There have been changes in the way we collect recycling in Lamoine effective July 1, 2011. This flyer will help make sure the right materials go to the right location to cut down on solid waste costs and increase recycling efforts.

**Cardboard**

The tall container next to the privy is now used to collect corrugated cardboard. **Please flatten out the cardboard boxes, as it costs us a LOT to haul this container to Coastal Recycling.** ONLY CORRUGATED CARDBOARD, no cereal boxes and the like (those go with mixed paper). If you have a question, check with the transfer station attendant who can also assist with flattening!

**Mixed Paper/Paper Board**

Office paper of all colors, junk mail envelopes and cereal boxes are now all mixed together in the same bin, next to the cardboard bin in the large container. This includes shredded office paper, and envelopes. If you can remove staples, that would be very helpful. Paper towel cores and other paperboard boxes also go in this section.

**Plastic (#2 Only)**

We can accept only the #2 plastic at this time. That includes milk jugs, laundry detergent jugs, and similar items. Check the recycling symbol on the container. If it’s a # other than “2”, it goes in the regular trash. Please place these in the trash can in front of the plastic bin – the attendant will put the correct one in the bin so the load is not rejected.
**Newspapers & Magazines**

Anything made of newsprint can go in this container. Please remove any foreign objects (plastic ties, strings, etc.) before placing the old papers in the bin. If you have paperback books, they can be placed in the swap shop (our unofficial town library!)

**Metal Cans**

If you could rinse out the cans, that would be fabulous (and certainly less gross!). Toss the cans (with or without labels) into the container. Please, no paint cans with paint still in it, that’s hazardous waste which we cannot accept. More on hazardous waste later.

**Glass**

Clear glass is recyclable, though it's not worth very much at this time. Please rinse out glass jars, you can keep the labels on the. Toss them in the bin (be careful if it breaks). Before you toss it, check to see if it’s a returnable beverage container, as those go in the 1st building as you come into the station and the proceeds benefit non-profits operating here in town.

**Returnables**

That soda bottle is worth a nickel. A wine bottle 15-cents. Don’t want the money? We have a program where non-profits get the proceeds for the returnables left in the first building each month. Just drop them there. (If you have a non-profit group in Lamoine, check the town’s website for information on how to easily cash in on this program – [www.lamoine-me.gov](http://www.lamoine-me.gov))

**The Swap Shop**

It’s like a free yard sale, but we’re kinda picky. If you have an item that still has some use, check with the attendant before leaving it here. If you see something you like….take it, it’s free! Please, no electronic equipment (that’s not legal), no clothing, no mattresses, and NO TIRES!

**Hazardous & Universal Waste**

We cannot accept electronic waste – it contains mercury which is dangerous. You may dispose of these items (TV’s, computers, monitors, etc.) at Coastal Recycling in Hancock (there is a fee). Occasionally, there is a collection day for such items. We are also unable to accept any hazardous wastes (oil, paint, pesticides, oil, antifreeze etc.) Annually there is a collection day for these materials. Check with the town hall for the next date.