

# The New Dump Times

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## Newsletter Debut

*John Fusco, Transfer Station Manager*

This is the first in a series of newsletters designed to inform, instruct, and maybe even amaze you concerning this, YOUR Transfer Station.

Through it we hope to answer some or all of your frequently asked questions (and make it clear the who, what, why, where and how much) of the waste/recycling industry as we know it here in Ogunquit, Maine.

We will use it as a means to inform you of any changes and procedures and as important, why it is being done that way.

We will work for you and would like everything associated with our work to be clear to anyone who wants to understand why things are done the way they are.

As the road goes both ways, we hope you will use this information to help us find better ways to serve you. Our ultimate goal will be to make this little necessity of your life easier on you and us.

## Our Recycling Committee

The Recycling Committee is a group of five Ogunquit residents who are committed to guiding the Town's recycling efforts. Chairman Jeff Porter, Secretary Ron Bergeron and Members Marilyn Eimon, Joan Sakey, Leslie Mathews and Alternate Member Tom Nugent coordinate the Town's efforts to encourage residents and tourists to recycle.

Their activities include managing the barrels around town for redeemable bottles and cans, educating the community about how their efforts help to keep Ogunquit clean and green, arranging for Hazardous Waste Day and working with the Wells-Ogunquit schools to encourage recycling at a young level. New ideas and communication with the committee are welcome and are best achieved by contacting the Town Office (646-5139).

### MATERIAL COSTS

#### Municipal Solid Waste

\$88 per ton plus \$145 per load to haul, plus the assessment\*

#### Construction Material

\$80 per ton plus \$130 per load to haul

#### Bulky Waste

\$49 per ton plus \$165 per load to haul

#### Comingled Containers

\$145 per load to haul

#### Wood

\$50 per ton plus \$130 per load to haul

#### Light Iron

We are PAID \$130 per ton (less \$104 per load hauling fee)

#### Cardboard

We are PAID \$140 per ton\* (less \$165 per load hauling fee)  
\*current market price

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Recycling Committee  
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### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

*We would like to acknowledge the services of Leonard Wyman, former manager of the old dump and very generous contributor of land and advice to the new.*

*Graham Simonds who is in large part responsible for the states of the art facility we have now and for bringing it on line, exceeding all state and federal regulations.*

### SOLID WASTE COSTS

*John Fusco, Transfer Station Manager*

Since most of us have a shared concern for our money, let us begin here.

In the middle column you will see what it costs the Town of Ogunquit to transfer and dispose of the materials you bring to us.

You can see we are paid for cardboard and light metal (note: on page two you will see the definitions of what "light metal" and "cardboard" are, as well as other confusingly monikered materials such as "clean wood"). The biggest cost is associated with household trash, the garbage that goes into those "big green doors". Those costs listed do not take into account the large amount of electricity needed to run the compactor and the maintenance of the machinery.

We will discuss in more detail in a future issue our relationship with ECOMaine (the destination of all that trash). However, for now we will inform you that this is a contractual arrangement. Part of that arrangement is a cost equal to a five year, rolling



average of the amount of waste we bring to ECOMaine or \$55,140 that is the "assessment\*" in the middle column on page 1.

The only way to reduce costs here is to reduce the amount of trash we send ECOMaine. This results in a decrease in that rolling average as well as a decrease in disposal and hauling fees. This is why we charge for waste. Not only to cover costs, but as in my experience, the only effective way to get people to reduce what they bring, or more hopefully, to separate materials that would be less expensive if removed from the garbage bag and placed somewhere else. This is why we encourage recycling.

I once asked someone for a dollar for three large bags of waste and was told that they didn't want to pay that dollar. Noticing that much of what was in the bags were bottles, cans and paper, I pointed out that if those materials were separated out they would not have to pay that dollar. The response was "Well, I don't want to do that either."

Someone has to pay for that 35 pounds worth of waste [an average 33 gallon bag of waste weighs between 10 and 20 lbs.]. Either it comes out of our taxes or it is paid by the person who brings it to the site. This is what is meant by a "User Fee" and we feel it is the fairest way to recover the costs.

If, as our taxes go up, we prefer to know that it is for reasons of necessity and not to subsidize someone else's lack of interest or awareness. That being said, as this is a democracy, we are open to any workable alternative that anyone can come up with.

### **DEFINITION OF WASTE TYPES**

**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 \$145 to haul. Over the year 2009, we hauled 52 loads for a total of \$7540. The average box weighs 10-12 ton. The tipping fee for that waste costs us \$88 per ton (set by contract with ECOMaine and based on the average amount we have brought into the facility over the previous five years. Last year this worked out to 697.95 ton). Last year the cost was \$61,600 for a grand total of \$69,140 including hauling fees.

**Construction and Demolition:** also known as C & D Mixed Demo. This is material such as sheet rock, ceramic (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 ton. Last year we paid \$23,414.40 (\$80/ton x \$227.68/ton plus \$130 x 40 loads).

**Clean Wood:** This is confusing as "clean" does not mean unpainted or without nails; painted or stained wood with nails is okay so long as it is not treated with a chemical process or preservative (examples: pressure treated or creosoted wood). We send our wood containers to Sanford where it is ground for burnable pellets. Last year \$5,343.50 or 70.47tons in 14 loads at \$50/ton; and a \$130 hauling charge /load.

**Bulky Waste:** mattresses, couches, stuffed chairs, plastic chairs, particleboard 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. We have started this new container because ECOMaine is giving us a good deal on its disposal versus the cost of ending it out as Construction & Demolition (\$49 per ton v. \$88.00 per ton).

**Comingled Containers:** otherwise known as bottles, cans, light plastics and (non-plate) glass. Heavier plastic should go into the Bulky Waste container. Heavier metals than cans should go into the Light Metal

container. This material also goes to ECOMaine where it is bailed and recycled. We are not charged a fee to dump (or "tip") this waste.

*\* Please see our new **Bottle & Can building for local non-profit organizations***

**Cardboard:** we have a separate box now for corrugated cardboard; for any cardboard heavier than a cereal box. We are paid much more for this material separated as opposed to when it was 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 that we are separating this material because the market price is higher. In the month of March 2010 we were credited \$140 per ton.

**Mixed Paper:** newspaper, magazines, light cardboard (cereal boxes, paper rolls, etc.), books, etc. This is also sent to FCR Goodman. Last year, in a poor market, we received \$1,174.60 in credits on 226.68 tons in 46 hauls.

**Hazardous Waste:** we will address this subject in detail in the next issue.

## **NOTICE**

**We will be returning to our summer schedule on May 1, 2010**

### **OPEN**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>7:00am – 2:00pm</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7:00am – 2:00pm</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7:00am – 2:00pm</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>7:00am – 2:00pm</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>7:00am – 2:00pm</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>7:00am – Noon</b>

**Closed Thursday**

