

stamfordrecycles



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Recycling & Sanitation Website

The Department's website has been improved to provide easier access to information for both residential and commercial citizens of Stamford.

The upgraded website includes our newest feature, "**Recyclopedia**." This is a collection of information on what, and where, community members can recycle, as well as tips on how to reuse, recycle or dispose of most items.



Please take this opportunity to visit www.stamfordrecycles.org directly — or via the City of Stamford's website, www.cityofstamford.org — by clicking "Our City" in the upper left, then selecting "Recycling and Sanitation" from the drop-down menu. We hope that the new website will help all of our citizens recycle more than ever.

Computer Toner Recycling

Recycling containers for computer toners can now be found at the Government Center Lobby at 888 Washington Blvd.; and the Katrina Mygatt Recycling Center at 130 Magee Ave. Please take advantage of these containers and recycle your used toner cartridges.

Textiles Recycling

Textiles (clothing, rags, shoes, etc.) make up approximately 30% of the waste stream. Did you know that, instead of throwing them into the garbage, these items can be recycled? The Recycling Center has boxes from Goodwill; Big Brothers/ Big Sisters; and other charitable organizations that accept all discarded textile items for reuse or recycling. Accepted items include both "wearable" and "unwearable" clothing due to age or holes, as those items can be recycled into rags.

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

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Composting

The average American disposes **4.5 lbs.** of garbage every day — that's almost one ton per year! Believe it or not, the single largest item that Connecticut residents dispose of is **food**.

Food leftovers that are buried in landfills produce methane, a greenhouse gas that is 23 times more efficient at trapping heat than carbon dioxide. Furthermore, food does not incinerate efficiently because it is "wet," so processing it in a waste-to-energy plant is not optimal.

Composting is not only the best way to dispose of organic material, but it also creates a valuable resource, benefitting our soil and plants. Even if you do not have a use for composting material, there are resources you can use to dispose of this food waste.



Curbside Compost is a local company that provides weekly household collection of food waste for a fee. The waste is then turned into compost. If you are interested in learning about this private company that provides curbside compost collection, please visit www.curbcompost.org.



"ASK DAN" RECYCLING QUESTIONS

Q: Can I place grass clippings or yard waste in my household garbage toter for City collection?

A: No, the City only collects household kitchen garbage. Grass and yard waste can be brought to the Katrina Mygatt Recycling Center if a resident has already obtained a free permit from the Scale House, located at 101 Harbor View Ave.

Recycling questions? Ask Dan at: dcolleluori@ci.stamford.ct.us or call 203-977-4117.

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