

## What is changing Sept. 1, 2019?

Two things are happening September 1.

1. Curbside trash and recycling pickups are being consolidated to a weekly "All-In-One" collection.
2. The City's Pay As You Throw system is moving from orange bags to orange tags.

## Who will these changes affect?

These changes apply to households that place trash curbside for pickup by the City.

## Why is the program changing?

The technology of the new Coastal Resources of Maine advanced waste processing and recycling facility in Hampden allows us to significantly increase the City's recycling rate while simplifying the curbside collection process for residents.

## What is All-In-One collection?

Also referred to as commingled collection, residents put all waste and recyclables into the same container and place it curbside for weekly collection. There will be no extra bi-weekly recycling pickup.

## How will this increase recycling?

Trash and recycling will be sorted on site by Coastal Resources, which will recover, recycle, and convert up to 80% of the wasted materials thrown out each week. Marketable recyclables are pulled out, and recovered parts of trash will be converted into ethanol and biogas; plastics will be converted into "briquettes" that can be used for fuel; and solubilized food waste is processed through anaerobic digestion.

## When do I start using the tags?

September 1, 2019.

## How much do the tags cost?

Tags are \$2.00 a piece, so each sheet of 5 tags will cost \$10.00.



## Where will the tags be sold?

Most stores that currently sell Brewer orange bags will sell the tags. Tags will also be for sale at Brewer City Hall and the Library.

Aubuchon Hardware	Big Apple (both)
Brewer City Hall	Brewer Public Library
Hannaford	Paradis Shop n Save
Tiller & Rye	Tozier's Market
Walgreens	

## When will tags be available?

Tags will be available in stores and at Brewer City Hall and the Public Library starting August 19.

## How do I put a tag on a bag?

The tags are stickers and are about 7" long by 1.5" high. You remove the backing and wrap the sticker around the neck of the garbage bag and stick the two ends to each other like this:



## What kind of bag do I use starting September 1?

The size, type, and quality of bag is up to you. The bag and its contents must be manageable by the collection workers, i.e. weigh 40 pounds or less.

## What do I do with my recycling?

Because the new Coastal facility recycles and converts up to 80% of the all of the material it receives, there is no need to separate out "recyclables" from trash. All items you want to dispose of will go in bags affixed with official Brewer tags.

## How will bulky cardboard fit in a bag without it tearing?

Cardboard, if neatly stacked and bundled, can be placed alongside properly tagged trash bags, and it will be picked up weekly, free of charge.

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## What do I do with my trash and recycling between now and September 1?

Residents must continue to use official Brewer orange bags for their trash through the end of August. The City's contractor, Pine Tree, will continue to collect recycling every other week through August.

## What if a bag does not have an official tag after September 1?

Pine Tree will only pick up bags with official Brewer orange tags and neatly stacked cardboard. They will also continue to collect official Brewer orange bags until residents use up their stock.

## What if I still have orange bags on September 1?

No worries. Pine Tree will continue to pick up orange bags. Official Brewer orange bags do not need a Brewer tag.

## Can I put a tag on a trash barrel or container?

No.

## Can I put my bags in a trash barrel to keep animals away?

Yes. But every bag in the container must have its own Brewer tag affixed to it.

## How often will it be picked up?

Collection will take place weekly on the same days that pickup currently takes place.

## Will this change cost me more since what I recycle will now need to go in bags?

We do not think so; in fact, we expect the majority of residents will see a savings since a \$2 tag will be able to get you 50% to 100% or more volume than under the current program and cardboard will be collected free, if neatly stacked.

## What if my trash item does not fit into a bag?

The only item not required to be in a bag with a tag is cardboard, which should be flattened, neatly stacked, and placed alongside your tagged bag(s). If you have other items that do not fit in a bag, you may be able to dispose of them at the Brewer Landfill. Visit [www.brewermaine.gov](http://www.brewermaine.gov) for hours of operation and a list of items the landfill will accept.

## Unacceptable Items

The following items are not allowed curbside:

- Demolition and construction debris
- Tires, car parts
- White goods
- Tree stumps, logs
- Dead animals or other infectious waste
- Waste oil, lubricants or fuels
- Hazardous materials or universal waste
- Stove and fire ash

See a complete list at [www.brewermaine.gov](http://www.brewermaine.gov).

For further information, please contact  
Brewer Public Works at  
207-989-7800  
or visit the City's website at  
[www.brewermaine.gov](http://www.brewermaine.gov)

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# Trash and Recycling Changes

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**Sept. 1, 2019**

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