



# SULLIVAN COUNTY RECYCLING NEWSLETTER

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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

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## 4-H of Sullivan County Sponsors Electronic Scrap Recycling Event...

**Businesses, Residents Have Low Cost Electronics Recycling Option in June!**

4-H of Sullivan County is working with the Division of Solid Waste and Advanced Recovery, Inc. to host an electronics recycling event to raise funds and awareness for environmental education programming. Friday, June 18, 2010 has been set aside to accept E-scrap from businesses, schools, municipalities and institutions, marking Sullivan County's first-ever commercial Elec-

tronic Scrap recycling initiative! Saturday June 19<sup>th</sup> is devoted solely to the collection of residentially-generated electronics, TV's and computer equipment from homes. Collection will take place at the Cornell Cooperative Extension building on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty. Commercial E-Scrap generators are encouraged to participate in this program. Pre-registration by commercial generators is required by contacting Advanced Recovery, Inc. at **845-858-8809** or via e-mail to

Mr. Bob Travers at [rtravers@advancedrecovery.com](mailto:rtravers@advancedrecovery.com) prior to the event. Organizations will be invoiced at \$10.00 per monitor, laptop, LCD or plasma television. All other electronic equipment will be accepted free of charge. ***The cost to the general public (residentially-generated materials) will be \$10 per carload (maximum 7 items per car).*** Significant savings can be made by families taking advantage of this opportunity. Please contact us at 845-807-0290 for more ways to prevent waste!

## Your Questions Answered...

**Q. Will Sullivan County offer a Litter Pluck Program this year?**

**A.** Yes! Sullivan County's Annual Litter Pluck Event is Scheduled for Saturday, May 1, 2010 - announced Sullivan County Legislative Chairman Jonathan Rouis. All school and community groups, as well as private citizens are urged to participate.

"Our constituents do a wonderful job of cleaning and maintaining our communities, and Litter Pluck is a great opportunity to volunteer a few hours to clean our parks and roadways, before our busy summer season begins," said Rouis.

Rouis continued, "And because not everyone is able to participate on the same day, the landfill and transfer stations will accept debris from May 1 – May 8, to allow each community an opportunity to participate."

The Sullivan County Division of Public Works and Solid Waste will

donate trash bags for this community-based roadside cleanup event, and will accept the roadside refuse and separated recyclables for disposal free-of-charge at the County Landfill and Transfer Stations. All residents and groups who wish to participate in Litter Pluck can pick up their Litter Pluck materials any time on or after Wednesday, April 14, 2010 at their Town or Village Hall. While no coupons or sign-ins are required, all Litter Pluck refuse and recyclables must be placed in clear bags. For more information about Litter Pluck, please call Parks, Recreation and Beautification Director Kristin Porter at 845-807-0287.

**Q. Is Styrofoam recyclable in Sullivan County?**

**A.** No—Styrofoam, or more accurately, polystyrene foam—is not recyclable in Sullivan County due to weak market recycling acceptance and its small relative recovery percentage in the waste stream. When possible, please consider packag-

ing options other than polystyrene foam, such as popcorn or crumpled newspaper. Reusable containers or compostable products are better environmental alternatives to non-recyclable materials as well.

**Q. Will Sullivan County conduct any Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events in 2010?**

**A.** YES! The Division of Solid Waste is pleased to announce that two dates have been tentatively selected for this years toxics cleanup events. Sunday, June 13, 2010 from 10:00 AM—3:30 PM and Saturday, August 7 from 12:30 PM—4:30 PM have been reserved for this years residential hazardous waste cleanup days. Due to the changeable nature of HHW scheduling please call the Division of Solid Waste at 845-807-0290 in May to determine final dates and pre-register!



### Upcoming Events:

- Earth Day– 40th Anniversary-April 22, 2010
- LitterPluck—May 1, 2010
- Spring Cleanup-April & May 2010, Check with your Town for dates
- HHW Events- Tentatively June 13 and August 7, 2010



## 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 should be separated from waste for recycling:

- **Mixed Paper**—recycle old magazines, 'junk' mail, telephone directories, chipboard fiber (cereal boxes, TV dinner cartons, paper towel tubes, gray notepad backer), envelopes, school papers and books (with hard covers removed) in this category
- **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 grouped together from this category
- **Plastic Bags**—Film plastic shopping bags
- **Portable Consumer Batteries**—AA, AAA, C, D, and 9 volt style batteries
- **Scrap Metal**—Old metal furniture, cabinets, piping, appliances, siding, iron, copper, tin, titanium, chrome, brass, steel, aluminum
- **Tires**—rubber vehicle tires, on or off rims
- **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
- **Cell Phones**—Handheld cellular telephones

## Recycling in our Schools...

Two Sullivan County schools—the only districts chosen from the entire State of New York - have been selected by the **Northeast Recycling Council (NERC)** to participate in a school solid waste reduction, reuse, recycling, composting and toxic product use reduction grant! Through funding provided by the **US Dept. of Agriculture Rural Utility Services Solid Waste Management Grant Program**, **Eldred and Liberty Central School Districts** will receive intensive technical support and assistance from NERC ([www.nerc.org/](http://www.nerc.org/)) to reduce the quantity of

solid waste generated in the schools, increase reuse, recycling & composting of the remaining waste stream and reduce or eliminate the use of toxic products in the schools. The goal of this program is to provide information and training needed to implement strategies that prevent water pollution and decrease the generation of solid waste (garbage) in our society. For more information about this project, contact Athena Lee Bradley, NERC Projects Manager, at 802-254-3636 or via email to [info@nerc.org](mailto:info@nerc.org)

***Congratulations Eldred and Liberty—we look forward to learning more about your efforts!***

## 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 91 Landfill Drive, Monticello, NY 12701. Our telephone number is (845) 807-0290. Our email is : [recycling@co.sullivan.ny.us](mailto:recycling@co.sullivan.ny.us)

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