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New Trash Policies For Cranberry Isles

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The Town of Cranberry Isles has switched to “Zero Sort” trash disposal!!! This means that we no longer have to sort our household trash and recycling into separate bins. The new facility we are now using (Fiberight, or **Coastal Resources of Maine** in Hampden) is able to sort out recyclables from the trash stream with high accuracy and capture of recyclable materials. This should increase our rate of recycling since the system is designed to capture a minimum of 80% of recyclables that are in the waste stream.

Starting July 1st, you can bring your clean trash from your home in the same bags or container. You can still keep recyclable items separate if that works for you. However, you no longer have to sort them into separate categories. It will all go in the same bin with the household trash at the transfer stations. Separating the recycled items and household trash will be done for us at the new facility.

We cannot accept the following items in the household trash:

Tires, Large Pieces of Sheet Plastic, Large Tarps, Rope and all previous Demo items, and of course hazardous waste.

We also cannot accept any textiles at this time.... this means clothing and shoes as well. These can go in demo.

Our categories are now:

Household Trash (includes Recyclable materials), Returnable Beverage Containers with Maine Deposit, Demo and Metal. Separate roll-off bins are provided at each transfer station for the 4 categories. Aluminum food and non-deposit containers can still go in your household trash, for recycling. The distinction between these containers and items we've always put into the metal bin has not changed.

We still do not accept food waste in the trash at any of the Cranberry Isles transfer stations. This rule is our own rule/policy regardless of the processing abilities at the Fiberight facility. Our transfer stations are not equipped to deal with this for obvious reasons, so keep doing backyard composting. We also prohibit yard waste, which is not accepted at the new Fiberight facility.

We are still recycling!!

The changes are that we can now put all recyclables and trash in the same bin. The separation process at the new facility will actually increase recycling rates overall. Many of the specific items that we used to put in the trash and will now need to go in demo were not supposed to be there in the first place, we just got away with it over the years.

There will be a stricter policy for this going forward.

Please call the Cranberry Isles Town office (244-4475) or BCM, Inc. (276-5766) with any questions.