

Bulk Trash

1. Bulk trash will be picked up 2 times per year on your scheduled curbside collection day in the second calendar week of the 2 designated bulk pickup months: April 19-23 and Sept. 13-17.

2. Bulk items include couches, chairs, tables, carpeting, padding, fencing and small amounts of bundled lumber. Lumber must be no longer than 6 feet, and each bundle must weigh less than 60 pounds. Fencing must be cut in half and stacked neatly in piles. **No building materials, tires, mattresses, propane tanks or hazardous waste are accepted.**

3. The amount of bulk trash per collection is limited to 6 cubic yards, which is equal to a pile of trash about 6 feet long, 6 feet wide and 4 ½ feet high. Homeowners are required to rent a dumpster or hire a junk removal service at their expense if trash exceeds 6 cubic yards. Otherwise, trash exceeding 6 cubic yards will be left at the curb, and a \$100 fine per daily offense will be imposed.

4. Bulk items must be separated and orderly. Do not place them next to a mailbox or utility pole or close to a fence.

5. Bulk trash must be generated by the customer at the residential unit where it is collected. Trash will not be collected if it is generated by anyone other than the resident of the home. Do not place bulk items in front of a vacant lot or home — they will not be collected.

Construction Refuse

Sand, stone, mortar, conduit, gypsum blocks, lumber, molding, bathroom fixtures, asphalt, plasterboard, plaster, trees, tree stumps, or other refuse from building, remodeling, landscaping or excavating are not acceptable. **A resident or contractor must provide a dumpster at their expense for this type of removal.**

Other Waste

Brush, Branches & Tree Limbs

Cut into 3- to 6-foot lengths and tied in small bundles, no more than 70 pounds. Logs and stumps are prohibited.

Leaves

Leaves will be picked up April 1-June 1 and Oct. 1-Dec. 31. Place curbside for pickup, or bring to the compost site, 1 Kimberly Ave. Must be placed in biodegradable paper bags only. Plastic bags are prohibited. **Grass clippings are not allowed in leaf bags, per state law.** Grass clippings and untied brush can be brought to the compost site. Leaves or brush packed in trash cans will not be picked up.

Metals

Call the Highway Department at 203-937-3644 to have metals, including household appliances and toilets, picked up on your regular trash day. Arrangements can usually be made to have your old appliances removed when new ones are delivered. Appliance doors must be removed.

Latex Paint

Dry the paint (cat litter can help), take off the lid, and put it out with your regular trash pickup. Oil-based paints go to HazWaste Central.

Keep Long Island Sound Clean

Sweeping debris into the street or catch basin is prohibited. Debris can block stormwater drainage and discharge contaminants into Long Island Sound. Illegal dumping will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

Use Your Head, You Live in a Watershed!



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Municipal Solid Waste

To avoid problems with your curbside collection service, please follow these rules:



1. The maximum number of garbage cans and bags is limited to 8 per collection day.

2. Place all items for collection within 5 feet of the street by 5 a.m. on your scheduled pickup day. **Do not place items for collection earlier than 24 hours before pickup.** Please remove cans from the street after pickup.

3. Each garbage can may have a capacity of 39 gallons or less and be equipped with handles and a lid.

4. Items in the garbage can should not extend above the rim.

5. Each garbage can or bag may not exceed 50 pounds.

6. Paper bags, cardboard boxes, recycling bins and oil drums may not be used as garbage containers.

7. Hypodermic needles, syringes, broken glass and other like materials must be placed in a sealed container before being put in the garbage.

8. Used oil, paints, insecticides, chemicals, automotive parts and other hazardous waste will not be collected.

9. Dry latex paint cans with the lids off are disposed of with regular weekly trash. Do not hide paint cans or other hazardous waste in your trash.

10. Per city ordinance 119-4, violations can result in a \$100 fine per daily offense. A citizen appeals board is available to review penalties.



Recycling



Items Accepted for Recycling

- Clear, brown or green bottles and jars.
- Soup, juice, pet food cans and aluminum foil.
- Milk, bleach and laundry soap jugs and other containers marked with 1-7.
- Magazines, catalogs, books, office paper and cereal boxes. Clean, dry newspaper and brown cardboard with ridges. Boxes must be empty and broken down.



Items Not Accepted for Recycling

- Windows, drinking glasses, cups, dishes, lightbulbs and medical products.
- Spray cans, paint cans, jar lids and cookware.
- Motor oil, transmission fluid, antifreeze, toys, flowerpots, plastic foam and plastic bags.
- Food-spoiled cardboard, aluminum containers and plastics.

For a detailed list of recyclables, visit the Department of Public Works at www.cityofwesthaven.com.

TVs, Electronics & Other E-waste

Electronics — typically anything that contains a circuit board or needs a battery — are recyclable items. Residents must bring TVs and all other electronic recyclables to one of our quarterly drop-off days — Jan 16, April 24, June 19 and Sept. 18 — from 8 a.m.-noon at the highway maintenance garage, 1 Collis St. Items include TVs, hand-held video games, computers and other small appliances.

Condominiums & Apartments

Please contact your property maintenance personnel for recycling and solid waste removal information. Recycling is required by state law.

Household Hazardous Waste

Household hazardous waste must be brought to HazWaste Central at the Regional Water Authority, 90 Sargent Drive, New Haven. It is open 9 a.m.-noon Saturdays, May-October. For details, call 203-401-2712.

Visit www.rwater.com/hazwaste. Small businesses can call the HazWaste number for more disposal information.

Kitchen & Bathroom

Aerosols, floor care products, metal polish, furniture polish, oven cleaners, drain cleaners, bathroom cleaners, tile cleaners, disinfectants, toilet bowl cleaners, medicines, nail polish removers.

Garage & Workshop

Antifreeze, bug sprays, gasoline, auto batteries, brake fluid, auto body repair products, transmission fluid, other oils and cleaners, oil-based paints, paint thinner, paint stripper, varnish, waste motor oil.

Garden & Miscellaneous

Chemical fertilizer, fungicides, herbicides, insecticides, rat poison, art paints, dry cleaning solvents, fiberglass epoxy, gun cleaning solvents, mothballs, batteries (all types), photographic chemicals, swimming pool chemicals, small camp stove propane cylinders, fluorescent bulbs.

No latex paint, large propane tanks (gas grill size).

