

China Transfer Station

Acceptable Items

Transfer Station Hours:
Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday - 7am-5pm
Saturday - 7am-3pm
CLOSED Sunday, Monday & Thursday
Telephone: (207) 445-2014, option 2

All materials **MUST be clean and empty or they will be rejected (at Attendants discretion).**

Tin & Aluminum Cans:

All tin and aluminum cans are acceptable. They must be clean and empty. These can go into the green wooden box labeled "Tin/Aluminum Cans" located in the far right bay of the recycling center.

***At this time aluminum foil is not acceptable.**

Cardboard:

Corrugated cardboard is acceptable. It must be clean and empty. This means that greasy pizza boxes are not acceptable. Styrofoam, bubble wrap, and any other fillers must be removed from cardboard prior to recycling. There are two cardboard cans located by the hopper. There is an additional cardboard can located at the recycling center. The largest bay of the recycling center holds the cardboard compactor, you may bring large loads of cardboard to this bay to be unloaded.

***Cereal boxes and paperboard CANNOT be recycled with cardboard. This must go into the mixed paper bin at the recycling center.**

Glass/Ceramic/Porcelain:

Household glass/ceramics/porcelain are acceptable. They must be clean, empty and all metal or plastic lids must be removed. These can go in the green wooden box labeled "Household Glass" in the far right bay of the recycling center. ***For larger items please consult with an attendant.**

Newspaper:

Clean newspapers are accepted. They must be clean and free of any animal droppings, pine shavings, etc. These items can be put into the gaylord labeled "Newspaper" in the far left bay before the cardboard bay.

Mixed Paper:

Magazines, soft cover books, paperboard (cereal boxes), office paper and phone books are acceptable. Plastic lined paper such as ice cream containers or paper cups cannot be recycled. We also cannot take shredded paper (this can be composted). All items must be clean and free of any animal droppings, pine shavings, dirt, blood, mucus, etc. These items can be placed in the gaylord in the middle bay labeled "Mixed Paper".

#2 & #5 Plastics:

#2 & #5 Plastics are acceptable and may include but are not limited to: milk jugs, juice jugs, laundry detergent jugs, yogurt containers, food storage containers and household cleaning containers. It is important that all of these materials are clean and empty to prevent contamination issues with our bales. The plastics are located in the middle bay of the recycling center. The cans are labeled "#2 Clear, #2 Colored & #5 Plastic". These items are baled so there is no need to crush them prior to bringing them in. If you have a large load of these please consult with an attendant and they will put your items directly into the baler.

***Please be sure you are ONLY dropping #2 or #5 plastics. We cannot recycle #1, 3, 4, 6 or 7 at this time. These must be taken out to ensure bales are clean for processing and not rejected at recycling.**

Compost:

We can take food scraps, wood chips, horse manure, goat and rabbit manure, leaves, dairy items (milk, cheese, yogurt etc.), eggshells, and shredded paper. We cannot compost plastics, sticks, Styrofoam, bones, or any debris. If using compostable bags, please make sure they are "home use" or "home compostable". Some are for industrial composting sites and will not break down at our facility. "If it grows it goes."

Batteries:

Batteries are accepted clean and in a sealed clear plastic bag. We can take single use and rechargeable batteries, cell phones, and power tool batteries. A single battery cannot be larger than 10" by 7" or more than 11 pounds. We cannot accept "wet cell" batteries such as car batteries. If any battery is broken, bulging or shows signs of corrosion please place those in a separate clear bag and label "Corrosive".

Thermometers and Smoke Alarms:

All thermometers and smoke alarms must be recycled and cannot be thrown in any trash or demo area. In some areas it is illegal to throw these items away as they have small amounts of radiation or mercury, which can be toxic and must be disposed of properly. Please see an attendant to recycle. If any item is broken, please place it inside a clear sealed plastic bag and give to an attendant.

Light Bulbs:

We can recycle compact, u-shape and circular fluorescent lamps; electronic ballast; high intensity discharge (HID) lamps; LED lamps; neon lamps; PCB and non-PCB lamp ballast; shatterproof and other specialty lamps; and straight fluorescent lamps. If any item is broken, please place inside a clear sealed plastic bag and give to an attendant. There is a small charge depending on the type and size of bulb. See the user fee schedule for pricing.

