

THE NEW DUMP TIMES



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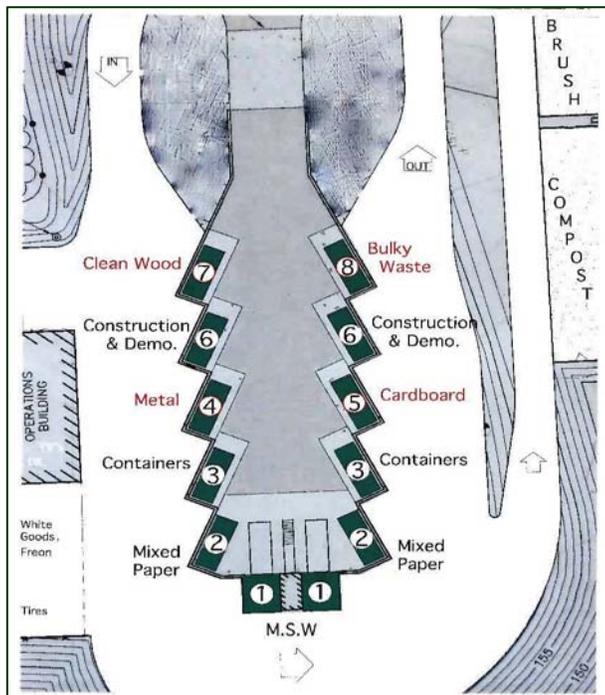
About the Transfer Station

This issue is for those of you new to the facility, and for any longtime users still confused as to where materials go; and the reasons it is in all of our best interests to ensure that, as much as possible, each material is properly disposed of. It is about saving taxpayer money and guarding our health and safety.

In the previous issue (available at <http://www.townofogunquit.org>) we explained the costs of disposal and emphasized that we have to pay more or less for each type of waste and that are other materials WE are paid for.

Each container, or roll-off box, has a sign indicating what should be placed in that box...and related items that should not be placed in that box (i.e., plastic containers but non plastic bags). Be sure to read these signs carefully. There are also times when a box's use may change due to a change in regulations and or associated costs or even contractual (as was the case with the cardboard/mixed paper box recently).

None of this is as complicated as it may appear, but it does require a bit of attention. Included is a map with each box numbered and a corresponding sheet of description of materials.



A large copy of this map is on page 8 of this bulletin. Also included in this issue are the definitions and cost of disposal of each type of material

The market price we are paid for separated cardboard (on 1/17/11) was \$135.00/ton; Mixed Paper - \$20.00/ton and Light Metal \$170.00/ton. Also on page 2-3 of this issue, we discuss the definitions, problems and (very) high costs of holding a Hazardous Waste Collection Day

We continue to integrate our new computerized scale and billing system and have a few new tricks on the way to make your Transfer Station easier to use and more efficiently run. We will cover this in the next issue.

Note: Our scale house (at the entrance) is mostly unmanned from Nov. 1st through April so that the reduced traffic can pass through more quickly. Any transactions can be done at the main office.

Hazardous Waste



What is this stuff? What should be done with it? And how much will it cost?

By definition -any material of substance; solid, semi-solid, liquid or gas, organic or inorganic, that by its physical or chemical properties can or may create a danger or nuisance to the public health, safety and welfare as contained in Chapter 400, Section 1, Subsection III of the Maine Solid Waste Management Regulations. This includes any material that cannot be properly disposed of, handled or processed at the Transfer Station site.

LATEX/ACRYLIC WATER BASED PAINTS ARE NOT CONSIDERED HAZARDOUS!!! We can accept this type of paint IF IT IS IN SOLID FORM (DRY). We do not want it to leak out into the environment because even if it is not hazardous per say, it is messy. Cat litter will dry paint very quickly...stir it in, leave the top on loosely and after a few days give the can to an attendant.

Some common household examples of Hazardous Waste:

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| * Oil based paint and stains | * Ammunition, fireworks, explosives |
| * Thinners, solvents, varnishes and wood preservatives | * Prescription medicines, syringes, needles |
| * Adhesives, glues and resins | * Infectious or biological waste (e.g. used bandages) |
| * Waste fuels (kerosene, gasoline) | * Thermometers, thermostats |
| * Brake fluids, anti-freeze, engine degreasers | * TV's (contain lead and mercury) |
| * Poisons, insecticides, weed killers | * Light ballasts (lead) |
| * Driveway sealers | * Smoke detectors |

If you have any of these in your home, it is important that they be kept in a safe environment. If you are transporting them, do so carefully. Keep them, if possible, in their original containers or if those are deteriorating, transfer them to another sturdy one. Do not use a container that may have contained chemicals that may react with what you will be adding. NEVER MIX CHEMICALS! Be sure to clearly label the containers. Sort and pack materials separately: Paint - Pesticides - Household Cleaners - etc.

