

FARMINGTON HIGHWAY & GROUNDS DIVISION OF PUBLIC WORKS
NEWS RELEASE, 3/18/10

STREET SWEEPING:

Yearly street sweeping is scheduled to start the week of March 22nd, weather permitting. Residents are asked ***not*** to rake lawn debris into streets, as it will ***not be picked up***. For more information please call the Highway & Grounds Division of Public Works at 860-675-2550, Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.

TUNXIS MEAD COMPOST AREA: Starting March 27th the Compost Area will be open on Saturdays from 8 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (NOON). It is also open on Wednesdays 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. (noon), weather permitting. The Compost Area is located at the end of Tunxis Mead Road. Residents may bring their leaves or brush to this site. Residents may also pick up leaf compost and wood mulch at the Compost Area. Landscapers and contractors are **NOT ALLOWED** to pick up these materials. **GATES CLOSE PROMPTLY AT NOON.** Please call the office Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. at 860-675-2550 with any concerns.

“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 appreciated. 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

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?**