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SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING - IT'S ALMOST HERE!

Starting the week of July 4, 2011, the Town of Farmington will implement single stream recycling. No longer will sorting your recyclables be necessary. To be able to mix all the recyclables (including newspapers, magazines and corrugated cardboard) together is a key part of the new system. All the recyclables will be sorted once they have entered the recycling center.

Residents on the Town's trash collection system will be receiving new large recycling carts to replace the 14-gallon bins that are currently in use. The carts will be 95-gallons for those with 95-gallon trash carts and 65-gallon for those with 35-gallon trash carts. **One important change in the recycling program will be that recycling will be picked up every other week, whereas currently it is picked up weekly.** See the calendar insert in this newsletter to find your pick up week. Your trash will continue to be picked up on a weekly basis.

Through single stream recycling, Farmington hopes to increase our recycling participation, while decreasing the amount of trash collected every week. Trash collection costs more than recycling. So increasing recycling and reducing trash provides a real dollar savings for the Town of Farmington, as well as a better environment for all. Recycling more materials as opposed to just throwing them out in the trash will make a big difference both financially and environmentally for the Town and our residents.

Look for your new cart to be delivered in mid-June. You can start collecting recyclables in the new cart when it arrives, however, please do not place the cart at the street for collection until July. "A" weeks can begin filling the cart the week of June 20th and "B" weeks can start the week of June 27th. Following this schedule will put you on track for your new single-stream recycling schedule. You may keep your existing 14-gallon recycle bin to use inside your home for your recyclables or other home uses. If it is no longer usable, you may drop it off near the oil shed located at Highway & Grounds, 544 New Britain Avenue before August 15, 2011. Please do not place your old recycling bin in your new blue recycling cart. Due to the size and material of the 14-gallon bins, special arrangements will be made to recycle them. Keep in mind, once automated single stream recycling service starts, you will *not* be able to use this recycle bin at the curb for pick-up. All recyclables must be placed in your automated single stream blue recycling cart for collection.

CLEAN AIR-COOL PLANET COMMUNITY CATALYST FUND GRANT

This newsletter was partially funded through the Clean Air-Cool Planet's Community Catalyst Fund. This is a publication of the Farmington Green Efforts Committee. This newsletter helps to further our goal of increasing public awareness and municipal participation in green efforts.

The Town of Farmington thanks you for all your efforts in recycling and we hope that this new program will help you recycle even more!



Recycling collection will occur every other week and Trash collection will remain every

