

Universal Waste Collection Day



Saturday, August 17, 2024 8am-Noon at the Penobscot School

66 N Penobscot Rd, Penobscot, ME 04476



See the list below for acceptable items and the cost to the town. Your donation by cash or check to the Town of Penobscot at the event will help cover the costs.

Monitors/TVs (flat or CRT)	No charge
Printer/Fax/Scanner/Hard Drive	No charge
CPUs and Laptops and Cell Phones	No charge
Misc. (speakers/keyboards/chargers/mic)	\$0.15 per pound
CFL/U/Circle light bulbs (no broken bulbs)	\$0.50 each
High intensity discharge light bulbs	\$1.50 each
UV flourescent, tanning light bulbs	\$2.50 each
Halogen/incandescent light bulbs	\$0.25 each
PCB ballast/transformers	\$1.65/lb
Non-PCB ballast/transformers	\$0.20 per pound
Lead acid batteries (i.e: car battery)	\$0.10 per pound
NiCad/NiMH/Alkaline batteries	\$0.95 per pound
Lithium-ion including tool batteries	\$1.50 per pound
Button batteries: lithium, mercury, silver	\$4.00 per pound
Battery sorting	\$0.35 per pound
Smoke detectors	\$10.00 each
Mercury devices (thermostats etc)	\$8.50 per pound (intact only)
PCB ballast/transformers	\$1.65 per pound

Devices can be erased for a fee: \$8 per computer, \$15 per serial device, \$20 per cell phone. **A tech workshop will be held August 14th from 2-4pm** at Penobscot United Methodist Church to help advise residents on how to erase their own devices.

The **Universal Waste Collection Day for Penobscot** is being organized by the Selectboard and the Penobscot Recycling Group to give residents a local option for getting rid of batteries, TVs, Computers, light bulbs, and mercury containing items. These items contain lead, lithium, and cadmium as well as mercury, and are required to be recycled or disposed of in ways which prevent contamination of the environment.

Currently everything which goes into the trash compactor at the Penobscot Transfer Station is being taken to Juniper Ridge Landfill in Alton, Maine. **According to the Bangor Daily News, the PERC facility which used to burn our trash to generate electricity has not been fully functional since 2017.** PERC stopped taking trash from towns over a year ago. Eagle Point Energy Center (EPEC) now owns the plant and "looks to restart operations in early 2025," according to their website. Since we pay by the ton for disposal and trucking, **whatever we do to keep trash out of the compactor helps our bottom line.** The Penobscot Community School is helping by sending food waste to be composted, and recycling paper, metal, and glass. Sorting and proper handling of waste benefit our health and planet. **Keeping lithium batteries out of the compactor can prevent a dangerous and costly "dumpster fire!"**

If you read the table on the reverse, you will see that some items are free to bring, while for others the town will need to pay an additional cost of disposal. **Please consider a donation by cash or a check made out to the Town of Penobscot on collection day to help cover the expense.** Our volunteer staff would be happy to have your help unloading items from cars for all or part of the four-hour event. **Contact the Town Clerk if interested at (207) 326-4364 or email: penobscottownclerk@gmail.com.** Thank you for your participation!

WE CANNOT ACCEPT broken, leaking, or liquid items; our volunteer staff will not be dressed in Hazmat suits! Also, NO PAINT and NO PESTICIDES. **This event is for Penobscot residents, no commercial loads accepted.**

To see where you can recycle other items in and around Penobscot, **check the Town of Penobscot website** for our PENOBSCOT RECYCLING OPTIONS table or pick up a copy at the Town Hall.

We look forward to seeing you at the collection day on August 17th!