

**Did you know** that on average, each of us produces over **5 pounds** of trash each day – yet only **1 pound** gets recycled, and the rest, about **4 pounds**, gets disposed. This adds up to almost **3/4** of a **ton** of disposed trash per person, per year.

**Glass** - The energy saved from recycling just one glass bottle can run a **100-watt light bulb for 4 hours**. Yet every month, we throw out enough glass bottles and jars to fill up a giant skyscraper.

**Plastic** - The plastic bottles our water comes in are made out of oil - the same oil that is used to make gasoline - the same oil that is in such high demand and is not an unlimited resource – and we use **2.5 million plastic bottles each hour** (and toss 86% of them in with the trash!)

**Cans** - An aluminum can that is thrown away will still be a can 500 years from now. And we use over **80 billion aluminum soda cans every year!**

**Paper** - One tree can filter up to 60 pounds of pollutants from the air each year. It takes one **15-year-old tree to produce 700 grocery bags**.

But fortunately, all of these items and more can be recycled – many indefinitely!



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# Town of Wilton



## Transfer Station

# What you need to know about recycling

Free Transfer Station Sticker Inside!

[www.wiltonct.org](http://www.wiltonct.org)  
203-563-0152



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## Good News!



Dear Wilton Resident:

We are pleased to provide information on the recent improvements to the Town of Wilton's Transfer Station and revised recycling and waste policies. I enthusiastically encourage residents to utilize the expanded recycling facilities, effective July 1, 2009.

As a Wilton resident, you now have *free* access to the Transfer Station, utilizing the enclosed windshield sticker.

In addition, our redesigned facility has been expanded to *also* accept:

- Plastic containers numbered 1-7
- Fluorescent light tubes and CFLs
- Household electronics and computers

Please take a moment to read the enclosed information and to post the Recycling and Hazardous Waste lists in a convenient place.

Let us all do our part to make Wilton a recycling leader to assure an environmentally safe and sustainable future for our community!

Sincerely,

Bill Brennan  
First Selectman



## Your Questions

### Q. How is Connecticut addressing the trash problem?

**A.** In our state, too much trash is a real problem. By the late 1980s and early 1990s, many municipal landfills had reached their permitted capacity. Others were unable to meet new federal regulatory requirements for modern sanitary landfills. Some even posed a contamination threat to drinking water supplies.

An important step was taken when Connecticut adopted a solid waste (trash) management hierarchy:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Reduce
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Reuse
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Recycle
- 4<sup>th</sup> Waste-to-energy
- 5<sup>th</sup> Waste-to-landfill

### Q. Is recycling mandatory in CT?

**A.** Yes, and according to Connecticut Statute, all citizens share the responsibility:

- Residents - to separate designated recyclables from other solid waste.
- Collectors/haulers - to notify the municipal recycling contact about any customer believed to be discarding designated recyclables with solid waste.
- Municipalities - to instruct haulers to issue warning notices to customers suspected of violating separation requirements.

### Q. As residents, what can we do?

- A.** There are many actions we can take:
- Make simple shopping decisions such as not buying overpackaged products, avoiding disposables, and selecting durable, reusable items.
  - Participate in CT's "Don't Trash Grass!"

program, which encourages homeowners to leave their grass clippings on the lawn, effectively removing them from the waste stream.

- Manage yard trimmings and food scraps on your own property by composting.
- Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!

### Q. What becomes of our recyclables?

**A.** The materials you place in your recycling bin each week come back to us as new products. Aluminum cans come back as new cans, glass containers as new glass.

Some products made from recycled materials bear little or no resemblance to their original components:

- You probably wouldn't blow your nose on a sheet of copier paper, but the fluffy tissues you use when you have a cold could well have been made from recycled office paper.

- Plastic containers are turned into a wide variety of products – like carpeting, deck furniture and building materials. Even the flip-flops on your feet might have been an auto tire or a rug in a previous life!



When you shop, make sure you look for the "recycled" symbol on items you buy. Buying recycled products saves precious natural resources – and it's good for the environment!

For more information visit the Department of Public Works, Town of Wilton website: [www.wiltonct.org](http://www.wiltonct.org) 203-563-0152

# Wilton Transfer Station

Mather Street, Wilton CT Tel: 203-563-0152  
Hours of Operation: M - F 8 - 4, Sat 9 - 12.



## 1. Recyclables Accepted – Free of Charge



- CLEAN Metal, Glass & Plastic (#1-7) containers (including EMPTY Aerosol cans)
- Newspapers, Magazines & Mixed paper (including catalogs & office paper)
- Cardboard/Fiberboard/Paperboard (including corrugated, cereal boxes & shirt boards) - NO WAXED MILK CARTONS
- Fluorescent light tubes
- CFLs (Compact fluorescent light bulbs)
- All batteries (household & rechargeable)
- Scrap metal containing no gasoline or Freon (mowers, washing machines, small appliances, etc)
- Clothes & Shoes



## 2. Other Waste Streams Accepted – Fee Required

- Solid waste (bagged)
- Tires - NO RIMS
- Bulky waste (mattresses, furniture, etc)
- Appliances containing Freon (freezers, air conditioners, refrigerators, etc)
- Construction & Demolition Materials from home projects – NO CONCRETE
- Consumer electronics
- Latex paint (Dried in cans)
- YARD WASTE NOT ACCEPTED



## 3. Recyclables that can be returned to Retailer

- Waste oil
- Propane tanks
- Printer cartridges
- Packing peanuts
- Plastic bags
- Phone books
- Cell phones
- Auto batteries
- Dry cleaner hangers
- Fire extinguishers
- Books/CDs/DVDs (may also be donated)



## 4. Hazardous Waste Not Accepted at Transfer Station

Please take these materials to **Annual Hazardous Waste Day** (check [www.wiltonct.org](http://www.wiltonct.org) for specific dates in Wilton and surrounding towns throughout the year).

- Aerosol cans (with contents)
- Antifreeze
- Arts/Craft supplies (glues)
- Asphalt/Roof sealer
- Bathroom cleaners
- Brake fluid
- Flea powders/sprays
- Floor care products
- Fungicides
- Furniture/Car polish
- Gasoline
- Hair dyes & sprays
- Lighter fluids
- Nail polish/remover
- Oven cleaners
- Paint - Oil base/Stains
- Paint strippers/thinners
- Photo chemicals
- Chemical fertilizers
- Chemistry kits
- Degreasers
- Disinfectants
- Drain cleaners
- Herbicides
- Insecticides/Pesticides
- Kerosene

### Items Not Accepted on Hazardous Waste Day

- Ammunition/Explosives/Fireworks – Contact your local Police Department.
- Radioactive Materials – Return smoke detectors to manufacturer.
- Medical or Biological Waste, Waste containing PCBs, Asbestos or any material items containing Asbestos – Contact: DEP (860-424-3366)

Cut to post in a convenient location.



**Notes:** 1.) Items may change. Please check Town website for most current list ([www.wiltonct.org](http://www.wiltonct.org)). 2.) Each hauler may require special handling procedures for recyclables. Please check with your specific hauler. 3.) A second windshield sticker may be obtained from the Town Clerk.

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