RECYCLING SCHEDULE "WEEK A" STREETS

Apple Tree Lane	Colony Road	Hartfield Lane	Morea Road	Springwood Road
Aqueduct Lane	Colton Street	Harvest Lane	Mountain Lane	St. Andrews Drive
Arwood Road	Cope Farms Road	Hatters Lane	Mountain Road	Stonefield Road
Asbury Hollow	Copper Beech Lane	Heartwood Trail	Mountain Spring Road	Stratford
Ascot Place	Coppermine Road	Henley Commons	Muls Hill Drive	Sturbridge Lane
Ashford Court	Cornerstone Drive	Hidden Oak Drive	Nauset Lane	Suningdale
Atwater Terrace	Country Club Drive	Hidden Spring Lane	New Britain Avenue (1201-1839)	Sunset Drive
Baldwin Drive	Cove Circle	High Street	Newberry Court	Sussex
Basswood Road	Crestwood Circle	Highwood Road	Norfolk Gardens	Sycamore Lane
Beacon Heath	Crosswood Road	Hilltop Road	Northington Way	Talcott Notch Road
Bedford Court	Cutler Lane	Hinchley Wood	Northwoods Road	Tall Timbers Drive
Beechwood Road	Deepwood Road	Hobart Street	Old Gate Lane	Tallwood Road
Belgravia Terrace	Deer Run Road	Horseshoe Lane	Olde Pond Lane	Tanglewood Road
Berrywood Lane	Diamond Glen	Hyde Road	Oxford Road	Taskers Pond
Birch Street	Dogwood Lane	Inwood Lane	Pamela Court	Thatcher Terrace
Birchwood Road	Dorset Lane	Jefferson Street	Paper Chase Drive	Thornwood Lane
Blenheim Terrace	Dunham Lane	Judson Lane	Pearl Street	Town Farm Road
Blossom Road	East Shore Blvd	Junior Road	Peggy Lane	Townsend Road
Boxwood Road	Ellawoods Drive	Kempton Mews	Pembroke Hill	Trotters Glen
Brentwood Drive	Essex Court	Kensington Place	Pheasant Hill Road	Twin Ponds Drive
Briarwood Road	Eton Place	Kent Lane	Pine Drive	Vine Hill Road
Brickyard Road	Exeter Park	Kew Gardens	Pine Hollow Road	Wakefield Lane
Brighton Way	Fable Lane	Knollwood Road	Pinewood Drive	Walnut Farms Drive
Brookshire Lane	Fairlawn Street	Lake Garda Drive	Plainville Avenue (506-902)	Walton Way
Brookside Ridge	Farmington Avenue (898-1593)	Lake Street	Pond Street	Wannomassa Lane
Buena Vista Street	Farmington Chase Crescent	Langley Park	Poplar Hill Drive	Washington Circle
Butternut Drive	Farmington Ridge Drive	Lantern Court	Portage Crossing	Waterville Road
Camp Street	Farnham Way	Laurel Lane	Porter Road	Wells Drive
Candlewood Lane	Fernhurst	Ledgewood Road	Quail Ridge	Wentworth Park
Carriage Drive	Fernwood Lane	Lido Road	Ravine Road	West Side Blvd
Carrington Lane	Field Stone Run	Lincoln Street	Red Oak Hill Road (100-194)	White Circle
Case Street	Fitzwilliam Park	Lindy Lane	Reservoir Road	Whitehall Place
Centerbrook Drive	Garden Street	Litchfield Road	Riverwood Road	Wildwood Road
Champlains Drive	Gillette Way	Littlebrook Crossing	Rocky Ridge Lane	Willow Lane
Chapel Road	Girard Avenue	Lowell	Rosecliff	Wiltshire Place
Chatsworth Place	Gleneagles Drive	Maiden Lane	Rosewood Drive	Winchell Smith Drive
Chelsea Place	Glenmore Drive	Main Street, Farmington (1-149)	Round Hill Road	Windsor Court
Chestnut Lane	Great Oak Lane	Maple Street	Salisbury Way	Winthrop Drive
Chiltern Street	Greencrest Drive	Maplewood Road	Saunders Hill	Wintonbury Drive
Chipping Campden	Griffinville Road	Meadow Road (274-397)	Scott Swamp Road (85-398)	Woewassa Lane
Church Street	Grosvenor Place	Meadowside Drive	Sequassen Road	Woodside Drive
Circle Drive	Hampton Court	Metacomet Road	Ships Oak Lane	Wyndham Lane
Clear Brook	Harold Road	Michael Drive	Somersby Way	Wyndwood Road
Clermont Park	Hart Street	Mill Lane	Spring Lane	York Terrace

week. Your Recycling collection day will remain the same as your Trash collection day.

