Eastport Recycles QUESTIONS ABOUT RECYCLING

Q: Do I have to be an Eastport resident to recycle here? Both Eastport and Perry residents use our facility.

Q: When and where can I drop off my recycling? This winter (2015-2016), we are open on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. until noon, at the Eastport Public Works area on County Rd. 190. **Please leave recyclables ONLY when the Center is OPEN!**

Q: Do I have to pre-sort? No, but It **really** helps speed the process if you do and cuts down on the need for extra volunteers.

Q: Should I cut off the plastic spout on milk and juice cartons? No, but please remove caps AND <u>rinse and flatten</u> containers.

- Q: Should I remove labels from **glass containers**? It is not necessary.
- Q: Should I wash the containers? YES. The glass must be clean, empty, and unbroken.
- Q: Should I remove lids? Yes.
- Q: What about the plastic or metal rim ring that remains when the cap is removed (like on mayo or olive oil jars)? It is not necessary to remove the rings.
- Q: Should I remove labels from **food cans**? It is not necessary.
- Q: Should I rinse the cans? YES, please. Clean and empty is good.
- Q: Do you accept lids from the cans? Yes. For the safety of the volunteers handling the cans, a good option is to put the lid inside the can and fold in the sides or flatten the can.
- Q: Should the cans be flattened or crushed? It is not necessary; it is helpful, and we can accept a greater volume if cans are flattened or crushed .
- Q: Should I remove tops and rim rings from redeemable bottles? It is not necessary.
- Q: Should I crush my <u>redeemable</u> aluminum beverage cans? No.
- Q: Should I flatten my redeemable 1 gal. plastic water jugs? No.
- Q: Who gets the money from the redemption recyclables?

The city has a line for recycling revenue. The idea is to offset the cost of recycling and/or use toward purchase of recycling supplies.

- Q: Some **liquor bottles** don't have redemption information on them. Where do they go? Chances are they are imported glass and will not earn money back. Empty, rinse, remove lids, and put in with the regular glass.
- Q: Are the **2 gal. water containers**.redeemable? If you do not see the ME refund print on the container, the item is NOT redeemable. Instead, It can go in with the #2 plastics.
- Q: Why is **shredded paper** a good idea? It has a higher market value.
- Q: Do you accept plastics? YES! See the Categories page.
- Q: Do you accept **styrofoam peanuts**? The packaging depot in Calais will reuse CLEAN peanuts. Our volunteers will get peanuts to Calais if you cannot.