

Unity Area Regional Recycling Center
95 Leonard Road
Thorndike, ME 04986-3319

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WHO WE ARE

Founded in 1991, the Unity Area Regional Recycling Center is owned by nine member towns. These towns are Brooks, Dixmont, Freedom, Jackson, Knox, Montville, Thorndike, Troy and Unity.

OVERVIEW

Our goal is to reduce the amount of trash entering into the solid waste stream. The UARRC is where participating towns and residents bring recyclable materials, including Universal Hazardous Waste and Mixed Electronic Waste.

Residents of member towns use the Recycling Center at no additional cost. Residents of nonmember towns may purchase an annual membership for \$10.

\$SMART DOLLARS

The UARRC collects and sells recyclables. This is \$SMART as it conserves tax dollars. When recyclables are thrown out in the trash it costs towns (tax money) and residents (trash stickers and their property taxes) to haul away and dispose of the trash. Fewer recyclables in the trash means less cost to haul away AND the more recycled, the greater the return when they are sold.

This is \$SMART.

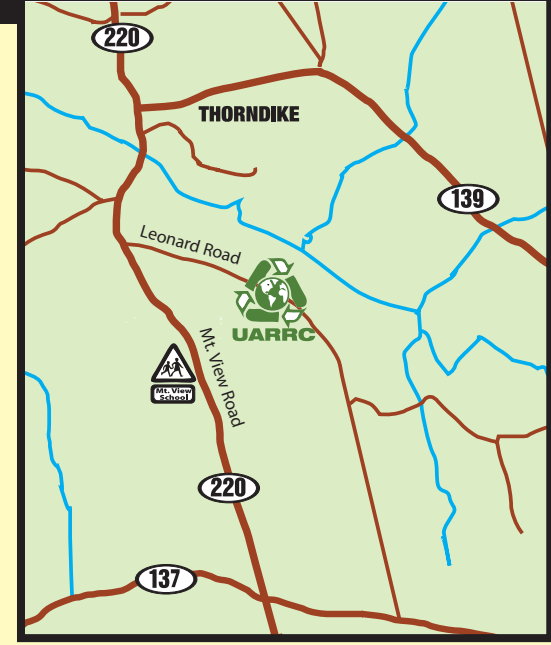
MONETARY VALUE

2008 was our best year yet! We shipped the following amounts at averaged prices:

- 90 tons of newsprint at **\$149** per ton totalling **\$13,410.**
- 87 tons of corrugated cardboard at **\$121** per ton totalling **\$10,527.**
- 13 tons of all plastics combined at **\$646** per ton totalling **\$8,398.**
- 20 tons of all steel cans at **\$200** per ton totalling **\$4,000.**
- 15 tons of white office paper at **\$320** per ton totalling **\$4,800.**
- 30 tons of mixed paper at **\$77** per ton totalling **\$2,310.**

In looking at these numbers, it's \$mart to sort our white office paper separately. Above represents \$43,445, the majority of revenue for 2008.

After the initial drop in market price, we saw prices rise steadily in 2009, and more importantly we continually shipped out significantly more tonnage. With the acceptance of new materials combined with increasing prices and tonnage, we anticipate increased revenue in the coming years.



WHERE WE'RE LOCATED

95 Leonard Road, Thorndike

MONDAY - FRIDAY
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

SATURDAY
8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

For more information call:
207-568-3117

RecyclingCenter@uninets.net
www.UARRC.com

Volunteers are always welcome and needed.
Volunteers are requested to work a minimum of
2 hours per commitment.

Everyday is Earth Day
Please Recycle.



MATERIALS ACCEPTED
Sorted as follows:

PAPER		
WHITE OFFICE PAPER		
YES		NO
✓	white office, envelopes without plastic windows	
✓	colorized white (e.g. when torn can see white fiber)	
	wet	✓

MIXED PAPER/LOW GRADE PAPER		
YES		NO
✓	true colored paper (e.g. when torn see colored fibers)	
✓	junk mail, envelopes with plastic, glossy paper, heavier stock papers	
✓	cereal boxes, cracker boxes, gift boxes, shoes boxes, paper egg cartons	
✓	magazines & catalogs	
✓	phone books, textbooks with covers removed	
	waxed (e.g. juice carton, ice cream)	✓
	wet	✓
	Kleenex, paper towels, napkins	✓

NEWSPRINT		
YES		NO
✓	newspapers (all newspaper contents)	
✓	glossy advertising and coupon papers	
	wet	✓

