



SULLIVAN COUNTY RECYCLING NEWSLETTER

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

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Single Stream Recycling Approaches...

Sullivan County's new Single Stream Recycling Facility and Transfer Station nears completion

The new and highly anticipated Single Stream Recycling Facility planned for Sullivan County has encountered some unwelcome construction delays during this unforgiving Winter season, but appears to be nearing completion, with a start-up planned for Spring. The new building, actually a combination waste transfer station and Single Stream Recycling con-

solidation facility, is located adjacent to the former Sanitary Landfill in Monticello. It replaces a once-planned Phase II Landfill Expansion with more convenient recycling capabilities and waste export in Sullivan County.

Essentially, Single Stream Recycling means that all "convenience recyclables" such as metal cans, plastic bottles, paper and glass containers can all be commingled 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 in Newburgh, New York for processing and recovery. The improved convenience of Single Stream Recycling should result in an increase in the amount of materials Sullivan County recycles—saving natural resources and energy along the way.

Please contact us at 845-807-0291 for more ways to help the environment!

Your Questions Answered...

Q. I've heard Sullivan County is changing to a Single Stream Recycling Program this year. What does that mean for businesses?

A. For one, it means that businesses can save time and money recycling in Sullivan County! With Single Stream Recycling, plastic bottles, metal cans, glass containers and most types of paper products can be mixed together in one convenient recycling bin for easy storage and transport. Just be sure to keep garbage separate from the recyclables—refuse still has to be thrown away, and by contaminating single stream recyclables with garbage more expensive waste is created instead of less. Other recyclables such as scrap metal, electronics and tires still need to be recycled separately, but the transportation playing field between Single Stream Recyclables and regular solid waste has been leveled. Both trash and recyclables will go to the same building in Monticello, so transportation costs are equalized between recycling &

disposal options. The only difference is a tipping fee is charged for garbage disposal, while no fee is charged for Single Stream Recyclables! Please check out [Page 2](#) of this Newsletter for a brief list of [Single Stream Recyclables](#). Recycling has never been easier in Sullivan County, and it's a great way for your home or business to save money and the environment. There really is no better time than the present to recycle as much as possible.

Q. Will Styrofoam be recyclable in the new Single Stream Recycling Program?

A. No—Styrofoam, or more accurately, polystyrene foam—will not be recyclable in the new Single Stream Recycling Program in Sullivan County. Polystyrene is a difficult resin to recycle, due to weak market acceptance and its small relative recovery percentage in the waste stream. When possible, please consider packaging options other than polystyrene foam, such as popcorn or crumpled newspaper. Reusable containers or composta-

ble products are also better environmental alternatives to non-recyclable materials as well.

Q. Will Sullivan County conduct any Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events in 2011?

A. YES! The Division of Public Works is pleased to announce that two dates have been tentatively selected for this year's toxics cleanup events. Sunday, June 26, 2011 from 10:00 AM—3:30 PM and Saturday, August 27 from 12:30 PM—4:30 PM have been reserved for this year's residential hazardous waste cleanup days. Due to the changeable nature of HHW scheduling please call the Division of Solid Waste at 845-807-0291 in May to determine final dates and to pre-register!

Q. How many tons of recyclables did Sullivan County collect in 2010?

A. 5,387 tons! This includes 2,902 tons of paper, 1,235 tons of mixed containers, 912 tons of scrap metal and 338 tons of tires, electronic scrap and misc. items.



Upcoming Events:

- Earth Day– 41st Anniversary–April 22, 2011
- LitterPluck—April 30, 2011
- Spring Cleanup– May & June 2011, Check with your Town for dates
- HHW Events– Tentatively June 26 and August 27, 2011



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:

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
- **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

Beyond Recycling...

Certainly recycling is an important way to protect the environment and conserve natural resources. But given our desire to create ever new things, and discard old or unwanted items so readily, can we ever really get a handle on true sustainability? Technologies like Single Stream Recycling help us extract more material from the convenience waste stream (glass, plastic, metal cans & paper products), but even more has to be done to recover resources from untapped materials. So what’s next?

Organics, such as food and yard waste, make up another large part of the solid waste

stream in New York. Yet relatively little has been done to recapture discarded organics and limit their disposal as waste. At the household or small business level, backyard composting of organics can save generators big money by avoiding the disposal costs associated with transportation and discard of wet, heavy material that can be transformed and reused as finished compost instead. Commercially, compost producers reap financial rewards by selling finished compost to landscapers, homeowners and developers for a profit—thus turning trash into treasure. Private enterprise can be a part of this solution.

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) 807-0291. Our email is : recycling@co.sullivan.ny.us

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