



# Sullivan County Recycling Newsletter

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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **Single Stream Arrives!**
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## Single Stream Recycling Has Finally Arrived!

**Single Stream Recycling** has finally arrived in Sullivan County! After months of careful planning and preparation, the County's new MRF/Transfer Station at the former landfill site in Monticello is open and ready to accept Single Stream Recyclables. Essentially, "Single Stream" means that all convenience recyclables like metal cans, glass bottles, plastic containers,

newspaper, cardboard, and mixed paper can all be combined in the same recycling bin, instead of being sorted into separate containers. This makes storage, transport or curbside collection by sanitation haulers more efficient. Once consolidated, recyclables will be transported to Hudson Baylor Corporation in Newburgh/Beacon, New York for processing and recovery. The improved conven-

ience of Single Stream Recycling should result in an increase in the amount of materials Sullivan County recycles—which saves money and natural resources.

For more information about Single Stream Recycling please contact your solid waste hauler, transfer station operator or the Department of Public Works at 807-0261.

## School Waste Reduction & Recycling Project Concludes...

Eldred and Liberty school districts have just concluded a two-year waste reduction & recycling (WRR) project with Athena Lee Bradley of the Northeast Recycling Council, Inc. (NERC), of Brattleboro, Vermont. Eldred participated in the project primarily to bring greater efficiency to its recycling program, improve its paper recycling District-wide, add bev-

erage container recycling at the MacKenzie Elementary School campus, investigate paper use reduction and explore potential cafeteria waste reduction options. Liberty participated to engage its Middle-High School students in more environmental activities, including food waste composting options and improved reuse/recycling opportunities in the

District. Overall, both districts received educational support from NERC and Sullivan County for these projects which benefited students, faculty, staff and residents alike.

For more information about this project please contact the Northeast Recycling Council at [www.nerc.org](http://www.nerc.org)

## Your Question Answered...

**Q. Can schools save money by restructuring their waste hauling contracts?**

A. They certainly can, and administrators are strongly encouraged to take a top-down look at waste disposal costs affecting their districts through hauler contract reviews, waste assessments and waste reduction programs in order to reap savings. Gone are the days of "one price hauls all" away from school districts. Instead, structure recycling & waste hauling contracts based on verifiable services, such

as actual weighed tonnage charge rather than just a set number of container pulls (actually full OR empty!) each month. Taxpayers demand accountability, and why should schools pay for flat container service, rather than a fee based on the amount of materials actually collected? For instance, if a district pays for 3 waste containers to be picked up three times per week, what financial assurance does the district have that they are actually PAYING for their quantity of material collected? What if two of the

containers are empty each week? With no-charge Single Stream Recycling (which makes up more than HALF of most school waste!) now a reality in Sullivan County, and landfill-bound garbage costing \$85 per ton to dispose of, there really is no time like the present to audit the books and restructure waste hauling contracts. It's OK to pay for the services provided, just make sure your district can verify what it is paying for, and seek savings through recycling and waste reduction across the board!

## Recycling Summary...

**Most recyclables are FREE—save money by recycling today!** Below is a handy list of acceptable Sullivan County recyclables to help you maximize recycling at home and work. Just keep the “like” materials together in their respective categories, and be sure to check with us first if you are uncertain about an item or category designation. Please note that this list applies to materials delivered directly to our facilities, and it may understandably differ from your waste hauler’s specific commercial recycling instructions. The following materials are recyclable in Sullivan County and therefore must be separated from waste for recycling:

### NEW! Single Stream Recyclables...

- **Mixed Paper**—Recycle old magazines, ‘junk’ mail, telephone directories, chip-board fiber (cereal boxes, TV dinner cartons, paper towel tubes, gray notepad backer), envelopes, gable-top beverage cartons, school papers and books (with hard covers removed) all together with:
- **Newspaper**—Daily newspapers, including glossy inserts
- **Cardboard**—Old corrugated cardboard boxes and brown (kraft) paper bags
- **Glass**—Green, brown, uncolored and blue glass containers and bottles
- **Mixed Containers**—Steel Cans, #1 - #7 plastic containers, and aluminum beverage cans

- **Cell Phones**—Handheld cellular telephones
- **Tires**—rubber vehicle tires, on or off rims

- **Scrap Metal**—Old metal furniture, cabinets, piping, appliances, siding, iron, copper, tin, titanium, chrome, brass, steel, aluminum
- **Electronic Scrap**—Televisions (all display types), computers, laptops, and monitors
- **Fluorescent Bulbs**—Straight tubes, U-shaped bulbs and compact fluorescent lamps
- **Textiles**—unwanted clothing
- **Leaves-Compost**—Deciduous leaves, pine needles, corn stalks, and brown (kraft) paper compost bags
- **Used Motor Oil**—Motor vehicle engine oil and transmission fluid
- **Antifreeze**—Vehicle glycol-type coolant
- **Portable Consumer Batteries**—AA, AAA, C, D, and 9-volt style batteries

### Upcoming Events:

- America

Recycles Day!

Nov. 15, 2011

- Household Hazardous Waste Events in 2012!



## Second 2011 HHW Collection Event Held...

Sullivan County’s twelfth-annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event #2 took place on Saturday, August 27, 2011 at the Monticello Transfer Station Scale House.

Just prior to the onset of Hurricane Irene, sixty-five Sullivan County households were able to safely recycle or dispose of potentially toxic materials free of charge. In all, 5,980 lbs. of unwanted household hazardous materials were collected at the event, including

several pounds of mercury, DDT, solvents, oil-based paints, fluorescent bulbs, automotive batteries, and herbicides!

Please call the Division of Public Works at 845-807-0261 for additional information about safer alternatives to hazardous chemicals and information about the proper disposal of household toxic materials between HHW collection events.

## Contact Us...

Please feel free to contact us regarding any recycling, composting, and sustainability questions or concerns you may have in Sullivan County. Our offices are located at 100 North Street., P.O. Box 5012, Monticello, NY 12701. Our telephone number is (845) 807-0261. Our email address is: [recycling@co.sullivan.ny.us](mailto:recycling@co.sullivan.ny.us)

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