

## Specially Handled Wastes

**VEHICLE BATTERIES - YES**

**VEHICLE MOTOR OIL - YES**

*The above can be brought to the Bogue Road Water Pollution Control Facility Monday - Friday 7 AM-2 PM*

**NO** antifreeze, gasoline, solvents or household batteries. These will be accepted at a Household Hazardous Waste Day. (See below)

**RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES** - e.g. cell phone, ipod etc, return them to the place of purchase OR drop them off at the City Department of Public Works or Mayor's Offices in City Hall during normal business hours.

**EMPTY LATEX PAINT CANS** - Open cans to allow paint to dry thoroughly, place cans with the DRIED PAINT in curbside trash container.

**HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE** - Call the *City Department of Public Works Office at (860)- 489-2232* for the next scheduled citywide disposal date and location.

**HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES AND FURNITURE** are picked up at no additional charge - just leave them at the curbside on the morning of your regular trash collection! This additional service is provided by the City of Torrington.

*Additional services provided by the City of Torrington to help you properly dispose of RESIDENTIAL waste materials*

## Residential Recycling



# TORRINGTON RECYCLES!

*It's easier than you think !*



For more information go to our website [www.torringtonct.org](http://www.torringtonct.org), departments, public works, recycling or call the Recycling Information Line at 860-489-2232

**Public Works Department  
Recycling Information Line  
(860)-489-2232**

## What You May and May Not Recycle

Save for reference

### What You **MAY** Recycle in the Blue Bin

- **Paper**- Newspaper, junk mail, magazines, catalogs, envelopes, school paper, office paper.
- **Cardboard and Boxboard**- Flattened please, to save container space.
- **Paper Bags**
- **Phone Books**
- **Paper Egg Cartons**- NO Styrofoam containers
- **Empty Glass Jars and Bottles**- NO BROKEN GLASS and please rinse them out. You do not have to remove labels. Metal covers are OK. Plastic covers are NOT. Covers should be processed with regular trash.
- **Aluminum Cans**- Please do not squash them.
- **Aluminum Foil**- Clean only please.
- **Steel and Metal Cans**- This includes empty aerosol cans, rinsed where possible. Labels do not need to be removed.
- **Plastic Containers 3 Gallons or Less**- Clean and labeled #1 --#7 in a small triangle on the container bottom. NO plastic caps please.



### What You **MAY NOT** Recycle in the Blue Bin

- **Bottle Caps**
- **Plastic Bags**
- **Broken Glass**
- **Pizza Boxes**
- **Ice Cream boxes**
- **Frozen Food packages/boxes**
- **Yard Waste**
- **Garbage**
- **Food Waste**
- **Paper Products soiled by food** e.g. used paper plates, paper towels, napkins etc.
- **Polystyrene or Styrofoam materials** e.g. tarps, cups, egg cartons, plastic sheathing.
- **Plastic Wrap**
- **Motor Oil or Fluid Containers**
- **Fuel Containers**
- **Hazardous Chemical Containers**
- **Plastic Toys or Sporting Goods**
- **Electronics or Batteries**
- **Compact Discs or DVDs**
- **Light Bulbs**
- **Pots or Pans**
- **Plastic or Metal Hangers**
- **Plastic Containers Larger than 3 Gallons**
- **Plastic Flower Pots**
- **Plastic Kiddie Pools**
- **Plastic Pails**
- **Mirrors, Windows, Plate or Pyrex Glass**
- **Ceramic Dinnerware**

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## Composting Natural Recycling

Composting is one of the most complete and effective ways of reducing household waste handling. It directly re-supplies soil nutrients in your gardens and moisture holding matter to soil without the use of chemical fertilizers and commercial mulching materials. Maintaining your compost bin is easy and requires very little time:

- Whether you purchase your compost bin from the City or construct your own, place it where it will catch rain and receive moderate sunshine.
- Line the bottom with a small layer of leafy material.
- Place scrap vegetable matter, coffee grounds, tea bags egg shells, fruit wastes and spent house plants, etc. directly into the bin.
- Occasionally add a layer of leafy matter over the organic matter.
- Periodically turn over the bin contents to expose all to the air, add SMALL amounts of water during dry periods if necessary.
- Next growing season you'll have an incredibly rich addition to flower beds and vegetable gardens, and you won't believe the explosive growth of plants nourished by compost.



## Benefits of Recycling

- **Financial** - Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority processing PAYS TORRINGTON for every ton of recyclables delivered to them. The City applies those funds as an offset to **Managed Solid Waste** handling costs, which are currently higher than **\$3,000,000.00** annually.

Those costs are expected to rise markedly in the near future as Connecticut disposal sites become full and MSW materials are shipped out of the state.

As Torrington improves its recycling rate to meet the State of Connecticut objective our waste handling fees will decline accordingly.

- **Environmental** - The favorable impact from enhanced recycling affects us all; our drinking water, the health of our children, the health of all Mother Nature's creatures and the sustainability of the supply of our natural resources.

### AND BEST OF ALL...IT'S EASY!

Everything we recycle goes in one container; we don't even have to separate it thanks to Single Stream Recycling by CRRRA machinery.

The Connecticut Resources and Recovery Authority and City of Torrington are working together to save Torrington residents money and improve the environment!

## Did you know.....

### *What do I do with my electronic trash?*

**Answer:** Bring anything on the list below to the City electronic equipment recycle center at the **Torrington Water Pollution Control** facility on **Bogue Road, any week day between 7 AM - 2 PM and 7 AM - 9:30 AM on Saturdays--** be sure to bring an ID showing you're a Torrington resident. Anything listed below is accepted at no charge. Data security is not provided and should be performed by the owner of the equipment prior to drop off.

• *Computers, Computer monitors, Printers, Modems, Televisions, Cell phones, Desktop copiers, Fax machines, iPods, PDAs, Stereos, Radio equipment, Telephones and Telephone equipment, Typewriters, Speakers, Microwave Ovens, Digital cameras, VCRs and DVD players*

### *How do I find the recycle number on plastic waste?*

**Answer:** Most plastic containers that are acceptable for recycling have a number inside a triangle on the bottom of the container. If there is no number it is NOT recyclable and should be disposed of with solid waste trash.

### *Why aren't the plastic bags I get at grocery stores and many other retailers recyclable?*

**Answer:** The type of plastic used in these bags **cannot** be processed with the other types of plastic which are acceptable in the City program--the bags actually jam the machinery used to shred waste. **All of Torrington's major grocery stores accept clean plastic bags for special recycling regardless of where they were issued.** The used bags are then recycled via a specific process which allows them to be used again in new bags. You may also include them with non-recyclable trash.

## There's More You Can Do

Reduce the amount of junk mail you receive by writing to:

**Mail Preference Service  
Direct Marketing Association  
6E, 43rd Street  
New York, N.Y. 10017-4610**

Request to have your name stricken from all major mailing lists, or online at:

[http://www.directmail.com/directory/mail\\_preference/Default.aspx](http://www.directmail.com/directory/mail_preference/Default.aspx)

There are several other organizations offering the same service on-line.

- Store leftovers in closed containers to avoid using plastic wrap.
- Use rechargeable batteries.
- Mow with a mulching lawn mower.
- Hold a garage sale to sell off unused/unwanted belongings or donate usable items to charity.
- Bring fluorescent light bulbs to Home Depot for recycling. **DO NOT** throw in the **TRASH OR Recycling** Bins!

**Still have questions?  
Please call the  
Torrington Public Works  
Department  
for the answer:  
(860)-489-2232**