Electronics:

We can recycle monitors, televisions, copiers, printers, scanners, fax machines, laptops, CPUs, and UPSs (battery backups). Each item has their own price for disposal which can be found on the China Maine website under Transfer Station user fees. Most items are \$8-25 depending on item. Keyboards, mice and speakers are considered demo and can be disposed of in Demo 1 after fee is paid.

Toilets and Porcelain Sinks:

We can take broken, cracked, or intact toilets, porcelain sinks, and tubs. These have a fee of \$5. Please see an attendant for directions on where to

place these items. Please remove seats and any other hardware when applicable.

Paint:

We partner with PaintCare to recycle many types of paints. Interior and exterior architectural paints: latex, acrylic, water-based, alkyd, oil-based, enamel (including textured coatings), Deck coatings, floor paints (including elastomeric), Primers, sealers, Stains, Shellacs, lacquers, varnishes, urethanes (single component), Waterproofing concrete/masonry/wood sealers and repellents (not tar or bitumen-based), Metal coatings, rust preventatives, Field and lawn paints.

We cannot accept:

Paint thinners, mineral spirits, solvents, Aerosol paints (spray cans), Auto and marine paints, Art and craft paints, Caulking compounds, epoxies, glues, adhesives, Paint additives, colorants, tints, resins, Wood preservatives (containing pesticides), Roof patch and repair, Asphalt, tar and bitumen-based products, 2-component coatings, Deck cleaners, Traffic and road marking paints, Industrial Maintenance (IM) coatings, Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) (shop application) paints and finishes.

***Containers that are leaking or empty, and containers without the original printed manufacturer's label are not accepted at retail drop-off sites.**

Returnables:

We accept all returnables, glass, plastic and aluminum, bottles and cans. We have two cans available at the recycling center for loose returnables. If returnables are prebagged, please leave near the two cans and make sure bags are tied. We cannot accept crushed or broken returnables in this area. Broken glass can be dropped at the glass recycling bin and crushed cans can be placed with in the tin and aluminum can box.

Apparel Impact Clothes Recycling:

We partner with Apparel Impact to recycle clothing. All clothing, accessories, shoes, sheets and blankets are accepted. All items must be clean, damage and stain free and contain no bad odors. Please place all clean items in a plastic bag and in the white bin by the express lane cans.

Tires:

We can only take passenger vehicle tires which are off the rim. We cannot take large truck, tractor or semi tires. Tires cost \$5 per tire. We can take damaged tires such as a blowout or punctures.

MSW (Municipal Solid Waste) Household Trash:

All household trash should be placed either in the express lane cans or in the main hopper on the top of the hill. The express lane is ONLY for use for one or two bags. If you come in with more than two bags please dump into main hopper. Household trash is formed from items daily placed in generic kitchen trash. This can include but is not limited to non-recyclable food wrappings such as #1,3,4,6 and 7 plastics, plastic coated paper such as juice containers, plastic wrap, plastic bags and some plastic/paper cutlery items. No demo of any kind is permitted in the MSW hopper. This creates issues with the company we send our trash to. Our loads can be rejected if there is demo in our trash and returned to us and must then either be sorted through or landfilled. Each time we must handle trash, demo, recyclables, or any item costs the town money.

Food waste can be placed in MSW, however we are working towards removing as much food waste from our system. Food waste can be recycled with our composting system. This helps bring the cost of trash removal down. Food waste is turned into compost which we offer at no cost for residents with a placard.

Demo:

Demo is considered anything that is not found in your kitchen trash. This includes but is not limited to any wood debris, vacuums, soiled or ripped clothing, rugs, toys, asphalt or wood shingles, phones, shoes, shelves, tables, concrete, drywall, pots and pans, holiday decorations, fire extinguishers, brooms, pillows and blankets, foam or Styrofoam, mattresses of any kind and size, car parts, appliances, etc. Any demo item is a minimum charge of \$5. Larger quantities must be weighed on the scales at 10 cents per pound for China and Palermo residents with a valid placard. All China and Palermo residents must have a placard to receive 10 cents per pound. If an non-resident is doing work in China or Palermo,

please stop at the town office for a transfer station pass. No demo debris is permitted in the main hopper, cardboard bins or the express lane.