Small quantities of Household Medical Waste (bandages, prescription drugs, needles) may be disposed of along with your household trash. However, by law, certain precautions need to be taken to ensure that no one is exposed to disease or that any medicines or needles are not discovered and used illicitly.

- Needles must be placed in a opaque rigid, leak-proof, puncture resistant container (not glass which can break or a soft plastic such as a milk jug which can be punctured) and must have a secure lid. The lid must be taped shut and marked "Do Not Recycle".
- Medications or prescription drugs can be thrown out in plastic baggies - mix with coffee grounds or cat litter to contaminate and prevent re-use. The Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) also sponsors a drug return program; free mailing envelopes are available at participating pharmacies. For more information visit their website at <http://www.safemeddisposal.com> . Our local Police Department also sponsors a program and you can call 646-9362 form more information.

- Soiled bandages, disposable sheets and medical gloves can also be disposed of in the trash if placed in plastic bags. If you have further questions or would like more information, you can call the Department of Environmental Protection Biomedical Waste Program at 207-287-2651 or go to the website at <http://www.maine.gov> .

If improperly handled or disposed of, these substances can end up in the water we drink or swim in, the food we grow or buy, or in our children's or pet's playground. Some last for years in hazardous form and can pose dangers years into the future.

They can also pose a serious hazard to those who use and work at the Transfer Station and elsewhere around town. On the 13th of December 2010 in Falmouth, two gallons of illegally dumped muriatic acid injured two public workers. The police are investigating and, if caught, whoever is responsible will be liable for the (substantial) clean up costs and could be fined.

\$ THE COSTS \$

Holding a Hazardous Waste Collection Day is expensive! Have a licensed hauler set up and prepare the area for hazardous waste removal alone costs well over a thousand dollars. The town is then charged for the waste that is collected. Our last Haz Mat Day cost was over \$7,000. For those of you interested, the details of what we collected and how much it cost can be found on our website at www.townofogunquit.org .

We have looked into splitting the costs with neighboring towns and found that the difficulties keeping track of who brought what, and how each town would assess their share of the cost of what was brought in was not worth the savings made in the sharing of the initial set up costs. However, we will continue to explore this avenue.

Because of the cost of keeping hazardous materials in our community can also be high, we think that a bi-annual Haz Mat Day is a necessity to protect the health, safety and general well-being of the citizens of Ogunquit and those who visit us in this "*Beautiful Place by the Sea*".

Therefore, we will schedule a day at the end of the summer, early fall. The actual date will be announced on WOGT-TV and the town's website, www.townofogunquit.org and at the Transfer Station. If you need to dispose of any of this before then, please do so responsibly.

The Maine Environmental Depot is set up to accept hazardous waste anytime. Visit them at www.envdepot.com. We have downloaded their information onto our website as well.



The Maine Environmental Depot

Tired of waiting for one day collections to get rid of your household hazardous waste?

Bring your waste to the Maine Environmental Depot. Founded in 2005, we have been providing a safe way for Maine Residents to dispose of their hazardous household waste.

Maine's permanent solution for Household Hazardous Waste disposal!

Please contact us if you are interested in hosting a household hazardous waste collection or need a pickup at your location! contact us

Items to Bring to the Depot

Info about what we can, and can't accept.

Hours & Location

Where we are, and when we're open.

Using the Depot

Non-Hazardous Alternatives

Wouldn't it be nice if we didn't have to do this? There are alternative products out there.



Hours & Location

The Depot is open the FIRST and THIRD Saturdays of each month from MAY through NOVEMBER. Hours are from 08:00 to 12:00. If the Saturday falls on a holiday weekend (such as Fourth of July), it will be CLOSED.

Location: The Depot is located within the Lewiston Solid Waste facility at 424 River Road in Lewiston.

From I-95, take Exit 80 (Southbound, take a LEFT off the ramp and go under the turnpike, Northbound take a RIGHT off the ramp). About 3/4 of a mile down, turn left on River Road (just after the WalMart Distribution Facility). Lewiston Solid Waste is about a half mile on the left. Proceed through the main gate by the scalehouse and around the main building. The Depot will be in front of you.

