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Trash Disposal Policy

Disposal of trash on Bustins is not the same as most municipalities. The isolation of the island requires unique handling and significant manual labor.

The Island hires personnel to pick up trash bags from each cottage by hand, load them into trash bins by hand, which are then hand loaded on and off the Lilly B in South Freeport, and then the garbage truck that meets the boat. This level effort, intensity, as well as limited capacity on the Lilly B, requires that we have limits on the volume and weight of trash that can be removed from the Island.

The following regulations are meant to provide a system for fair removal of normal household trash each week from Bustins while not over taxing our personnel or the Lilly B.

Weekly pick up of trash will be limited to household trash only. Trash bags will be picked up from each cottage every Sunday between May and October (Monday pickup on holiday weekends). Any changes to this schedule will be posted at the Store porch. **Absolutely no liquids, chemicals, or hazardous materials are to be disposed of in weekly trash bags.** Large cardboard boxes, packing materials, shingles, broken glass, or any other construction materials are the responsibility of the cottage owner to remove from the Island in an appropriate legal manner. NOTE: Bustins Island property owners may obtain a Freeport transfer station permit at resident rates by showing their tax bill at the town hall.

Regulations:

- Each cottage is allowed two bags of trash to be picked up each week. The bags should not weigh over 25 pounds each. Please use heavy-duty bags and tie each bag securely. Bags with excessive weight will be left for the cottage owner to redistribute for future pick up.
- It is strongly suggested that boxes be torn up into smaller pieces and any plastic bottles, cans and milk jugs be crushed before putting them into the trash bags. The volume and weight of waste is a significant issue, your assistance in this is greatly appreciated.

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- If the Island resident wishes to donate their returnables to the Freeport Rotary Club, please place them in a distinguishable bag from the household trash, and/or in a bag marked with a big R.
- Currently Bustins does not have an effective way to handle recyclable waste. Islanders (owner/family/guests/renters) are encouraged to bring their recyclables off island. Recyclables disposal is available at the following locations in Freeport:
 - West Street Fire Barn (West Street, behind police station)
 - Hunter Road (in front of Public Works Garage)
 - Transfer Station/Recycling Ctr (100 Hedgehog Mtn. Road)
- The BIVC strongly encourages composting of appropriate food waste whenever possible.
- The Island will have periodic Large Trash Pick-ups (typically every 3-5 years). The special disposal times will allow for the removal of furniture and other large items that would otherwise be difficult to remove from the Island. There may be fees on certain items.
- The BIVC recognizes that at times the two-bag limitation per week will not be sufficient for some households. We also recognize that various travel schedules will not allow for trash to be put out only on Sundays. As such, the associated trash fee schedule is for those events.

All questions or concerns regarding the trash disposal policy should be directed to the BIVC Overseers. Please email overseers@bivc.net