

## **Merry Dumpster Report**

Vienna's total 2019 trash disposal was 219.75 tons; we recycled 42.44 tons, which is a total of curbside pickup, recyclable drop off at the transfer station, and our bulky pick up days. These tonnage figures do not include the Universal waste which is also considered toward our recycling percentage.

Some specific items that we recycled as part of the Bulky Pickup which also includes Universal Waste:

6 tons of metal  
66 televisions  
17 computers, monitors, printers  
4.45 tons of tires

2019 was our first full year of Single-stream recycling and our recycling tonnage was reduced by HALF, this may be due to contaminated loads that were rejected and disposed of as trash.

It is absolutely essential that the rules be followed for what can and can't be recycled. The recycling is being picked up by Riverside Recycling, is taken to Norridgewock Land Fill, and from there EcoMaine Recycling is picking it up. Every load is inspected as it is dumped at Norridgewock and the WHOLE load will be rejected if there is any unacceptable material in the load.

We are still recycling the same materials: **paper, glass, cardboard, metal, plastic (not plastic film/bags or styrofoam)**

In order to avoid having all of Vienna's recycling rejected, Please remember:

**ABSOLUTELY NO PLASTIC BAGS or FILM or BUBBLEWRAP (such as SaranWrap®, shrink wrap) – ONLY HARD PLASTIC AND NO STYROFOAM.**

EcoMaine has a great tool to answer specific questions about what can and can't be recycled. Here is the link to it: **[ecomaine.org/recyclopedia](http://ecomaine.org/recyclopedia)**

2020 Bulky Pick Up dates are: May 4, July 13, and October 5.

There are three curbside Bulky Pick Up days every year. Universal Waste (batteries, florescent tubes, mercury items, computers, televisions, electronics, and printers) are collected on the bulky days;

Vienna has done a great job in the past and the Merry Dumpsters thank all the loyal recyclers and composters. Please remember to check the EcoMaine website for what can and can't go in Single-stream. Let's work to clean up our recycling so that it won't be rejected at the drop off!

Respectfully submitted  
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