Click Here for [Map](#)

Maine's permanent solution for Household Hazardous Waste disposal!

Items to Bring to the Depot



Look for the words **Caution, Warning, Danger, Poison, Corrosive, Toxic, Volatile, Flammable, or Combustible** on the product label. When improperly discarded, these products can be a potential fire hazard, poison people, or can pollute the home and environment.

Commonly Accepted Items

Kitchen

- Aluminum Cleaners
- Bug Sprays
- Drain Cleaners
- Floor Cleaners
- Furniture Polish
- Metal Polish
- Oven Cleaners
- Workshop**
- Cutting Oil
- Solvents
- Solvent Based Glue
- Oil Based Paint and Stain
- Brush Cleaners
- Paint Thinners and Strippers
- Wood Preservatives

Garage

- Auto Body Repair Products
- Transmission Fluid
- Battery Acid
- Brake Fluid
- Car Wax with Solvents
- Driveway Sealer
- Engine Degreaser
- Gasoline, Diesel, or Kerosene
- Roofing Tar
- Garden**
- Pesticides
- Herbicides
- Fungicides
- Rat Poison
- Chemical Fertilizers with Pesticides

Miscellaneous

- Artist/Modeling Paints
- Chemistry Sets
- Dry Cleaning Solvents
- Fiberglass Epoxy
- Flea Spray
- Formalin/Formaldehyde
- Gun Cleaning Solvents
- Hot Tub/Pool Chemicals
- Lighter Fluid
- Moth Balls
- Photo Chemicals
- Rubber Cement
- Rug, Upholstery, and Spot Cleaners
- Mercury Containing Items

Items not Accepted

- Radioactive Waste (smoke Detectors**)
- Biological/Infectious Waste
- Compressed Gas Cylinders
- Explosives/Ammunition

** **Smoke Detectors** - Contain a small amount (2 microcuries) of Americium 241 and should be returned to the manufacturer for disposal OR brought to the Depot for \$5.00 /EACH.

* **Latex Paint** - can be dried out and disposed of with household trash. Saw dust, kitty litter or speddy dry can be used to speed up drying. Some hardware stores sell a solidifying agent for this job.

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Ogunquit Transfer Station Hours of Operation



The facility is **CLOSED** all holidays **EXCEPT** Memorial Day, Fourth of July, and Labor Day
Hours of operation at the Solid Waste Disposal Site at Spring Hill Road are:

SUMMER HOURS [May 1 – Oct. 31]

- Sunday 7:00 a.m. until Noon
- Monday 7:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.
- Tuesday 7:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.
- Wednesday 7:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.
- Thursday CLOSED**
- Friday 7:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday 7:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

WINTER HOURS [Nov. 1 – Apr. 30]

- Sunday 7:00 a.m. until Noon
- Monday 7:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.
- Tuesday 7:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.
- Wednesday CLOSED**
- Thursday CLOSED**
- Friday 7:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday 7:00 a.m. until 2:00

Definitions of Waste Types

[1] Municipal Solid Waste

Also known as MSW or household trash; or what goes in the "Big Green Doors", preferably food waste and other non-recyclables.

This material is incinerated at the ECOMaine facility in Portland and is used to produce electricity.

It is the most expensive material to dispose of outside of Hazardous Waste.

Each box removed from the site costs us \$185.00 to haul. Over the year 2009 we hauled 52 loads.

The average box weighs 10-12 tons. The tipping fee for that waste costs us \$88.00 per ton (set by contract with ECOMaine which is based on the average amount we have brought to the facility over the previous 5 years. In 2009 that worked out to 697.95 tons). In 2009 the cost of the waste was \$61,600 for a grand total of \$69,140 including the hauling fees.

[2] Mixed Paper

Newspaper, magazines, light cardboard (cereal boxes, paper rolls, etc.), books, etc. This also is sent to FCR Goodman.

In 2009 we received \$1,174.60 in credits on 226.68 ton in 46 hauls. The current price is \$15.00 per ton.

[3] Comingled Containers

Otherwise known as bottles, cans, light plastics and (non-plate) glass. Heavier plastics should go in to the Bulky Waste containers; metals heavier than cans should go into the Light Metal container.

This material also goes to ECOMaine where it is bailed and recycled. We are charged no fee to dump (or "tip" this waste).

[4] Light Metal

Basically ANY metal heavier than a tin can; this includes cast iron tubs and sinks, grills, microwaves, stoves, water tanks, etc.

We are paid (the market price) for metal by One Steel Recycling in Arundel.