RECYCLING SCHEDULE "WEEK B" STREETS

Anglers Bend Drive	Cooke Street	Hickory Lane	Northeast Road	Shady Lane
Arbor Way	Cottage Street	Hillside Avenue	Nottingham Blvd	Sherman Avenue
Azalea Court	Crab Apple Lane	Holmes Circle	Nutmeg Lane	Silversmith Road
Balsam Drive	Crescent Avenue	Honeysuckle Drive	Oakland Avenue	Skyline Drive
Banbury Crescent	Cross Creek Lane	Hotchkiss Road	Oakridge	South Main Street
Barberry Lane	Dahlia Drive	Hunters Ridge	Old Canal Crossing	South Ridge Road
Barns Hill Road	Deborah Lane	Indian Hill Road	Old Field Road	South Road
Batt Court	Depot Place	Ingelside	Old Mountain Road	Sparrow Lane
Batterson Park Road	Doris Street	Irene Lane	Old Pinnacle Road	Spruce Drive
Bayberry Circle	Douglas Way	Jefferson Crossing	O'Meara Farm Road	Stonegate
Beech Street	Dunne Wood Court	Jeffrey Drive	Orchard Road	Strawfield
Bella Lane	Dunstable Close	John Steele Road	Overbrook	Suncrest Lane
Ben Court	East Gate Road	Jordan Lane	Parish Road	Sunflower Terrace
Berkshire Drive	Edgewood Street	Julles Court	Pasture Way	Sunset Terrace
Bidwell Square	Elizabeth Road	Juniper Drive	Paul Spring Hollow	Sylvan Avenue
Birdseye Road	Ellen Drive	Keene Place	Paul Spring Road	Taine Mountain Road
Birmingham Circle	Elm Street	Keyes Street	Peachtree Terrace	Terrie Road
Bittersweet Lane	Ely Road	Lakeview Drive	Penfield Place	Thistledown Way
Blackberry Ridge	Extension Street	Larchwood West	Pequabuck Lane	Timber Brook Road
Blodgett Roy Drive	Fairview Drive	Larkins Way	Perry Street	Trumbull Lane
Blueberry Lane	Farmington Avenue (1-860)	Lavender Lane	Petemont Drive	Tunxis Road
Blueridge Drive	Farmington Avenue (1609-1783)	Lexton Drive	Pickett Lane	Tunxis Street
Bonnie Drive	Farmstead Lane	Longridge Court	Pine Tree Shilling	Two Mile Road
Briar Hill	Fawn Drive	Lovely Street	Pinnacle Ridge Road	Valerie Lane
Bridgehampton Crossing	Fienemann Road	Magnolia Circle	Pinnacle Road	Valley View Drive
Brightwood Road	Fir Drive	Main Gate	Plainville Avenue (135-498)	Virginia Lane
Brittany Lane	Firenzi Lane	Main Street - Unionville	Plum Tree Circle	Wall Street
Bungalow Hill Road	Forest Hills Drive	Main Street - Farmington (154-494)	Primrose Lane	Walnut Street
Burke Crossing	Forest Street	Mals Way	Progress Avenue	Webster Street
Burlington Road	Fox Run Road	Maple Avenue - Farmington	Railroad Avenue	West Avon Road
Burnham Avenue	Gail Road	Maple Avenue - Unionville	Red Coat Lane	West District Road
Burnt Hill Road	Garden Gate	Maple Ridge Drive	Red Oak Hill Road (1-73)	West Gate Road
Canterbury Lane	Gateshead Way	Markie Road	Reservation Road	West Meath Lane
Cedar Lane	Glen Hollow Drive	Meadow Lane	Ridgeview Drive	Westview Terrace
Cedar Ridge Drive	Goodrich Road	Meadow Road (1-20)	River Road	Whispering Rod Road
Chaffee Lane	Grassy Hill Road	Merriman Street	Robin Road	White Oak Road
Chatham Court	Haberern Avenue	Middle Road	Roma Drive	Williamsburg Lane
Cherry Hill Court	Half Acre Drive	Mohawk Drive	Romano Court	Winterwood Terrace
Cheryl Drive	Hamilton Way	Morgan Place	Rourke Place	Wolf Pit Road
Cinnamon Ridge	Harlan Road	Moses Place	Royal Oak Road	Wooddale Drive
Clover Lane	Hawthorne Lane	Mulberry Lane	Sanford Avenue	Woodpond Road
Cobblestone Road	Helm Drive	Munson Road	Scott Swamp Road (1-35)	Woodruff Road
Collinsville Road	Hemlock Notch	New Britain Avenue (1-1200)	Sedgewood Road	
Colt Highway	Hendrickson Lane	New Castle Place	Serra Drive	

SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING - FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is automated single stream recycling? Does this mean I no longer need to separate my trash from my recyclables?

No. Automated single stream recycling does not mean you can mix your trash together with your recyclables. With automated single stream recycling, all recycle materials are placed in your new blue recycling cart and your trash is placed in your burgundy trash cart. Both carts are then emptied by two different automated trucks. One of the main benefits of single stream recycling is that you no longer need to separate the glass from the tin, nor keep the paper and cardboard separate from the other items which make it easier for residents to recycle. It is suggested however, that you put the heavy newspapers at the bottom of your cart and the lighter material on top.

When will single stream recycling begin and what will the schedule be?

Your cart will be delivered to you in mid-June and left in front of your house at curbside. You should remove the cart from the curbside when you receive it and make a note of your cart number.

Single stream recycling collection will begin the week of July 4, 2011, starting with week "A" streets. Trash pick-up will continue to be every week. Recycling pick-up will be every *two (2)* weeks on the same day as trash pick-up. A copy of the recycling schedule is included in this mailing. It will also be posted on the Town of Farmington's website, www.farmington-ct.org.

What do I do with the old recycling bin?

You may keep your existing 14-gallon recycle bin to use inside your home for your recyclables or other home uses. If it is no longer usable, you may drop it off near the oil shed located at Highway & Grounds, 544 New Britain Avenue before August 15, 2011. Please do not place your old recycling bin in your new blue recycling cart. Due to the size and material of the 14-gallon bins, special arrangements will be made to recycle them. Keep in mind, once automated single stream recycling service starts, you will *not* be able to use this recycle bin at the curb for pick-up. All recyclables must be placed in your automated single stream blue recycling cart for collection.

