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TOWN OF EAST HARTFORD
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East Hartford Public Works Spring Cleaning Checklist

(April 25, 2018) While it may feel as though it has been a long time coming, spring is finally driving away winter's chill and snow! In this season of renewal, East Hartford Department of Public Works (DPW) is asking all residents to do their part to help us keep our Town clean and green through the coming summer months.

To support resident efforts, DPW offers many resources to help residents with their spring cleaning needs, and will keep administrative offices open every Saturday in May from 8:00 am to 1:45 pm. Below is a full checklist of items with steps you can take to clean winter debris and spruce up your property.

Of particular note, the Town will not conduct a curbside collection of leaves until the fall. Residents can bring those, as well as grass clippings, in brown paper bags to the Transfer Station without needing to purchase a Bulky Waste Permit.

Public Works: Supporting Residents in Keeping East Hartford Clean & Beautiful

www.easthartfordct.gov/public-works

Bulky Disposal: **On Saturdays May 5, 12, 19 and 26**, the Public Works Office, 61 Ecology Drive, will be open for Spring Bulky Waste Permit Registration and bulky waste collection from 8 am to 1:45 pm. Information can be found on www.easthartfordct.gov under Public Works.

Blue Barrel Recycling:

Did you know that the Town pays \$0 per ton for recycling while regular trash costs \$71 per ton to be burned? Free barrels are available for 1-6 family homes. If you are an extraordinary recycler, request a second free recycling barrel by calling 860-291-7363.

Brush Recycling:

Did you know that you can deliver brush to the transfer station? Public Works saves taxpayer dollars by recycling all brush vegetation larger than grass clippings and leaves that are delivered by residents. Bulky Waste Permit required.

Car Batteries:

Accepted at the Transfer Station, 61 Ecology Drive, Bulky Waste Permit required.

Composting:

Composting of leaves, vegetable and fruit waste can be done in your backyards. Visit the East Hartford Library for educational resources to make backyard composting easy or on-line at www.easthartfordct.gov/library to get started.

Clothing and Textiles:

Did you know that in addition to leaving your textiles curbside in your Simple Recycling pink bags, you can also deliver used clothing, footwear, household linens and bedding items, stuffed animals and accessories like hats, gloves, ties, pocketbooks to the Transfer Station for **FREE**? When you recycle textiles the Town earns revenue and avoids paying \$71 per ton on disposal. For more information on how to easily recycle your textiles curbside through the Pink Bag program, please visit the Town website.

For those residents who are committed to donating clothing to charities, the Town of East Hartford and Simple Recycling encourage them to continue to do so. It is through donations that 15% of clothing/textiles currently are recycled. These non-profit organizations provide important employment and social services to our communities.

Electronics

Deliver electronics – televisions, computers, monitors, VCR/DVD Players, cameras and keyboards to the Transfer Station for **FREE!**

Grass & Leaf Recycling:

Residents can deliver grass clippings and leaves in brown paper bags or loose only (no plastic bags) to the transfer station for **FREE!**

Household Hazardous

Waste Collection: East Hartford residents can participate any of the 10 drop-off locations offered by the MDC, May through October, 8 am – 1 pm for **FREE**. See the list below for May and June. Check on-line at www.themdc.com for the entire 2018 schedule and for the checklist of all the acceptable hazardous waste you can deliver.

May 5, 2018	Newington Town Garage, 281 Milk Lane (off Fenn Road)
May 12, 2018	Hartford MDC Operations Facility, 125 Maxim Road
June 2, 2018	Windsor Poquonock WPCF, 1222 Poquonock Avenue
June 16, 2018	Wethersfield High School, 411 Wolcott Hill Road
June 24, 2018	West Hartford Emanuel Synagogue, 160 Mohegan Drive

Mattress Recycling: Deliver for disposal at the Transfer Station, 61 Ecology Drive or for curbside collection, Bulky Waste Permit required.

Medications: **FREE** disposal of over-the-counter, prescription, pets medications and medicated lotions and ointments at East Hartford Police Department, 31 School Street. Please do not flush down toilets or dispose of down catch basins.

Metals: Deliver for disposal at the Transfer Station, 61 Ecology Drive or for curbside collection, a Bulky Waste Permit required. Includes appliances, refrigerators with doors removed, bicycles and gas grills without propane tank. Propane tanks may be delivered to the commercial establishment from which you purchase a new one.

Paint Recycling: PaintCare is a non-profit organization that has established a **FREE** and year-round paint recycling collection program at the Transfer Station, 61 Ecology Drive. Latex and oil based paints, deck coatings, primers, sealers, stains, shellacs, lacquers, metal coatings, rust preventatives and filed/lawn paints are all acceptable. Visit www.paintcare.org for more information.

Plastic Film: Plastic wrap and film may be brought to ShopRite of East Hartford at 31 Main Street for collection and recycling, as part of our new WRAP Program.

Used Oil &
Anti-freeze:

Accepted at the Transfer Station, 61 Ecology Drive, in clear plastic containers. NO Bulky Waste Permit needed. Please do not use catch basins for disposal.

To Recap:

Items you can bring to the Transfer Station **without a Bulky Waste Permit:**

- Clothing and Textiles
- Electronics
- Leaves and/or Grass Clippings (loose or in paper bags, not plastic)
- Paint
- Used Oil & Anti-freeze

Items you can bring that do **require a Bulky Waste Permit:**

- Brush and Tree Limbs
- Car Batteries
- Mattresses
- Metals (including appliances, refrigerators with doors removed, bicycles, etc.)

Items that can be recycled or disposed elsewhere:

- Compost – in your own backyard!
- Clothing and Textiles – in your pink bag, curbside!
- Hazardous Household Waste – via MDC (check site for locations).
- Medications – EHPD, 31 School Street.
- Plastic Film – ShopRite of East Hartford, 31 Main Street.
- Propane Tanks – Commercial establishments where purchased.