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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Brush Disposal to Reopen at Biddeford Recycling Center; Curbside Brush Pickup to End After Week of April 13**

BIDDEFORD (April 10, 2020) — With modified procedures in place to safely continue operations during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Biddeford Recycling Center is set to reopen additional services next week.

Beginning on Monday, April 13, Biddeford residents can resume disposal of brush, leaves, and grass clippings at the Biddeford Recycling Center located at 371 Hill Street. Large item disposal will continue to be available for residents only. Contractors are asked to seek alternative methods of disposal of waste and brush until further notice.

With brush disposal services resuming at the Recycling Center, the temporary curbside brush disposal program for storm damage will be ending after the week of April 13, 2020. During the final week, residents who would like to use this service must place their brush at the curb by their regular trash pickup time. Any brush that is not placed curbside by a resident's trash collection time will not be eligible for free curbside pickup.

"We hope that this curbside pickup program has been helpful to residents who needed to clean up damage from wind and storms during the last few weeks," said Jeff Demers, Public Works Director. "Now that we have established procedures for safely reopening the Recycling Center for additional services, we ask that you bring all brush to our facility as you normally would."

Large item disposal at the Recycling Center reopened for residents on April 3, 2020. Public Works staff members have minimized person-to-person contact during the disposal process in order to practice appropriate social distancing measures. Residents are asked to place proof of residency on a table, where a staff member will check it without touching it.

"Please be patient with us and expect possible delays as we work through these new procedures. It is important for us to keep both our staff and our community healthy while continuing to provide these important services," Demers said.

During this period of limited service, the Recycling Center's hours of operation are Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Items that are collected in the City of Biddeford's curbside recycling program, such as cardboard and newspaper, will still not be accepted at the Recycling Center at this time. For more information, please visit [www.biddefordmaine.org/recyclingcenter](http://www.biddefordmaine.org/recyclingcenter).

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