Can I change the size of my recycling cart? No. If you currently have a 95-gallon trash cart, you will receive a 95-gallon recycling cart. If you currently have a 35-gallon trash cart, you will receive a 65-gallon recycling cart.

What if I have more recyclable materials than will fit in my recycling cart?

Your new automated single stream recycling cart will have 5 to 6 times the capacity of your present 14-gallon recycling bin so by flattening the corrugated cardboard, there should be more than enough room. If necessary, additional carts may be purchased by calling the Highway & Grounds Division of Public Works @ 860-675-2550. A \$50 one-time cart charge plus a \$50 one-time delivery charge will be billed for an additional recycling cart.

Is this cart mine to keep?

No. The cart is the property of the Town of Farmington. The homeowner is responsible to maintain the cart in reasonable condition during the service period. Should you move, even within the town, the cart remains at the residence.

What items are acceptable for single stream recycling?

Please refer to the colored insert for a list of recyclable items. The list of recyclables is also available on the Town's website, www.farmington-ct.org

How far from the curb and other obstacles can I place my cart?

Please face the handle away from the street and no more than 4 feet away from the curb. It is recommended that you put your trash cart on one side of your driveway and your recycling cart on the other side. Both carts should be at least 4 feet away from all other objects (parked vehicles, fire hydrants, mailboxes, telephone poles, trees, etc.) to avoid interference with the automated truck's arm. Both carts should be placed curbside the night before your regularly scheduled pickup day.

DO NOT place carts in the street. The Town will not be responsible for damaged carts due to auto accidents, etc. Carts placed in the street hamper mail delivery and snowplow operations.

What is the policy for damaged carts?

If the damage is the result of normal wear and tear, (example, broken lid or wheel), it will be replaced or repaired at no charge to the homeowner. If the damage is the result of abuse or neglect, there will be a \$50 charge to the homeowner to replace the recycling cart along with a \$50 re-delivery charge. All normal wear and tear repairs or replacement of carts will be handled by the Town.

Can I now put leaves and grass in this new recycle barrel?

No. These items are not part of this automated single stream recycle collection program and must still be recycled separately.

Do I still need to rinse my recyclables?

Yes. All glass, tin, aluminum, plastic containers and aseptic packaging must be rinsed clean prior to placing in your automated recycle cart. No change from previous requirements.

Can I use the new recycle cart before the automated collection begins?

Yes, you can begin filling your new recycling cart 2 weeks prior to your scheduled pickup dates but *curbside pickup* of the automated recycling cart will not begin until the week of July 4th for "A" week streets and July 11th for "B" week streets.

"A" weeks can begin filling the cart the week of June 20th and "B" weeks can start the week of June 27th. Following this schedule will put you on track for your new single-stream recycling schedule.

What if my recycling cart becomes dirty? Can I get a new one?

No. Residents are responsible for keeping their carts clean. By disposing of clean, rinsed recyclables, your cart should stay clean.

Car Batteries and Waste Oil

These items are accepted at the Farmington Highway Garage on New Britain Avenue any business day between 6:00am and 2:30pm. Waste oil must be brought in a sealed, non-returnable container no larger than 2 gallons.



Did you know.....

This newsletter is printed on 50% recycled paper.

Electronics Recycling

Contact *Green Monster E-cycling*
860-816-2281
www.GMEcycling.com

Did you know.....

Recycling two bottles saves enough energy to boil enough water for five cups of tea.



Did you know.....

About 50 2-liter soda bottles are used to make a square yard of recycled-content carpet fiber.



Did you know.....

You can recycle more than what is collected at your curb. Paint, tires, cell phones, computers, eyeglasses, carpets, electronics, and computers can all be repurposed and used again.



Did you know.....

- You can recycle dry cleaning plastic bags and hangers at the dry cleaners.
- You can return your grocery plastic and paper bags to the grocery store for recycling.

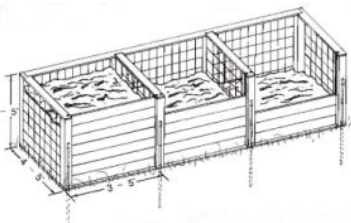


Compost Area Summer Hours

Residents may bring leaves and brush debris Wednesdays and Saturdays, 8 am - 12 noon weather permitting

State of CT Video about how to compost:

www.ct.gov/dep/cwp/view.asp?A=2718&Q=399598



Household Hazardous Waste Disposal

If you missed this year's Farmington Household Hazardous Waste Disposal day, you may take your household hazardous waste to another participating town. To see this year's collection schedule go to: http://themdc.com/househols_hazwaste.shtml

WHAT HAPPENS TO THE ITEMS WE RECYCLE?

