



Town of Oxford

**TRANSFER STATION
&
RECYCLING CENTER
69 & 89 Smith Road
Oxford, ME 04270**

To: Residents and Taxpayers,

We have had several improvements done this year. A new sign was put in at the entrance to our transfer and recycling center. A cement wall was installed to replace the wooden wall around the transfer station entrance, thank you to our highway department for doing the installation, and I am happy to report, by replacing the wooden wall with cement, we not only saved roughly \$5000, but we have a wall that will last much longer. The recycling bailer also had improvements and repairs which are expected to extend the lifetime of the bailer another two to three years. Thank you for your patience during these improvements.

I am again recommending that the bucket loader be replaced. Repairs have become extremely costly. We considered reallocating the Highway Department's loader, but it was determined it would not reduce costs as their loader had more hours than ours. It is crucial that we replace the loader as soon as possible or the repair costs will continue to increase.

I am also recommending several improvements to our facility. Installing a new heat pump in the recycling building, the one in the transfer building has proven to reduce overall heat costs, replace the three overhead doors in the transfer building, repair the cement at the demo loading site which has become a safety issue, and paint all three buildings, last year the bids came in higher than the funds we had allocated.

I am pleased to report that the amount of recycling is up this year. With that said, please remember to recycle all cardboard if possible. Only extremely wet cardboard shouldn't be recycled. Recycling cardboard and #2 plastic pays top dollar and saves us from paying a tipping fee at the incinerator.

Thank you to everyone for continuing to dispose of your trash and recycling responsibly to keep our town clean and our budget reasonable.

Ed Knightly

Recycling & Transfer Station Manager