

Limerick Recycler Newsletter

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NEW IN 2009 SINGLE-SORT RECYCLING

On January 1st Limerick started single-sort recycling. Instead of separating cardboard, paper, tin cans, and #1 through #7 plastics everyone can now place all recycling into what was used as the cardboard/paper compactor. The hope is for increased participation in voluntary recycling.

Early last fall the world's economic problems hit the solid waste industry hard, really hard. All at once the demand for recycled cardboard, paper, plastic, cans and bottles went from record highs to near record lows. This happened almost overnight and caught even seasoned recycling companies by total surprise; their warehouses were filled to the rafters with no one to buy this recycling. After careful consideration the board of selectpersons voted to change recycling companies from Ecomaine to FCR-Goodman, of South Portland, a division of Casella. That change sparked the change of going from dual sort recycling to single sort recycling. Why? With no sorting it is so much easier and the homeowner now needs only one container and one stop at the transfer station. Every ton that is recycled saves paying MERC nearly \$75.00 a ton. Our goal for 2009 is to recycle 300 tons saving over \$22,000.00.

Is single sort recycling better for the environment? The answer is yes. Every ton recycled is one less ton in the waste stream, and national statistics show this system will result in more recycling. The following list should make it even easier. If you don't see it on the list it doesn't get recycled in the compactor at the transfer station.

Recycle – Everything Deserves A Second Chance!

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DO RECYCLE

PAPER, PLASTIC, METAL & GLASS
CAN ALL BE MIXED TOGETHER

PAPER

- NEWSPAPERS & INSERTS
- MAGAZINES
- MAIL & CATALOGS
- PAPER BAGS
- OFFICE PAPER & ENVELOPES
- FILE FOLDERS
- WRAPPING PAPER
- PHONE BOOKS
- HARD & SOFT COVER BOOKS
- PAPER PLATES & CUPS (CLEAN)
- MILK & JUICE CARTONS
- DRINK BOXES & ASEPTIC CONTAINERS
- CARDBOARD BOXES
- CEREAL & OTHER FOOD BOXES
- GIFT BOXES
- PIZZA BOXES

PLASTIC

- WATER BOTTLES
- MILK JUGS
- DETERGENT BOTTLES
- ALL CONTAINERS MARKED # 1-# 7 (EXCEPT STYROFOAM)

METAL

- TIN CANS
- AEROSOL CANS (EMPTY)
- ALUMINUM CANS / FOIL
- POTS & PANS

GLASS

- ALL GLASS BOTTLES & JARS (ALL COLORS)