Separating recyclables from your trash is just the beginning. While your trash takes a one-way trip to a Resource Recovery Facility where it is burned, your recyclables are only beginning their long journey. All recyclables are brought to the Mid-Connecticut Regional Recycling Center, where each of the different recyclable materials is separated using a combination of belts, magnets, blowers and sifters, as well as some hand sorting.

After separation, the materials are stockpiled and baled to meet the specific needs of their future markets. Processors purchase these "raw" materials to use in manufacturing new products. That's why it's so important to only recycle ACCEPTABLE items. Remember, an item is only truly recycled if it is transformed into a new product that just may find its way into your home again.

Office paper, newspaper, paperboard and corrugated cardboard are the first to be separated at the Recycling Facility. Staples and paper clips are sifted out, so they don't damage the paper mill's equipment and ruin the finished product. Then the paper is baled and sent to be recycled. It is shredded and mixed with water to form a pulp. This mixture is sent through a thin filter so that more contaminants can be removed. The paper mixture is then deinked and bleached. The final mixture is then pressed into the recycled paper that you will buy. Depending upon the quality of the paper used in the mixture, the end products can include office paper, corrugated cardboard, paperboard, tissues, paper towels and toilet paper.

Steel cans are separated at the Recycling Center using magnetic belts to separate steel from other items. The cans are crushed and baled and sent to companies that melt the steel and roll it into sheets. It then gets made into a variety of steel products.

Aluminum is recycled much differently because the cans are not magnetic. Aluminum cans are baled at the Recycling Center and then taken to an aluminum reclamation plant. Like steel, aluminum is melted and spread into sheets that are used to form new aluminum products. Aluminum and steel can be recycled indefinitely without impacting the strength or quality of the metal.

Plastics need to be sorted by number in the triangle on the bottom of the container. The different types of plastics are recycled into different items. The plastics are sorted and baled to the market's specifications. Manufacturers shred and melt the plastics that are then molded into new products. #1 plastics are typically recycled into things like carpeting, fleece clothing, comforter fill, tote bags, and new containers. #2 plastics are made into plastic bottles for non-food items, plastic lumber and pipe, garden edging and floor tiles. Other plastics are often mixed and made into lower grade plastic items like pallets, packaging corners and sheeting.

While the end product may be the end of the road for the recycling process, you can "Close the Loop" when you buy products with recycled content. Look for products with high percentages of post-consumer recycled material. Your purchase will help support the markets that make Farmington's recycling program a success.



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Residential Guide to Single Stream Recycling in the Town of Farmington



Newspapers

Magazines

Cereal, etc. boxes
Paperboard

Metal Cans

Plastic Containers Labeled #1-7

Empty Aerosol Cans

Corrugated Cardboard

Junk Mail

Glass Bottles



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What CAN go into my recycling container?

- Paper (newspaper, junk mail, magazines, catalogs, envelopes, shredded paper) – no bundling required!
- Clean cardboard and boxboard (cracker boxes, pasta boxes, shoe boxes, rolls and other similar materials) – no bundling required!
 - Paper egg cartons
 - Paper bags
 - Office and school papers
 - Empty glass jars and bottles
 - Aluminum cans and clean foil
- Empty tin and steel cans, including aerosol cans
 - Plastic containers labeled #1 through #7 (Plastic food, beverage, soap and shampoo containers except black plastic)

What can NOT go into my recycling container?

- No garbage
- No plastic bags, plastic wrap or dry-cleaning bags
- No food waste
- No polystyrene or styrofoam
- No motor oil/antifreeze bottles
- No hazardous chemical containers
- No plastic toys or sporting goods
- No electronics or batteries
- No compact discs or DVDs
- No foam egg cartons
- No ice cream cartons
- No light bulbs
- No hangers
- No yard waste or garden tools
- No pots and pans
- No phone books
- No pizza boxes
- No black plastic containers
- No wax or plastic-coated cardboard
- No plant containers
- No medicine or medication bottles
- No Tyvek or similar envelopes
- No food-tainted items (used paper plates or boxes, paper towels or paper napkins)



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Shaded weeks "A"

Un-shaded weeks "B"

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When in doubt, put it out!

Please remember:

- No trash in recycling containers and lids must be closed
- Recycling and trash containers must be out the night before collection day
- Recycling and trash containers must be at least 4 feet from other containers or objects
- There will be an arrow on the lid that tells you to point the front of the cart toward the curb
- For additional info, please call 860-675-2550