In 2009 we received \$4,374.40 in credits on 64.88 total tons in 12 loads. The current price is \$170.00 per ton.

[5] Cardboard

We have a separate box now for CORRUGATED cardboard, any cardboard heavier than a cereal box. We are paid much more for this material separated as opposed to when it is mixed with other mixed paper.

We send this to FCR Goodman in Scarborough, or to whoever will pay us the most for it.

This is the first year at the new site that we are separating this material because the market price is higher.

In the month of March 2010 that price was \$140.00/ton (CREDITED TO US). The current price is \$125.00 per ton.

[6] Construction and Demolition

Also known as C and D Mixed Demo - This is material such as sheet rock, ceramics (toilets, sinks, tile, etc.), treated wood (pressure treated, railroad ties, plastic wood), shingles, etc.

This material is hauled to Riverside in Portland where it is placed in a landfill. Each roll-off container removed weighs about 6 tons.

Construction and Demolition (cont.)

In 2009 we paid \$23,414.00 (\$80.00/ton x 227.68 tons plus \$130.000 x 40 loads). The hauling fee has since risen to \$185.00 from \$130.00 per load.

[7] Clean Wood

This is confusing, as “clean” does NOT mean unpainted or without nails. Painted (or stained) wood with nails is OK so long as it is NOT TREATED.

We send our wood containers to Sanford where it is ground for burnable pellets.

Last year we paid \$5,343.50 (70.47 tons in 14 loads at \$50.00/ton plus a \$130.00 hauling charge/load). The hauling charge is currently \$185.00/load.

[8] Bulky Waste

Mattresses, couches, stuffed chairs, plastic chairs, particle board and ceiling tiles. This is basically any burnable construction material.

We send this material to ECOMaine where it is burned along with MSW for electricity.

This is a new container we have opened because ECOMaine is giving us a good deal on its disposal versus the cost of sending it out Construction and Demolition (\$49.00/ton vs. \$88.00 ton).



[9] Aluminum

This metal is worth more separated so we have added a separate box.

Compost

Light landscape material such as grass, pine needles, leaves and flowers. Sticks and twigs less than ¼” are okay in the compost area.

