

# REDUCE...REUSE...RECYCLE



Let's Make West Haven #1 in Recycling

Now that West Haven has single-stream recycling, the West Haven Energy Commission (WHEC) wants to raise awareness of the importance of recycling and help West Haven citizens be more knowledgeable about what can be recycled, composted, trashed or taken to a different site. To do this, we need your help. Below is a Recycle Quick List.

## THINK before you THROW!

### RECYCLE QUICK LIST

#### PLEASE RECYCLE THESE ITEMS

- Glass Food & Beverage Containers
- Metal Food & Beverage Containers
- Juice & Milk Cartons
- Aluminum Foil & Trays
- Numbered Plastic Containers # 1-7
- Newspapers & Advertising Inserts
- Magazines & Catalogs
- Junk Mail & Shredded Mail
- Cardboard Food & Beverage Boxes
- Telephone Books
- Textbooks - remove hard cover (Donate)
- Paperback Books (Donate)
- Paper Wrapping Paper
- Egg Cartons (paper & plastic)
- Toilet Paper & Paper Towel Inner Rolls
- All Other Paper
- Cardboard- flattened & cut to 3'x3'/

Bundle with string (NOT TAPE) or stack under recycle bin

#### DO NOT Recycle these items

- Plastic Bags (bring #2 & #4 to Stop and Shop, Bonton, Shoprite, and Everybody's for recycling)
- Motor Oil Containers
- Containers that held Hazardous Chemicals
- Five Gallon Pails or Larger
- Aerosol Cans
- Styrofoam
- Styrofoam Containers
- Pizza Boxes (soiled)

*Please donate all unwanted clothing, clean cloth items, curtains, sheets, and towels to the Salvation Army, Goodwill or any other charitable organization*

#### WHERE CAN I SAFELY DISPOSE OF THESE ITEMS & LEARN MORE?

ELECTRONIC WASTE :

HAZARDOUS WASTE:

CITY OF WEST HAVEN

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

Quarterly Drop-off Days in West Haven. For schedule, call 203-937-3585 or see website below

HazWaste Central / <http://www.rwater.com/hazwaste/>

<http://www.cityofwesthaven.com/foundations/store/storepage.asp?page=Pubworkrec>

[http://www.ct.gov/dep/cwp/view.asp?a=2714&q=324884&depNav\\_GID=1645](http://www.ct.gov/dep/cwp/view.asp?a=2714&q=324884&depNav_GID=1645)

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ENERGY MATTERS

Questions, Concerns or Suggestions? Contact the West Haven Energy Commission

[energycomm@westhaven-ct.gov](mailto:energycomm@westhaven-ct.gov)

# WHERE WE STAND: WE CAN DO BETTER!

Latest CT figures: Average Recycling Compliance Rate

- State of Connecticut - 26% City of West Haven - 23%

Fact: West Haven ranks 6 out of 8 CT cities with a population of 50,000-75,000

Goals: Average Recycling Compliance Rate

- State of Connecticut - 58% (by 2024) City of West Haven - 50% (by 2015)

**Recycling saves money** and provides many environmental benefits including preventing pollution that can occur during the extraction and processing of new materials.

## Some Fun Recycling Facts: Did you know

Each one of us produces approximately 4 ½ lbs. of trash per day.

**ABOUT RECYCLE BINS: RUNNING OUT OF ROOM? IF YOU NEED A LARGER BIN FOR YOUR RECYCLE ITEMS, SIMPLY USE ANOTHER CONTAINER and MARK "RECYCLE" ON IT WITH A MAGIC MARKER.**

It takes 1,050 recycled milk jugs to make a 6-foot plastic park bench.

A ½ acre lawn in Connecticut can produce over 3 tons, or nearly 260 bags of grass clippings each year. They are 80% water, decompose quickly and make good compost if chemicals have not been used.

**A recycled fleece jacket uses 25 plastic soda bottles as raw material. So fleece is plastic.**

Using scrap metal instead of iron ore to make new products reduces air pollution by 86%, reduces water pollution by 76%, and saves 74% of the energy and 40% of the water. What is scrap metal?



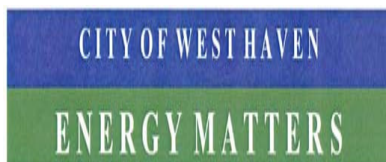
Recycling 1 ton of aluminum saves the equivalent of 2,350 gallons of gasoline. The turn-around time for a recycled aluminum can is only 6 weeks. This means that the can you recycle today will be back on store shelves, filled with your favorite food or beverage in only a month and a half.

**Used paper and paper products, most of which can be recycled, still make up the largest proportion of our trash - about 40%. Lower this percentage –recycle!**

One gallon of recycled oil can produce the same amount of motor oil as 42 gallons of crude oil – while requiring only about a third of the energy. So, if you know of anyone who changes their car oil, be sure to remind them to recycle the used oil – it's the law!



About 1/3 of all trash is some form of packaging.



## ENERGY MATTERS COUNT

WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO MAKE RECYCLING A HABIT? TO CONSERVE ENERGY?  
SAVE MONEY AND PROTECT THE NATURAL RESOURCES OF WEST HAVEN?

WRITE TO US AT: [energycomm@westhaven-ct.gov](mailto:energycomm@westhaven-ct.gov)

[www.cityofwesthaven.com](http://www.cityofwesthaven.com)

WHEC meets on the first Wednesday of every month in City Hall, JOIN US!