CORRUGATED CARDBOARD		
YES		NO
✓	boxes (very fine to large corrugation)	
✓	feed bags (no plastic liner)	
✓	brown paper bags	
	waxed	✓
	wet	✓

Accepted materials are subject to change.
Contact UARRC with questions.
207-568-3117

PLASTICS		
#1, #3, #4, #5, #6, #7 PLASTIC		
YES		NO
✓	bottles, jars and containers using screw top design	
✓	labels on, rings on permitted	
✓	items need to be clean	
✓	clamshell containers (e.g. strawberry, cherry tomato container)	
✓	plastic egg cartons	
✓	plastic containers numbered #3, #4, #5, #6, #7	
	#6 polystyrene (styrofoam like) meat trays	✓
	dirty	✓
	caps	✓
	plastic bags	✓

#2 NATURAL PLASTIC (SEMI-CLEAR)		
YES		NO
✓	jugs (e.g. milk, water, vinegar, windshield washer fluid)	
✓	labels on, rings on permitted	
✓	items need to be clean	
	dirty	✓
	caps	✓
	motor oil, pesticide or hazardous waste	✓

#2 COLORED PLASTIC (SOLID WHITE OR COLORED)		
YES		NO
✓	bottles (e.g. laundry detergent bottles, bleach containers)	
✓	labels on, rings on permitted	
✓	items need to be clean	
	dirty	✓
	caps	✓
	motor oil, pesticide or hazardous waste	✓

- TIPS:
- 1- All accepted items need to be sorted separately as indicated.
 - 2- May place “newsprint” and “mixed paper” items in brown paper bags.
 - 3- Compost bins available for sale at UARRC for food waste and garden clippings. Contact UARRC for more information.
 - 4- For towns with curbside pickup, make sure contents are visible, use clear bags and/or open boxes. Keep paper items dry.
 - 5- Curbside pickup only for paper, plastics, glass and metals. No curbside pickup of Universal Hazardous Waste (UHW).
 - 6- Put milk jugs on a string
 - 7- All recycling should be clean and dry.
 - 8- Materials are sorted/packed by hand. Please be considerate.

GLASS		
BOTTLES AND JARS		
YES		NO
✓	all colors	
✓	canning jars	
✓	items need to be clean	
	dirty	✓
	broken glass	✓
	drinking glasses	✓
	vases, bowls, cookware	✓
	chemical bottle (e.g. water test kits)	✓

METALS		
TIN/STEEL		
YES		NO
✓	food cans (labels permitted, helpful to remove both ends and flatten)	
✓	items need to be clean	
	dirty	✓
	empty paint cans	✓

ALUMINUM		
Non-magnetic (e.g. soda can)		
YES		NO
✓	food and beverage cans	
✓	some cat food	
✓	pie and roasting pans	
✓	items need to be clean	
	dirty	✓
	tin or steel	✓

ALUMINUM FOIL		
YES		
✓	foil seals on jars	
✓	flat or rolled into ball	
✓	items need to be clean	

UNIVERSAL HAZARDOUS WASTE		
Contains toxic components.		
YES		NO
✓	batteries (all types, including automobile, rechargeable)	
✓	ink and toner printer cartridges	
✓	TVs	
✓	computer monitors	
✓	computers	
✓	all mercury containing devices. PLEASE use caution handling mercury, it is a poisonous heavy metal! (e.g. fluorescent bulbs, thermometers, thermostats, automotive switches, some antiques - pendulum clocks, barometers, silvered mirrors and vases)	
	curbside pickup	✓
	Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) (liquids e.g. solvents, paints, cleaners)	✓
	pesticides	✓
	gas	✓
	oil	✓

MIXED ELECTRONIC WASTE		
E-Waste – needs to have circuitry to function, may have LCD display or time clock		
YES		NO
✓	coffeemakers with timer	
✓	printers	
✓	keyboards	
✓	microwave ovens	
✓	fax and copy machines	
✓	portable radios	
✓	telephones (all phones)	
	coffeemakers with on/off switch	✓
	toasters	✓
	fans	✓
	vacuums	✓
	hairdryers	✓

OTHER		
Currently not accepted.		
		NO
	food waste	✓
	grass clippings, leaves	✓
	furniture (e.g. brown goods: exercise equipment, lamps)	✓
	construction debris	✓
	scrap iron	✓
	appliances (e.g. white goods: large appliances - clothes dryers and washers, dishwashers, refrigerators, freezers, stoves)	✓
	tires	✓
	trash	✓