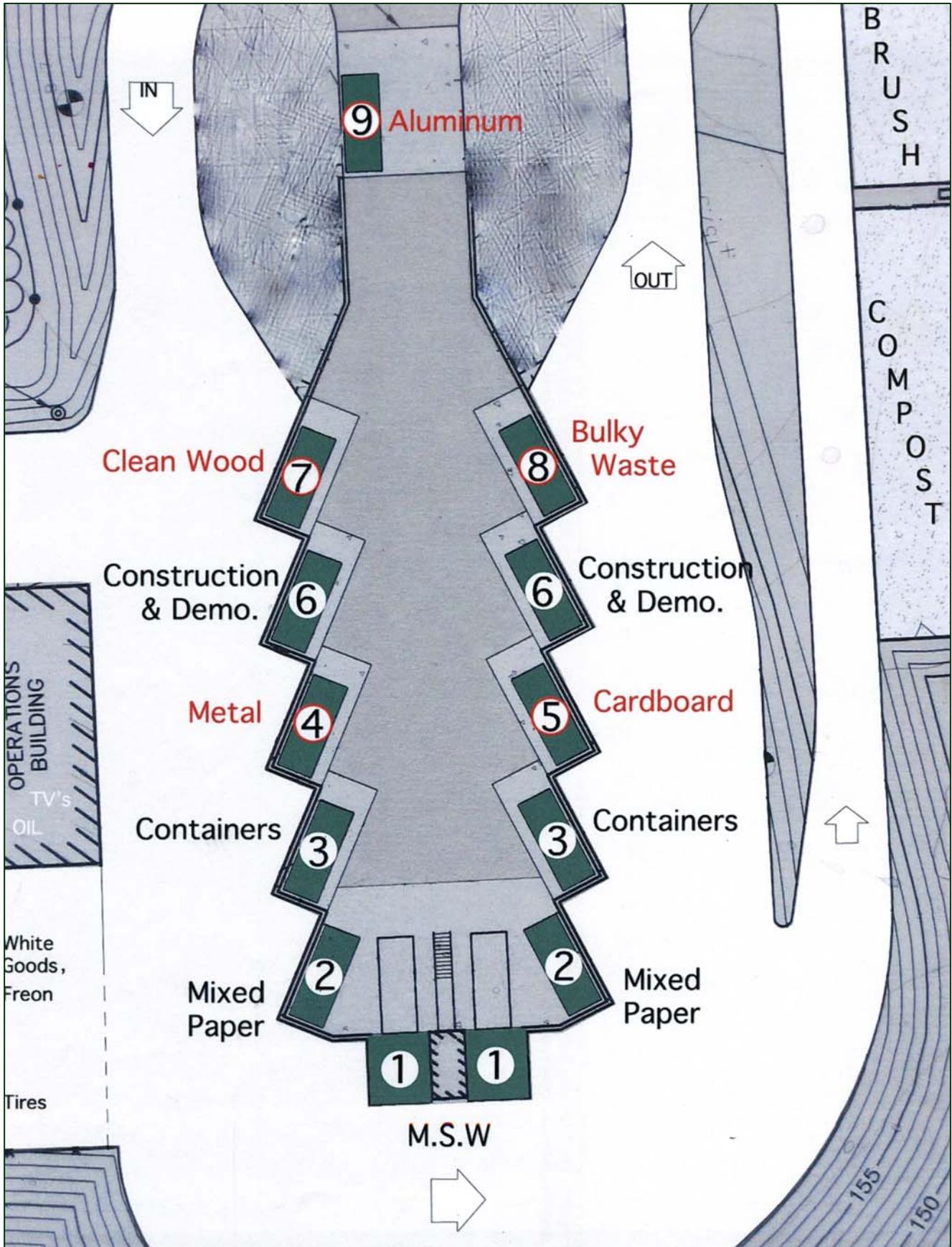
Brush

Heavier landscape material such as woody branches over ¼” in thickness; and logs and trees if no more than 4 ½’ long and 8” in diameter. Brush is either chipped on site (last year at a cost of \$3,000 per visit)

Please do not mix together loads of compost and brush. Each material must be placed in the proper area!

EARTH DAY FUN FACTS

- Earth Day is a relatively new holiday and was first celebrated on April 22 in 1970. More than 20 million Americans participated in this first Earth Day celebration.
- April 22 is the first official day of spring in the Northern hemisphere and of fall in the Southern hemisphere and was chosen to be Earth Day for this reason.
- Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to watch a TV for three hours - its equivalent to half a gallon of gasoline.
- Never underestimate the importance of recycling; if every newspaper was recycled, we could save about 250,000,000 trees each year. Unfortunately only 27% of all American newspapers are recycled.
- The energy we save when we recycle one glass bottle is enough to light a traditional light bulb for four hours.



OGUNQUIT, ME 2009 TRANSPORTATION AND DISPOSAL COSTS				
Description of Waste	Container Size	Packing Method	Disposal Method	Price
Paints and Varnishes	Flex Bin	Bulk Packed	Fuels Blending	\$ 375.00
Organic Liquids, Flammable Liquids and Solvents	55 gallon	Consolidated	Fuels Blending	\$ 134.00
Resins, Adhesives & Non Processable Flammables	55 gallon	Bulked	Incineration	\$ 268.00
	Flex Bin			\$ 958.00
Aerosols	55 gallon	Consolidated	Incineration	\$ 268.00
Chemicals: Oxidizers, Acids Bases	5 gallon	Lab Packed	Incineration	\$ 100.00
	16 gallon	Lab Packed	Aqueous Treatment	\$ 160.00
	30 gallon	Lab Packed		\$ 225.00
	55 gallon	Lab Packed		\$ 268.00
Pesticides (liquid & solid)	5 gallon	Lab Packed	Incineration	\$ 100.00
	16 gallon	Lab Packed		\$ 160.00
	30 gallon	Lab Packed		\$ 225.00
	55 gallon	Lab Packed		\$ 268.00
Household Batteries (NiCad)	5 gallon	Bulk Packed	Reclaim / Recycle	\$ 90.00
Lithium Batteries	5 gallon	Lab Packed	Incineration	\$250.00
Reactive Waste	Varies	Lab Packed	Incineration	\$ 10.30/lb. \$129.00 min
Mercury	5 gallon	Lab Packed	Stabilization / Recycle	\$ 160.00
Fluorescent Bulbs	Varies	Varies	Recycle	\$ 1.03 /pound
PCB Fluorescent Light Ballasts	Varies	Lab Packed	Incineration	\$ 2.16 / pound \$103.00 min
PCB Contaminated Solvent	55 gallon	Consolidated	Incineration	\$570.00
Asbestos	55 gallon	Varies	Secure Chemical Landfill	\$ 160.00

