

Howdy folks,

We are recycling more than last year but that was not in our contract. Rita and I are doing it just because we wanted to. We take IAH refuse to the town of Stonington and it is quite a bit cheaper for IAH if they in turn haul off our refuse as recycling rather than as garbage. And, overall, we get to put more out for collection if it is separated: we are still limited to one bag of garbage but recycled materials do not count against that limit. So, please help us help you, the planet and the town of Isle au Haut!

Please separate your recycling in the following manner: metal (including aluminum foil) goes in one container; Glass goes in another container. Broken glass should be taped up in cardboard and put in the trash. China goes in the trash after being secured in a manner that, if broken, it will not cut anything else. We do not take liquor bottles. I was doing that

for a while but it turns out to be too expensive for the town.

Corrugated cardboard gets separated from non-corrugated, cereal box type cardboard. Magazines and newspapers get bundled together. Catalogs are bundled separately. All bundles get tied securely enough that they won't come undone when being tossed around.

#2 plastic goes in its own container. All other plastics, if they have a triangle, go in a separate container. If it doesn't have a triangle it goes in the trash. Please remove the caps and lids and throw them in with your garbage.

Please crush your plastic bottles and, if possible your cans too, to reduce the volume. Volume is a much more limiting factor than weight when it comes to transporting these items off the island.

We appreciate every effort you make to improve refuse disposal.

As a community service reminder, burning plastics creates hydrogen cyanide and burning many other household products creates other toxic gases. These gases not only move into the atmosphere but some are also heavier than air and can move rapidly along the ground. Garbage removal is paid for through our taxes so we might as well just put it out for collection. That way some of it will be reused, some of it will be burned cleanly to create electricity and some will end up in lined pits for future archeologist to discover and make thoughtful guesses as to how life was lived thousands of years ago!

Thanks again, Rita and Alvah