

RECYCLING CENTER UPDATE
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The purpose of this update is to correct some misinformation that has been circulating with regard to Recycling in Canaan. Recently, we have received a number of inquiries from residents who are concerned that recycling was going to be discontinued in Canaan.

First, we would like to assure all residents that **recycling will continue in Canaan.** What has been under review and discussion for the past few months has been converting to a dual stream recycling model for our Transfer Station. Recyclables will still be accepted at the Transfer Station. The only change is that they will be sorted into two recycling containers, one for paper and cardboard and the second for all other recyclables. One of the objectives of switching to this model is to increase recycling by making it easier for residents to recycle.

This decision is based on a series of discussions which started in July with regard to how best to proceed with recycling efforts given long term industry trends and overall market conditions. It is the opinion of the Transfer Station Manager that the long term trend in recycling is toward dual and even single stream models for community and regional recycling. The basis for this trend is to make recycling easier for folks so they will recycle more.

At issue presently is whether to make additional improvements to the Transfer Station to support our current mode of recycling or convert to the dual stream model now. With no guarantee that we could recover additional costs for improvements to maintain our current recycling model and after reviewing how we could lower operating costs and potentially increase recycling community wide it seemed a prudent course of action for the Board to pursue the dual stream model.

We anticipate making the changeover to dual stream recycling in the next few weeks. If you have any additional questions or would like more information, please call 523-4501 X 5 or email town,admin@townofcanaannh.us. We hope you have found this update helpful and encourage all residents to recycle and keep operating costs low to help reduce taxes.

The Canaan Board of Selectmen