



Solid Waste & Recycling Highlights

The City of Stamford's Department of Solid Waste & Recycling processed over 51,000 tons of garbage, 7,000 tons of logs and brush and 11,000 tons of leaves. Recycling efforts brought the City \$1.6 million in revenue, with 11,900 tons of recycling.



Other key highlights from the year are listed below:

- Promoted the "Keep America Beautiful" Recycle Bowl competition at all Stamford public schools.
- Implemented a successful Book Swap program at the Katrina Mygatt Recycling Center.
- Promoted the Statewide Paint Recycling Program at two local hardware stores, resulting in reduced household hazardous waste City expenses.
- Researched and purchased innovative safety equipment to reduce workplace injury and associated medical costs through staff training and management.
- Worked with Youth Services and the Center for Social Enrichment and Development to introduce special needs students to vocational skills.
- Provided support to City Departments during storm emergencies.
- Supplied dumpsters for neighborhood clean-up programs.
- Reduced the cost for garbage haul-away by more than \$800,000 by redirecting over 11,900 tons of waste to recycling.
- Provided immediate pick-up service to residents who forgot to put out their totes or had extra garbage due to unforeseen circumstances.
- Efficiently hauled a substantial increase in leaf volume resulting from the closure of the Scofieldtown Yard composting program.
- On average, satisfied 99% of daily citizen requests within 24 hours and continued to provide backyard waiver services as needed.
- Maintained aging vehicles and equipment daily, resulting in fewer repairs.

**For more information on City of Stamford recycling,
call (203) 977-4117 or visit us online at stamfordrecycles.org**

Mattress & Box Spring Recycling Initiative

The Department is currently participating in the first statewide, government-approved mattress recycling program in the country. It is geared towards increasing the nation's green footprint while saving tax dollars.



The approved plan requires retailers to **add a \$9 recycling fee to each new or renovated mattress and box spring sold to Connecticut consumers.** Consumers will begin to see this fee as a separate line item on their sales receipt beginning May 1.

The Transfer Station & Recycling Center will have equipment set up to accept clean mattresses that will be removed by an outside company at no cost to the City. The City will, in fact, save money on hauling costs while recyclers extract valuable resources including steel, foam and cotton.

Pilot Composting Program

Another effort to increase the City's green footprint is a pilot composting program in partnership with Fairgate Farm (located on Stillwater Avenue) and the Food Bank of Lower Fairfield County. This program will allow the redirection of food waste from the Food Bank and residential households to the farm where it will be composted.

One of the goals of this pilot program is to assist Fairgate Farm in accomplishing their mission, which is to increase access to healthy, safe, affordable and locally grown food. This partnership will also help reduce the city's garbage hauling expenses.

We'll take your paint!

Three Saturdays this spring, the Department will be accepting paint-only drop-offs from Connecticut households and businesses between **9 a.m. and 1 p.m.** at the following locations:

May 30	New London High School	490 Jefferson Avenue, New London
June 6	Enfield Public Works	40 Moody Road, Enfield
June 20	Rippowam Middle School	381 High Ridge Road, Stamford

Visit www.paintcare.org or call (855) 724-6809 to find the paint drop-off site nearest you.