



TOWN OF GREENBUSH NEWSLETTER

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STATE OF MAINE BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES NEW PINE TREE PLATE ISSUE PROCESS



Beginning May 01, 2025 The Pine Tree License plates will arrive, and the new plate issue will begin. These plates replace any Chickadee plates. There will be 2 Pine Tree Plate options: The Pine Tree Plate, or The NO Tree plate. (see above examples of each plate option).

WHEN: Beginning May 01, 2025 (and will continue through 2026)

WHY: The BMV is replacing all Chickadee Plates (which they do every 25-30 years)

WHEN WILL I GET MY NEW PINE TREE PLATES: Plate issue is based upon your re-registration date

Example: If you re-registered (or did a new registration) between January 1, 2025 – April 30, 2025 you will keep your Chickadee plate until your next re-registration in 2026. If your re-registration date (or new registration) is May 01, 2025 or after, you will be issued a new Pine Tree Plate.

If for some reason you don't like either choice of Pine Tree Plates, you have the option to purchase a Specialty Plate (which is an additional cost each year to your registration fee).

If you like your current Chickadee Plate NUMBER or Chickadee Vanity Plate, you have the option to Reserve the plate number by filling out a form, and sending a check in the amount of \$25.00 to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. Forms are available at the Town office. For more options visit Maine.gov – Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

For those of you who have already reserved your plate by submitting the form and required fee, you should receive a BMV letter and your reserved plate in the mail about 2-4 weeks prior to your re-registration. **IMPORTANT: You must bring BOTH the letter and the plate to the Town Office upon re-registration.**



NEWS FROM GREENBUSH FIRE DEPARTMENT – CHIEF JAMES MCRUM

Burn Permits & Open Burning

As spring arrives, many people will be cleaning up their brush and leaves. If you decide to dispose of these by burning, you need a burn permit, even if you are burning them in a fire ring. The law is written on INTENT, if your intent is to dispose of the leaves or brush, a permit is required. Permits are free and available online. Visit: www.maineburnpermit.com or www.maine.gov/burnpermits then follow the prompts. The Fire Department will be notified if a permit has been issued.

The Maine Department of ACF Maine Forest Service introduced the NEW OPEN BURNING LAWS as of October 25, 2023. According to Sec. .4. 12MRSA 9324, sub – “A person who kindles or uses a recreational campfire may not allow the recreational campfire to exceed 3 feet in diameter on the ground at the base of the fire or 3 feet in height. If the fire exceeds that size, a burn permit is required.”



BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES – VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

VEHICLE REGISTRATION UPDATES:

If you are registering a new vehicle or a complicated registration, please come in **ONE HOUR PRIOR TO CLOSING**. Any new residents must bring their prior registration, 2 forms of proof of residency, current driver's license.

*** The State is seeing more and more people purchasing vehicles from out of state “to get a better deal/price” and some are deemed “complex” registrations. These types of complex registrations will need to start at the Town Office where we will collect the Excise Tax, then the customer will finish the registration at the Bangor BMV. For those who will need to go to Bangor, you can make an appointment online with the Bangor BMV to reduce your wait time.

Tips to registering and re-registering smoothly:

1. **New registrations:** Bring white (previously blue) title application, bill of sale with proof that sales tax was paid, mileage, and insurance card with effective date of the day you are registering or before.
 2. **Bill of sale needs to include the following:** Date of transaction, VIN number, year, make, model, mileage, seller information, with seller address, printed name legible, signature, buyer's name, signature, the amount that you are paying.
 3. **Transferring a registration:** Bring prior registration you are transferring, white (formerly blue) title application, bill of sale, mileage, and proof of insurance.
 4. **Re-registration:** Mileage, insurance card with effective date of the day you are registering or prior day.
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TRASH TALK...INQUIRING MINDS WANT TO KNOW.....

TOWN LANDFILL NEWS

Landfill Opening day will be May 10, 2025 7:30am – 4:30pm. Last season, we were at the end of Phase 1 – prep work to cover and close down the current landfill “hill”. This season we will be opening a new area next to the previous “hill” for landfill waste. Due to the mud season, opening of the new area is to be determined. In the meantime, we will continue to use the existing landfill “hill”. With that said, **NO TRAILERS** will be allowed at this time. Trucks and Vehicles Only. Please stay tuned for updates.

