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# **COVID-19 Daily Update 4-14-20**

## **GOVERNOR MILLS EXTENDS STATE OF CIVIL EMERGENCY**

As the State continues to respond to COVID-19, Governor Janet Mills today signed a proclamation extending Maine's state of civil emergency for another thirty days through May 15, 2020. The original state of civil emergency was scheduled to expire tomorrow, April 15, 2020.

A state of civil emergency places Maine on highest alert and allows Governor Mills to deploy all available state resources to protect the health and safety of Maine people and to take every action she reasonably deems necessary to help respond to and protect against the spread of COVID-19 in Maine. It also eases Maine's access to critical federal aid to boost response efforts.

"I wish this proclamation was not necessary, but the continued spread of the virus demands a sustained response by the State," said Governor Mills. "There will be difficult days and weeks ahead, but I am confident that Maine people will continue to step up to meet this challenge, just as we have in the past, and together we will get through this. For now, I continue to urge Maine people to do their part and stay apart. This is the best way we will defeat this virus and protect the state we all know and love."

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## **Staying Home = More Waste, More \$\$\$ Recycling = Less Waste, Less \$\$\$**

With time on our hands, and families home together, this is a great time to organize recyclables, and learn new habits that we can continue when life returns to normal. The fewer bags that go "over the log" the more we all save – individual households, and all the taxpayers of Vinalhaven.

As you know, we have had single-stream recycling for well over a year, and most of us are putting our cardboard and obvious items in the recycling bin.



**Please check the Town website or Facebook page daily – updates are posted by 7 PM. You can email questions to [VHEOC@townofvinalhaven.org](mailto:VHEOC@townofvinalhaven.org). This community is a special place and together we will get through this!**

## How about setting a goal for the family to recycle ALL recyclable items?

### Ideas

Assign a “watcher” to look over the trash bag once or twice a day to “catch” and remove anything that can be recycled. Set a prize for the best finder!

Work as a team to make your trash bag smaller than your recycling pile.

### Here's the Short List of What Can be Recycled with Single-Stream

Rigid plastic containers, with lids attached

Metal containers, such as soup cans

Glass jars and bottles

Newspaper, office paper, scraps of paper, cereal boxes

### What CAN'T be Put in the Single-Stream Recycling Bin

Plastic bags, even if they have a number on them. But you can save them and drop them off at many big box stores on the mainland (Hannaford, Lowes, Walmart). They don't take up much room (they stuff well), and they're light to carry if you're walking on the ferry

Metal that didn't have food in it, like metal wire and pieces of scrap metal. These can go in the metal pile.

Waxed cardboard (You can tell if it's wax by scraping your finger on it. Wax will come off. Bait boxes have wax, milk cartons don't.)

Styrofoam

Bubblewrap and bubblewrap mailers

The complete list of dos and don'ts is included on the next page and can be downloaded at [www.townofvinalhaven.org/sites/vinalhavenme/files/uploads/ssvh-howtoflyer\\_0.pdf](http://www.townofvinalhaven.org/sites/vinalhavenme/files/uploads/ssvh-howtoflyer_0.pdf)

Not sure if something can be recycled? *“When in doubt, throw it out!”* Or even better, keep it aside and check with the transfer station attendant, from six feet away!

Look for information about food scraps and composting on Sunday!

*As always, please contact the EOC with your questions and for assistance. Subscribe to “Town Alerts” on the Town's website to automatically receive Daily Updates in your inbox.*

# HOW-TO GUIDE



# for Single-Stream RECYCLING

Single-Stream is EASY! Everything goes in one bin – NO SORTING! Follow this guide to make sure ONLY recyclable materials get put into the recycling bin.



## Plastic

must have #1-#7 symbol on it  
be rigid (no plastic bags, plastic wrap, etc.)  
be a container  
empty and rinse



**Yes** ✓

milk & juice jugs  
detergent bottles  
food containers  
all rigid containers  
marked #1-#7

**No** ✗

plastic bags! (shopping, frozen food, zip-lock, animal feed, soil, etc.)  
bubble-wrap, shrink-wrap  
plastic envelopes  
to-go cup lids



## Paper Cartons

empty and rinse, remove plastic caps

milk & juice cartons  
drink boxes  
aseptic containers

wax-coated  
paperboard



## Cardboard & Mixed Paper

must be clean and dry  
(no greasy-gross pizza or food boxes)

all clean cardboard  
paperboard boxes  
newspapers, mail  
catalogs, paper bags  
office paper, envelopes  
wrapping paper, books  
phone books, clean  
paper plates, shredded  
paper (in clear bag)

wax-coated card-  
board  
shredded paper  
that's NOT in a  
clear plastic bag  
(bag gets sorted out  
by hand at recycling  
center)



## Glass

jars and bottles, all colors  
empty and rinse (if containing solids)  
remove caps

clear & colored  
glass bottles & jars

window glass



## Metal

tin and aluminum  
empty and rinse

tin cans  
aluminum cans & clean  
non-balled-up foil  
empty aerosol cans  
(cooking spray, paint, etc.)  
pots & pans, jar lids

scrap metal  
regular paint cans  
gas cylinders of  
ANY size

Still not sure what gets recycled? Ask the WasteWatchers Team! [islandwastewatchers@gmail.com](mailto:islandwastewatchers@gmail.com)

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