



TRASH, RECYCLING & COMPOSTING INFORMATION FOR BEARS CROSSING COMMUNITY



Please follow these instructions to dispose of household trash, recycling, and food scraps.

1 BRING TRASH, RECYCLING, AND COMPOSTING TO THE WASTE DISPOSAL AREA ON POLAR BEAR NORTH.

Bears Crossing does not have trash pick-up service. Instead, there is a waste disposal area for residents' use. This is located on Polar Bear North, which is the first street on the right after entering the community. The waste disposal area has a trash compactor, large recycling bin, and a metal ash disposal can. Food scrap composting equipment is located to the left of the compactor, along the right-hand side of a garage-like building. These facilities are video monitored.

2 USE THE TRASH COMPACTOR TO DISPOSE OF HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE ONLY.

The trash compactor may be used for disposal of household waste. Simply open the door and place trash bags inside. Make sure the door is closed and secured when you're done for the protection of bears and other local wildlife. Disposal of furniture, electronics, building materials, paint, or other hazardous waste is not permitted. To dispose of other items, contact the [West Dover Transfer Station](#) at 802-464-9965. In accordance with [Vermont law](#), food scraps may not be discarded in trash or landfills. Please see composting instructions (Item #5). For safety reasons, ashes should NEVER be placed in the trash or trash compactor.

3 HANDLE ASHES WITH CARE.

Did you know that ashes can burn for several days after you think the fire is out? When cleaning out a fireplace, place ashes in a non-burnable container. Bring them to the waste disposal area at Polar Bear North, and discard them in the metal can marked "ASH." Do not leave ashes on decks or porches, or empty them into trash bags.

4 PLACE ONLY RECYCLABLE MATERIALS IN THE RECYCLING BIN.

Vermont recycles containers, cardboard, and paper. Please rinse recyclable containers clean. They don't have to be perfect—just free of most residue. Do not place styrofoam, drink cartons (e.g., milk, juice, pouches, etc.), or black plastic in recycling. There is no current market for these materials. Plastic bags are not recyclable and must not be put in the recycling bin. When transporting recycling to the waste disposal area in a plastic bag, please empty recycling into the bin and place the empty bag in the trash compactor. Collapse and fold all cardboard boxes for recycling. If the recycling bin is full, follow posted instructions. Never leave recycling or trash outside the dumpsters. Find complete guidelines on the [state of Vermont's website, Vermont.gov](#).



Bears Crossing's waste disposal area is on Polar Bear North.

5 USE THE COMPOSTER TO KEEP FOOD WASTE OUT OF LANDFILLS.

[Vermont state law](#) bans disposal of food scraps in trash or landfills. According to the state's website, this includes:

- Parts of food items that are typically discarded rather than eaten (e.g., peels, rinds, cores, eggshells, seeds, pits, coffee grounds, loose-leaf tea, and fats/oil/grease).
- Food that was not finished (i.e., plate scraps or leftovers that went bad).

Please do *NOT* compost bones, paper towels, cartons, plastic produce bags, stickers on produce, or coffee filters. Bears Crossing's Jora composting tumbler is located next to the small garage-like building in the waste disposal area on Polar Bear North. Follow the below steps to use it:

- #1 - Check our Community's "[What to Compost](#)" signage.
- #2 - Separate compostable waste from regular trash.
- #3 - Add these scraps *only* to the bin that is unlocked.
- #4 - Add an equal volume of wood shavings from the metal can below the composting tumbler.
- #5 - Close and lock the bin door.
- #6 - Spin the tumbler around to mix up the contents.

6 PLEASE LEAVE NO TRACE WHILE ENJOYING OUR WOODLAND COMMUNITY.

For the protection of wildlife neighbors and for the preservation of our beloved corner of the Green Mountain National Forest, we ask owners and guests to avoid leaving trash of any kind outside. Always ensure the compactor, composter, and recycling bins are properly closed and secured after use. Please don't litter or leave behind any trace of your time in Bears Crossing in common areas, like the pool/patio, clubhouse, trails, and tennis court, or on private property. *This includes pet waste.* Only homeowners and long-term renters are permitted to have dogs in the community. Dog owners must clean up pet waste in yards, common areas, wooded paths, roads, and on the Ski Home Trail. Pet waste violations are subject to fines. Pet waste bag dispensers are posted on woodsheds on [Brumms Way](#), [Cub Ridge Lane](#), and in the [waste disposal area at Polar Bear North](#). Thank you for helping to keep our community clean and beautiful.