Brush:

We take all types of brush, no processed materials for building or landscaping. No pressure treated lumber, no nails, rope, or other materials can be in the brush. We cannot take anything 12 inches or more in diameter, anything smaller is fine. All brush must be weighed at 2 cents per pound on the scale for China and Palermo residents with placard. We cannot take brush from out of town.

Metal:

All types of metal are accepted and free of charge. Carbon Steel, Alloy Steel, Stainless Steel, Iron (Wrought or Cast), Aluminum, Copper, Brass, Bronze, Tin, and Lead are all acceptable. Please stop and see an attendant before dropping any metal off, we separate some types out for different recycling methods such as copper, aluminum and lead.

Propane tanks:

We take all types of propane tanks including steel and aluminum 1lb-100lbs. 1-pound tanks are \$1 apiece, 5-20lb tanks are \$5 per, 30-100lb tanks are \$25 per tank. Large tanks must have the protective cover or cap over the valve. Tanks can have some rust and dents. Please see an attendant for disposal and placement for storage.

Freon Units (refrigerators, ACs, dehumidifiers):

All units with freon must be recycled properly and cannot go into the main hopper (household trash), any demo area, or metal. Each unit costs \$15. Please see attendant for proper placement of units. All refrigerator units must be CLEANED with no remaining food items. If you have a unit with the freon removed, please see attendant for proper disposal method.

Waste Oil:

We accept waste oil at our facility. This oil helps to heat part of our facility at very low cost. We can take petroleum or synthetic oil, hydraulic oil, diesel, and transmission oil. We cannot take brake fluid, antifreeze, cooking

oil, contaminated water, gasoline, and chemicals of any kind. Please leave uncontaminated waste oil in closed non-leaking containers in the left garage door area at the main hopper. If you have any questions, please see an attendant.

Wire:

We accept all forms of wire, plastic coated is ok. Extension cords, power cords, house wire, auto wire, etc. is all taken. Please see an attendant for recycling.

Sand:

Our sand is available to **China residents only**. Palermo residents and non-residents are not permitted to take any sand. Sand is available 2 buckets per household per storm for China residents with placard. Only residents of a property can receive two buckets of sand per storm. If you have a rental property in China, the residents of the property must come and get buckets, or you must use an outside source to sand your rental properties. If you have multiple properties not used for renting in China, please stop at the town office for special permitting. We do not currently allow residents to take more than 2 buckets of sand to help neighbors, sand multiple or other's properties even if the property is in China. Placards are required to use the sand. If you cannot come to get your own buckets or know someone who cannot, we have a Sand for Seniors program set up with the Masonic Hall in China. Please contact the town office or the transfer station for details.

All items can be paid for with cash, credit or check. Receipts are given out with each transaction. Items must be paid for at the time of weight or determination of the fee. We cannot 'post', hold, or extend payment past the time of price determination. Please come to the Transfer Station with funds available anytime an item other than household trash is brought.

Free for the Taking

Please stop and see an attendant before dropping ANY ITEM off as there may be a fee associated with the item. We must charge for some items when dropped off at the Free for the Taking Building as insurance for disposal fees. If these fees are not covered by the person dropping the item off, town funds must be used to dispose of the item.

Free For the Taking Rules as follows:

- China & Palermo residents only
- Must have placard to enter or use this area
- Please stop and see an attendant before leaving items
- No broken or dirty items
- No car seats
- No electronics
- No encyclopedias
- No light bulbs of any kind
- No mattresses or box springs
- No worn, ripped, or stained furniture
- No chemicals of any kind including pool chemicals and antifreeze
- No food of any kind
- No weapons of any kind including guns and knives
- No underwear, no dirty ripped or stained clothes
- No worn out shoes
- No ACs or refrigerators

When snow falls and winter is upon us, we cannot leave bulky items outside overnight for crew safety and plowing hazards. For this reason, bulky items that cannot fit inside the building must be removed and placed in DEMO at the end of the day.

Looking to volunteer somewhere...contact Karen Hatch klhatch57@gmail.com and she will gladly add you to the schedule. She is always looking for assistance with organizing all the donated items.