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Summer 2019 Recycling & Sanitation Newsletter



Free Textile Recycling Coming Soon

Residents can recycle unwanted textiles, such as shoes, belts, and handbags, and small household items starting the week of July 15, 2019. Residents should bag the items and leave them at the curb on their regular recycling day.

Stamford is providing the free service in partnership with Simple Recycling. According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), more than 84 percent of old clothes, shoes, belts, handbags, and textile items end up in the garbage. As a result, textiles make up more than 6 percent of all residential trash. Based on these estimates, a successful textile recycling program could result in an annual savings of **more than \$150k to the City of Stamford.**

Simple Recycling (www.simplerecycling.com) provides free curbside collection and recycling of unwanted textiles and housewares to communities across the United States. Currently, Simple Recycling serves nearly two million households in eight states.

In the weeks before the July 15 launch date, Simple Recycling will mail information to homes that receive recycling collection from the City. The mailers will contain free Simple Recycling bags. When cleaning out closets or disposing of unwanted items, residents can place them in the bags. If a resident doesn't have enough bags, it's permitted to use regular trash bags that are clearly marked for Simple Recycling. Residents can then place the bags at the curb on their regular recycling collection day next to their recycling tote. Simple Recycling's trucks will pick them up, free of charge that day.

The list of accepted items includes all types of used or new clothing, boots and shoes, belts and ties, handbags, hats and gloves, toys, towels, sheets and blankets, small kitchen appliances, and more.

Connecticut Mattress Recycling Program

At the Hazardous Waste collection event on July 13, the Recycling & Sanitation Dept, and the State of Connecticut will accept mattresses for recycling. Mattresses accepted will be recycled as part of the state program and at no cost to the city. Residents will be permitted to discard unwanted mattresses at this location.



A special thanks to Catalyst Marketing Communications, Inc. (www.catalystmc.com) for helping the City of Stamford promote its recycling program since we launched the One Bin All In campaign in 2009. The Stamford-based advertising agency and public relations firm has provided its expertise on a pro-bono basis and we are very grateful for their support.



Special Item Recycling

Large, bulky and specialty items can be recycled at different places throughout Stamford. This list tells residents where to bring their items:

- Air conditioners: Scale House (\$12)
- Batteries: Katrina Mygatt Recycling Center
- Books: Library, book swap at Katrina Mygatt Recycling Center
- Clothing: Goodwill, Donation boxes at Katrina Mygatt Recycling Center
- Cooking oil: Katrina Mygatt Recycling Center
- Electronics: Katrina Mygatt Recycling Center
- Eyeglasses: Katrina Mygatt Recycling Center
- Fluorescent bulbs: Katrina Mygatt Recycling Center
- Household thermostats: Katrina Mygatt Recycling Center
- Motor oil: Katrina Mygatt Recycling Center
- Paint: Keough's Hardware on High Ridge Road or Sherwin Williams on Hope Street
- Plastic bags: Grade A, Fairway, Target, CVS, Staples or grocery stores
- Propane tanks: Katrina Mygatt Recycling Center
- Refrigerators: Scale House (\$12)
- Tires: Scale House (\$10)
- Toners: Stores that sell toners or Katrina Mygatt Recycling Center
- Yard waste: Scale House or Katrina Mygatt Recycling Center

Upcoming Hazardous Waste Collections

Stamford residents can drop off hazardous waste for free on the following dates at these locations:

July 13:

Rippowam Middle School, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

August 24:

Norwalk High School, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

September 14:

New Canaan Wastewater Treatment Plant, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

September 21:

Westport Yard Waste Site, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

October 12:

Miller-Driscoll School in Wilton, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Accepted items are: Aerosol cans (not empty), mercury thermometers, metal polish, mothballs, muriatic acid, old chemistry sets, oven cleaners, pesticides, photo chemicals, pool chemicals, rodent killers, rust preventatives, sealants, solvents, transmission fluid, wood preservatives, wood strippers, ammonia, anti-freeze, arts and crafts supplies, bleaches, brake fluid, cesspool cleaners, creosote, drain cleaners and openers, dry cleaning fluids, engine/radiator flushes and cleaners, floor cleaners, fluorescent light bulbs, herbicides and insect sprays.



Take It or Leave It Shop

The Take It or Leave Shop at the Katrina Mygatt Recycling Center is open from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. Reusable items available for purchase include home décor, housewares, office supplies, pictures, mirrors, reusable bags, sports equipment, small appliances, tools, toys and wood furniture.

For more information on City of Stamford recycling, call 203.977.4117 or visit us online at stamfordrecycles.org