

FARMINGTON HIGHWAY & GROUNDS DIVISION OF PUBLIC WORKS
NEWS RELEASE, 3/8/10

“E” RECYCLING: On Saturday, April 24, 2010, the Farmington Football Booster Club will be hosting an “E” (Electronics) Waste Collection at Farmington Town Hall from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. Donations to benefit the Farmington Football Booster Club will be greatly accepted. Any TV will be accepted with an \$8.00/per TV charge. What is E-Waste? Basically, e-waste is anything that has a battery or a power plug and is no longer wanted. E-Waste, E-scrap, and waste electronic and electrical equipment (WEEE) are interchangeable terms referring to this end-of-life or discarded material.

The major items of e-waste are:

- Computers, printers and IT peripherals
- Televisions and monitors
- Mobile and home telephones
- VCR’s DVD players and stereo equipment
- Kitchen appliances
- Power tools
- Video equipment and cameras

HAZARDOUS WASTE PRODUCTS: Oil base paint, pesticides, and petroleum products will ***not be collected*** and are ***not acceptable*** at the Town Highway Division of Public Works. Farmington’s Hazardous Waste Collection day is Saturday, April 24, 2010 from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Farmington High School. For additional information and schedules please call the MDC at: (860) 278-3809 or visit their website at: http://www.themdc.com/2ehs_hazwaste.htm

COMPOST AREA – WINTER HOURS: Effective December 23rd, through March 24th, 2010, the Compost Area will be open on Wednesdays ONLY from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. (noon) weather permitting, ***GATES CLOSE PROMPTLY AT NOON***. Call 675-2550 during inclement weather. Saturdays will resume on March 27, 2010.

LEAF COMPOST AND WOOD MULCH LOCATION:

Residents can pick up leaf compost and wood mulch from the Composting Area at the end of Tunxis Mead Road. Landscapers and contractors are ***NOT ALLOWED*** to pick up this material.

SANDBOX LOCATIONS: The Farmington Highway and Grounds Division of Public Works placed sandboxes at the following locations:

- East Farms Fire Station
- Farmington Fire Station
- Oakland Gardens Fire Station
- Southwest Fire Station
- Tunxis Hose Fire Station
- Highway Garage, 544 New Britain Avenue, Unionville

This sand is for icy walkways, and is not intended for resident’s driveways. To be considerate of others, please limit yourself to a 5-gallon container. Commercial users are not allowed to remove sand from these sandboxes.

What can I do?

- Lighten the load on recycling day: **Stop the junk mail** (and unwanted e-mail and telemarketing calls, too!) Check out these websites:
www.directmail.com/directory/mail_preference
www.catalogchoice.org
www.dmachoice.org/consumerassistance.php
- Do you really read all the newspapers and magazines you subscribe to? Pick the ones you actually read and cancel the rest. **Donate used magazines** to nursing homes or senior centers.
- Use the library! **Make use of inter-library loan** instead of buying books. Most have an extensive collection of magazines and periodicals.
- If you can, **use the Internet to save paper**. For example: pay bills on-line; opt out of annual reports and read important investment materials on-line; save your favorite charities the cost of mailing their newsletter and read it on-line; and finally, ask yourself - **do I really need to print that e-mail or all those photos?**