** animal products (cheese, eggs, seafood), egg shells, coffee grounds, tea bags, paper coffee filters, and nut shells.

The collection bin does NOT accept: liquids, raw dairy, meat, fish waste, cream, fats, or oils. Avoid material infested with insects, pesticides, and any paper products or non-organic (metal, plastic) material.

An alternative to bringing your food scraps to the central collection facility at the recycling center is to compost at home! Many of the above prohibited items can be safely and effectively composted at home if handled appropriately.



For more information on backyard composting visit: <https://www.maine.gov/dep/sustainability/compost/>

Prescription Medicine

Most pharmacies have used prescription take-back bins. There is also a bin in the lobby at Lincoln County Sheriff office in Wiscasset.

Medical Sharps (Syringes, Needles)

To help avoid injuring workers who may handle your trash, please put used sharps into sealed rigid, leak and puncture proof containers (such as a laundry detergent jug) label the container with the words "USED SHARPS", and take them to a local collection site DO NOT put them with your recyclables.

Contact your local hospital or pharmacy to find out if they accept sharps from patients.

Printer Inkjet Cartridges

Some manufacturers include a free mailer with each new inkjet cartridge so you can send your used cartridges in for recycling. You can also bring them to office supply stores (e.g., Staples in Augusta) to recycle; some stores will give you credit toward the purchase of new cartridges.

Smoke Detectors

Federal law requires manufacturers to take back smoke detectors that contain a radioactive source. Check the brand of your smoke detectors and contact the manufacturer to find out how to return them.

More Information

<https://www.maine.gov/dep/waste/recycle/whatcanirecycle.html>

<https://earth911.com/recycling-center-search-guides/>

<https://www.ecomaine.org/what-can-be-recycled/recyclopedia/>

Mercury Thermostats

Many local hardware stores participate in collecting mercury thermostats. Anyone in Maine can receive a \$5 bounty for recycling a wall-mounted mercury thermostat. Gosline's Hardware in Farmingdale, Aubuchon Hardware in Augusta, and Damariscotta Hardware in Damariscotta are nearby recycling locations.

<https://thermostat-recycle.org/program-info/recycling-by-state/maine/>

Scrap Metal

Bring your scrap metal for cash at Clark's Eastside Scrap, Chelsea, ME

Or ask your neighbors - many people in town are willing to take your scrap metal away

Motor Oil (Used)

Currently only one business in the area is registered as a disposal site for used motor oil:

Sol's Towing & Recovery 515 Orffs Corner Rd.
Waldoboro, ME 04572

However, your local car garage / auto mechanic may accept small amounts of used motor oil. It should NOT be mixed with antifreeze, gasoline, or other materials.

Plastic Bags (Single-use)

Hannaford, Shaws, Wal-Mart and some other stores all have collection kiosks for plastic bags and plastic film.

Plastic bag recycling bins are not just for plastic shopping bags. Many types of thin, flexible plastic are accepted. An easy way to tell if a plastic film can go in the bin is to see if it is labeled with a #2 or #4. The important point to remember is that in order to be considered recyclable, all items must be EMPTY, CLEAN and DRY.

Propane Canisters

If you have a propane cylinder that can't be refilled, call your local propane dealer to see if they offer a tank recycling service.

Hatch Hill

Whitefield is a member community of Hatch Hill. This means that the town pays an annual fee to allow all its residents to purchase a pass and bring trash and recycling to the facility.

There are many items that can be recycled at Hatch Hill. Bringing recycling with your trash to Hatch Hill will allow you to pay a reduced tipping fee at the gate. If you bring ONLY recycling, you do not have to pay at all!

Hatch Hill accepts recycling of bulky material - wood, metal, asphalt shingles and tires. Freon is removed from white goods as required by the EPA. Recycling of bulky wood waste, bulky metals and tires is mandatory. Non-friable asbestos is accepted by appointment only. Leaf and yard waste can be brought to Hatch Hill anytime.

Universal Wastes are items containing mercury such as fluorescent light bulbs, rechargeable batteries, mercury switches and mercury devices, computer monitors and televisions, and are all recyclable at Hatch Hill for a fee, or at the Whitefield Recycling Center for free!

Although Hatch Hill also accepts clear glass bottles and jars, steel and aluminum cans, milk jugs, newspaper/magazines/catalogs and corrugated cardboard, please bring these materials to the Whitefield Recycling Center; its value helps support Lincoln County Recycling and reduces the county taxes that the town must pay!

Visit the website for additional information about hours and fees:

https://www.augustamaine.gov/departments/public_works/hatch_hill_landfill.php

Waste Diversion

Landfill space at Hatch Hill and throughout the state is limited, expensive, and quickly filling up! We can reduce the amount of waste brought to landfills by recycling and composting as much as possible. These activities can help reduce waste generation and extend the time we can use Hatch Hill.

Recycling for Whitefield Residents



Please recycle these materials at the Whitefield Recycling Center:

Glass Jars and Bottles – Separate by color - clear, brown or green. Remove lids and rinse. Jars and bottles only – no other types of glass!

Tin Cans – Remove labels and rinse. Jar lids and aluminum can also be recycled.

Plastics – #2 or HDPE. Separate by natural or colored. Rinse containers and remove caps and rings.

Rigid Plastics – Includes hard, more durable plastic products and are left inside the building.

Mixed Paper – Most types of clean, dry paper: office paper, envelopes, cereal boxes, junk mail, milk cartons, newspaper, magazines, catalogs, etc. No plastics, paper towels, tissues, or foil.

Corrugated Cardboard and Brown Paper Bags – All go in together. Please flatten all boxes and remove tape or staples.

Electronic Waste – Computers, monitors, televisions, printers, copiers, cell phones, fax machines and similar.

Compact Fluorescent Bulbs and Fluorescent Tubes

Rechargeable Batteries

Clothing, Rags, Shoes, Textiles – Items don't need to be in wearable condition. But items must be dry and have no odor or mold.

Open Saturday mornings 8:00 AM to Noon



The Recycling Center is located at
25 Balltown Lane
Behind the Town Office,
adjacent to the Salt Shed