



Sullivan County RECYCLING NEWSLETTER

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **Next 2011 HHW Event Planned**
- **Your Questions Answered...**
- **Composting Education for Schools**



Electronics recycling collection area



Recycling at Cornell Cooperative Extension "Ag-Stravaganza!" Day



Cafeteria composting opportunities

Next 2011 Household Hazardous Waste Day Planned for Saturday, August 27...

Sullivan County's eleventh - annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program Event #1 took place on Sunday, June 26, 2011 at the County Landfill Scale House in Monticello. One hundred thirty three County households were able to safely recycle or dispose

of potentially toxic materials free of charge. In all, almost six tons of unwanted household hazardous materials were collected at the event, which included fluorescent bulbs, hazardous batteries, toxic phenol, creosote, solvents, pesticides, oil-based paints and several pounds of mercury!

Our second HHW Collection Event of 2011 is scheduled for Saturday, August 27, 2011 from 12:30 PM - 4:30 PM at the County Landfill Scale House in Monticello.

Please call the Division of Public Works at 845-807-0291 for information about household hazardous waste and event pre-registration instructions.

Your Questions Answered...

Q. I hear the fee for recycling electronics has been dropped. Is that true?

A. Yes! Effective in April 2011, disposal fees for electronics have been eliminated across the State and Sullivan County.

Q. I have a small business in Sullivan County. How can recycling help me save money? My hauler charges extra for recycling pickup!

A. Some haulers do charge extra for recycling collection. As a business person you undoubtedly

know the advantages of shopping around for competitive rates—some haulers include recycling collection in their fee, others do not. Be sure to select a hauling company that includes recycling pickup in their fee that fits your business budget, and request recycling instructions and a pickup schedule up front. If your business recycles everything it can less garbage will be generated, saving the hauler (and your business) from excessive garbage tipping fees. And don't stop there—waste reduction, waste diversion and composting can

save businesses even more money. Please call the Division of Public Works at 807-0291 to find out more!

Q. Did some transfer station operating schedules change recently?

A. Yes. Solid waste collected by private haulers is now shipped out of the new Monticello Transfer Station, replacing temporary shipments from Ferndale and Mamakating Transfer Stations. Hours at Ferndale & Mamakating have returned to their previous operating schedules. Please call the Ferndale Transfer Station at 292-3670 and Mamakating at 888-0256 for up to date facility information.

Composting Education for Schools...

The Northeast Recycling Council, Sullivan County Division of Public Works and Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County are pleased to announce upcoming **free School Composting Options Workshops** open to teachers, school staff, parents, students, custodians, administrators and others wanting to learn more about school food and yard debris composting. Workshops are taking place on Tuesday, September 27, 2011 from 3-4 PM and Wednesday, September 28, 2011 from 4-5 PM at the Gerald J. Skoda Cornell Cooperative Extension Education Center, 64 Ferndale Loomis Rd., Liberty, NY 12754. Topics to be addressed include compost program set-up, benefits to the school community, curriculum connection, student environmental ethics, funding, labor, logistics, compost enclosures, compost science and program maintenance. Workshops are free but registration is requested.

For more information and to register for the workshops, contact Athena Lee Bradley, Projects Manager, Northeast Recycling Council at athena@nerc.org or 802-254-3636 or Bill Cutler, Sullivan County Recycling Coordinator, at recycling@co.sullivan.ny.us or 845-807-0291. All academic institutions and their patrons are heartily encouraged to attend!

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:



Easy compost collection in the kitchen!

Upcoming

Events:

- Saturday, August 27, 2011 Next Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event

- School Composting Workshops—September 27 & 28, 2011

- America

Recycles Day:

November 15, 2011!

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
- **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 (CFL) lamps
- **Textiles**— unwanted clothing
- **Leaves-Compost**— Deciduous leaves, pine needles, corn stalks, and brown kraft paper bags
- **Used Motor Oil**— Motor vehicle engine oil and transmission fluid
- **Antifreeze**— Vehicle glycol-type coolant
- **Cell Phones**— Handheld cellular telephones
- **Portable Consumer Batteries**— AA, AAA, C, D, and 9 volt style batteries

Recycling Really is Mandatory...

Every so often a caller to the Division of Public Works asks if recycling is mandatory in Sullivan County. Yes, it is - Local Law #1 of 1992 made it a civil violation to willfully collect commingled trash and recyclables in the same container. In other words, recyclables and waste must be collected separately from one another, for proper recycling and waste disposal to take place. All private and municipal sanitation haulers are prohibited from collecting waste and recyclables which have not been separated. A hauler misrepresenting the separate collection of designated recyclables from solid waste risks investigation by the proper law enforcement authorities—violations of Local Law #1 of 1992 carry a penalty of up to \$5,000 per instance and denial of access to

Sullivan County environmental facilities upon conviction!

Many solid waste and recycling haulers that do business in Sullivan County provide great collection services. But in any case, if you suspect your hauler is not doing the right thing, ask him or her to provide you with written company-specific recycling instructions and a collection schedule. If they are unwilling to provide you with confirmation of their recycling efforts, seek another hauler who will. If you remain uncertain about a hauler's compliance with the law, please don't break the law yourself and throw valuable recyclables away. Instead, deliver them (recyclables are free of charge) to any Sullivan County Transfer Station - we can help you remain in compliance with the law, and offer a safe and cost-effective recycling/waste disposal alternative to unscrupulous means.

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 address is: recycling@co.sullivan.ny.us Web: <http://co.sullivan.ny.us/Departments/SolidWasteRecycling/tabid/3198/Default.aspx>



Windrowed compost *almost* ready for landscaping projects!