

## WASTE REDUCTION/REUSE/RECYCLING RESOURCES

### ***RECYCLING***

#### Hatch Hill Solid Waste Facility

This facility, on Route 105 in Augusta, accepts most of the usual types of residential recyclables – newspapers and magazines (mixed), steel cans, clear glass jars, #2 clear plastic (milk jugs), and corrugated cardboard. It also accepts white goods, scrap wood and scrap metal in the recycling area of the facility. It accepts leaves in its composting area.

You need a permit to use the facility (\$15 for a two-year residential permit) and you must pay a tipping fee of \$30/ton for residential recyclables (the minimum charge is \$3). There is no tipping fee for leaves, and the resulting compost is free as well.

The facility also accepts consumer batteries and small electronics for no fee. On the City of Augusta website ([www.ci.augusta.me.us](http://www.ci.augusta.me.us)), see *city departments/solid waste/documents/battery recycling* for a list of what is included in this service.

Hatch Hill also has a broader universal waste program that includes TVs and computer monitors, computer accessories, mercury thermostats and thermometers, fluorescent bulbs, etc. The fee for TVs and computer monitors is \$10. For the fee schedule for other items, on the City of Augusta website ([www.ci.augusta.me.us](http://www.ci.augusta.me.us)) see *city departments/solid waste/documents/Universal Waste 2006*.

#### Other options

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| Computers and accessories              | Goodwill  |
| Ink cartridges                         | Staples Rewards program – \$3 credit for each (up to 10 cartridges per month)   |
| Dell computers                         | Staples   |
| Rechargeable batteries and cell phones | <a href="http://www.calltorecycle.com">www.calltorecycle.com</a> - drop-off sites:<br>Staples<br>Target<br>Best Buy<br>Home Depot<br>Lowe's<br>Radio Shack<br>Sears |

E-waste (all types, larger quantities) [www.earth911.org](http://www.earth911.org) (identifies collection sites)  
[www.greendisk.com](http://www.greendisk.com) (a recycler)

- CDs & DVDs, diskettes, and their cases
- Video and audio tapes and their cases
- Inkjet and toner cartridges
- Cell phones, pagers and PDAs
- Cords, cables, mice, printed circuit boards
- Computers, monitors, and peripherals

[www.epa.gov/epawaste/consERVE/materials/ECYCLING/index.htm](http://www.epa.gov/epawaste/consERVE/materials/ECYCLING/index.htm) (general info)

Compact fluorescent light bulbs Any retailer that sells them will take burned out bulbs (NOT broken ones)

Plastic grocery bags Hannaford and Shaw's Supermarkets (though reusable bags are preferable)

## ***REUSE***

Computers and accessories Malcolm Glidden American Legion Post 163 refurbishes old computers and gives them away to needy families. Contact John Potter Jr., 590 Turner Ridge Rd., Palermo ME 04354

Cell phones Family Violence Project (cell phones not distributed to clients are recycled as a fundraiser)  
For more info contact Jaime at [jaimeg@familyviolenceproject.org](mailto:jaimeg@familyviolenceproject.org) or 623-8637 ext. 302.

Plastic grocery bags, egg cartons Farmers' market vendors

Plastic newspaper sleeves Some newspaper carriers (ask your carrier whether he/she accepts them for reuse)

Miscellaneous items [www.freecycle.org](http://www.freecycle.org) This is an on-line swap shop (the closest group is in Augusta)

Styrofoam peanuts The Mailing Center, 126 Western Ave., Augusta  
(shopping center where Shaw's is located)

## ***REDUCTION***

Catalogs [www.catalogchoice.org](http://www.catalogchoice.org) Sign up to stop catalogs that you don't want.

## ***OTHER***

Unused prescriptions Rite-Aid and Community Pharmacy (in Randolph IGA) have free mailers as part of the state program to reduce unsafe disposal of unused prescription drugs.

Household hazardous waste

1) There is a permanent collection facility in Lewiston (Western Maine Environmental Depot) that takes HHHW on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays from April through November (for a fee). For more information, see the facility's flyer at [http://www.avcog.org/documents/Facility\\_Flyer\\_2007.pdf](http://www.avcog.org/documents/Facility_Flyer_2007.pdf) or go to their website at <http://www.envdepot.com/>

2) Periodically the depot in Lewiston also hosts collection days at various locations around the state. The schedule is posted on the State Planning Office's waste management/recycling website at <http://www.maine.gov/spo/recycle/docs/hhw/2009%20HHW%20Schedule%209-8-09.pdf>

3) There is a new FREE program of the Board of Pesticides Control for drop-off of banned or unusable pesticides. For more information, go to <http://www.maine.gov/agriculture/pesticides/public/obsolete.htm#par>