

Trash Disposal Guidelines

Disposal of household trash on Bustins is not handled the same as that at home. Here the trash is lifted several times before it gets to its final destination on the mainland.

We are fortunate to have Islanders willing to do this job. Because of their commitment, the Island saves money. They lift the bags from each cottage onto the Island truck. Then they lift the bags into trash cans which they wheel off the Island onto the Lilly B and transport to South Freeport, where they are unloaded, again by hand, into an awaiting truck for removal.

We need your cooperation because we are experiencing some problems. Here are a number of things to do to make the job easier and more pleasant for the workers:

Use heavy-duty bags. Do not overfill. Please use more than one bag if needed.

Limit each bag's weight to approximately 25 lbs. and make sure it is securely closed. If a bag is too heavy, it will be left and the cottage owner will be responsible for its ultimate disposal.

Compost food waste when possible. A solar digester system/composting system has worked well for a number of islanders.

Dispose of only household trash.

No construction or contractor generated debris such as large cardboard boxes, packing materials, shingles, broken window glass, or any other construction debris. These are the cottage owner's or contractor's responsibility to remove and dispose of properly. NOTE: Bustins property owners may obtain a Freeport transfer station permit at resident rates by showing their tax bill.

Bury fully extinguished wood ashes or spread them on your garden.

Absolutely no liquids, chemicals, or lead acid batteries. (One of our trash handlers recently had acid splashed onto his clothes.) Take these off the island for proper disposal.

No large items (mattresses, cribs, folding chairs, etc. even if they are cut up or broken down.) NOTE: From time to time, the Overseers may schedule special pick-ups for these types of large items.

Please recycle. There is a "silver bullet" depository at the store in So. Freeport near the French School for this purpose, or take recyclables home with you.

Please help our trash handlers. Remember, the trash pickup at your cottage is for household trash only.

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