



# **Gardiner Recycles!**

## **Really? Yes. Really!**

### **And it's about to get easier.**

**As of July 1, 2009, all haulers offering regularly scheduled trash pickup in Gardiner must also offer recycling – to both residential *and* non-residential customers.**

- Haulers must be licensed by the city. Licensed haulers are listed on the city's website.
- Do your part – use a licensed hauler!
- Haulers must offer recycling to all customers – residential, commercial, schools, etc.

#### **Residential customers must be offered recycling for:**

- Clear glass • steel cans • newspapers • phone books • magazines and catalogs • corrugated cardboard • #2 clear (milk-jug) plastic.
- Haulers may choose to offer recycling services beyond those that are required.

#### **Non-residential customers must be offered recycling for:**

- Newspapers • phone books • magazines and catalogs • corrugated cardboard.
- Haulers may choose to offer recycling services beyond those that are required.

*(These lists may be expanded this summer.)*

**If you don't want your recyclables to be thrown away with your trash, you *must* follow your hauler's instructions for preparing them for pickup!**

- At least once every six months, your hauler must provide you with a list of recyclables that will be collected and a collection schedule.
- The list must include a description of how the materials must be prepared for collection (whether to rinse, how to sort and bundle, etc.)
- Haulers may choose where they take collected recyclables for processing, and different processing facilities have different requirements. Follow your hauler's instructions!

#### **Failure to recycle costs you money.**

- The City of Gardiner spends \$92,000 per year in tax money to give haulers and residents access to the Hatch Hill Solid Waste Disposal Facility in Augusta for trash and recyclables.
- That cost could increase if we do not get serious about recycling.
- Haulers pay a per-ton tipping fee to Hatch Hill for trash and recyclables. The tipping fee for trash is much higher than the tipping fee for recyclables.
- The more you recycle, the less trash you generate.
- Recycling will help your hauler keep down the fees it charges you!

**For more information go to**  
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