Reminders:

1. **LANDFILL STICKERS:** Landfill stickers can be purchased for \$5.00 at the Town Office or at the Landfill (see Landfill Attendant). You must be a Greenbush Resident. You will need to provide your Name, Address & Vehicle Plate # that will display the Landfill Sticker
2. **HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE:** NO household garbage is accepted at the Landfill. Please place household garbage out at your residence for Friday curbside pick-up..
3. **NO BAGGED UP ITEMS:** Please do **NOT** bag up any items that are being brought to the Landfill. The Attendants **MUST** Visually Inspect & Record all items **BEFORE** you can dispose of them.
4. **OIL:** We will **NOT** be accepting oil at the Landfill
5. **MATTRESSES:** if a mattress can be broken down, please bag material and put out for your Friday Curbside Pick-up. Any metal framed mattresses can go to the Landfill. If unable to break down mattress, a \$20.00 fee – per mattress – will be charged at the Landfill
6. **ITEMS CONTAINING FREON** – Refrigerators, air conditioners, etc will be assessed a \$15.00 fee.
7. **CODE OF CONDUCT:** Please be respectful of the Landfill attendants at all times. Any verbal or physical altercations or anyone found dumping items not approved by the Landfill Attendants may result in immediate revocation of your Landfill privileges. The safety of our staff and Landfill are our top priority.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION
GO TO OUR TOWN WEBSITE:
Townofgreenbushmaine.org**

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
WHEN: June 04, 2025
WHERE: Greenbush Town Hall
TIME: 7:00PM





TOWN ELECTIONS

WHEN: June 10, 2025

WHERE: Greenbush Town Office

Polls Open at 8am & Close at 8pm

****THE TOWN OFFICE IS CLOSED ON VOTING DAYS****



NEWS FROM THE CODE ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT

The Code Enforcement Officer has been very busy with issuing building/electrical/septic permits, and addressing code enforcement violations throughout the town. There have been several ongoing code violation cases that have made their way to court for resolution. Many more code violation cases are being reviewed at the time of this mailing. If you know your yard needs to be cleaned up, be proactive in going to the Town Office and purchasing a landfill permit. This is an inexpensive cost and contributes in showing others that you care about your property and the community you live in. We all take pride in the Town of Greenbush and Thank You for your efforts.

There have also been multiple code violations regarding campers. The town has a Camper Policy which states: A “camper trailer” means a conversion bus, trailer, semi-trailer, manufactured or homemade tent trailer, which consists of a platform shell or box, with means of permanently or temporarily attaching a tent, and primarily designed and constructed to provide temporary living quarters for recreational camping and travel. A camper or travel trailer shall in NO CASE be used as a mobile home or as a permanent dwelling. Temporary use means no more than one hundred and eight days (180 days).

Contact the Code Enforcement Officer, and fill out the appropriate permits, BEFORE you intend to do any building/renovations, electrical or plumbing, add a shed, ect on your property. By having these conversations with the Code Enforcement Officer, this will give you a clear direction for your projects, and potentially avoid costly fines & court fees. The Code Enforcement Officer is in on Mondays 8:00am – 4:00pm.

**You can find more in-depth Code Enforcement information on our website:
townofgreenbushmaine.org**

TOWN OF GREENBUSH WEBSITE – townofgreenbushmaine.org

Our town website holds a wealth of information for you to access 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The website includes, but not limited to;

Board of Selectmen	Code Enforcement	Landfill	Upcoming Town Events
School System	Animal Control	General Assistance	
Recreation Board	Fire Department	Cemetery	
Planning Board	Cemeteries	Dog Licensing	
Board of Appeals	Trash/Recycling	Town History	
Tax Assessing	Fees/Licensing	Town Photos	
Tax maps	Vehicle Registration	Town Calendar	
Tax Commitment	IF&WL –Permits/Fees: ATV/Boat/Hunt/Fish	Fax & Photo Copy Services	Birth/Marriage/Death Certificates

With the rising cost of postage, we have transitioned our newsletter to the online platform only. For those who do not have access to online services, we will still offer a “paper copy” of the newsletter at the town office. If you are unable to travel to the town office to pick up a newsletter, please call 1-207-826-2050 to have a copy mailed to you.



**The Town Office accepts MasterCard, Visa, American Express, and Discover Cards
A 2.5% portal fee will be added to all transactions with a minimum fee of \$1.00.****

