



Sullivan County

Recycling Newsletter

NEWSLETTER OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY RECYCLING PROGRAM
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Single Stream Recycling Comes to Sullivan County in 2011...

"Sullivan County is pleased to announce Single Stream Recycling as our next recycling milestone, as more convenience for the public will equal increased recycling compliance and participation in the Sullivan County Recycling Program," concluded County Manager David P. Fanslau.

Single Stream Recycling (SSR) is a term that means all "convenience recyclables" - cans, glass bottles, plastic containers and paper—can be mixed together in one collection bin for storage and transport to recycling facilities. SSR is a proven way to increase the quantity of materials recovered for recycling and decrease the amount of garbage

produced – which saves us all time and money. SSR consolidates items that previously were handled separately, such as Mixed Paper, Newsprint, Cardboard, Glass, #1 thru #7 Plastic Containers, and Metal Cans. In fact, double-digit recycling increases have been reported in communities that convert to SSR. Improved convenience means better compliance with mandatory recycling regulations.

Sullivan County commenced its recycling program in 1989, recycling eighty (80) tons of newspaper that first year. However, Sullivan County presently recycles over five thousand (5,000) tons of cans, plastic,

paper, metal, and glass within the County's recycling network.

Sullivan County has selected Hudson Baylor Corporation (HBC) to operate its new recycling facility in Monticello. HBC is also building a larger processing facility in the City of Beacon that will serve the entire Hudson Valley Region. This Regional facility will utilize the latest optical and star screen technology for sorting fiber, plastic and glass. As Single Stream operations in other parts of the country have proved, SSR increases recycling rates and diverts waste that would otherwise go to landfills—a benefit for everyone!

Please call 845-807-0291 for additional recycling information.

Your Question Answered...

Q. Can I mix my garbage together with recyclables in the new Single Stream Recycling Program?

A. NO! Single Stream Recycling

is a more convenient way to handle recyclables. Garbage still must be thrown away—and mixing garbage with recyclables simply makes MORE GAR-

BAGE—which defeats the purpose of recycling in the first place. Please be sure to keep recyclables separate from garbage at all times.

Electronic Scrap Recycling in New York State...

In May, Governor Paterson signed the New York State Electronic Equipment Recycling and Reuse Act into law, ensuring that every New Yorker will have the opportunity to recycle their electronic waste in an environmentally responsible manner. Beginning on April 1, 2011, the law will require manufacturers to offer free and convenient systems for collecting,

handling and recycling or reusing electronic waste, including computers, televisions, DVD players, cameras, VCRs and other electronic equipment.

Sullivan County has required the separate collection and recycling of electronic scrap since 2006. We were one of the first counties in New York State to develop our own E-Scrap recycling pro-

gram, due in part to concern over the disposal of potentially-toxic materials in the former landfill. This new legislation may change the way the County collects E-Scrap at its solid waste facilities in the future. More information about this program should be available from the State after January 1, 2011. Please check the NYSDEC website for specific guidance.

Recycling Summary...

Most recyclables are FREE - save money by recycling today!

Below is a handy list of acceptable Sullivan County recyclables to help you maximize recycling at home and work. Just keep the "like" materials together in their respective categories, and be sure to check with us first if you are uncertain about an item or category designation. Please note that this list applies to materials delivered directly to our facilities, and it may understandably differ from your waste hauler's specific commercial recycling instructions. The following materials are recyclable in Sullivan County and therefore should be separated from waste for recycling:

- **Mixed Paper**— Recycle old magazines, 'junk' mail, telephone directories, chipboard fiber (cereal boxes, TV dinner cartons, paper towel tubes, gray notepad backer), envelopes, school papers and books (with hard covers removed) all together with:
- **Newspaper**— Daily newspapers, including glossy inserts
- **Cardboard**— Old corrugated cardboard boxes and brown (kraft) paper bags
- **Glass**— Green, brown, uncolored and blue glass containers and bottles
- **Mixed Containers**— Steel cans, #1- #7 plastic containers, and aluminum beverage cans
- **Portable Consumer Batteries**— AA, AAA, C, D, and 9 volt style batteries
- **Tires**— rubber vehicle tires, on or off rims
- **Electronic Scrap**— Televisions (all display types), computers, laptops, and monitors
- **Fluorescent Bulbs**— Straight tubes, U-shaped bulbs and compact fluorescent lamps
- **Textiles**— unwanted clothing
- **Leaves-Compost**— Deciduous leaves, pine needles, corn stalks, and brown (kraft) paper compost bags
- **Used Motor Oil**— Motor vehicle engine oil and transmission fluid
- **Antifreeze**— Vehicle glycol-type coolant
- **Cell Phones**— Handheld cellular telephones
- **Scrap Metal**— Old metal furniture, cabinets, piping, appliances, siding, iron, copper, tin, titanium, chrome, brass, steel, aluminum

NEW! Single Stream Recyclables...

Upcoming Events:

- **Earth Day 2011**
- **Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events in 2011!**
- **America Recycles Day—November 15, 2011**



New York State Revamps Solid Waste Management Plan...

New York has a new Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP), called Beyond Waste, which was developed a decade after the last major update of the State's original 1987 Solid Waste Plan. NYSDEC has just completed the newly revised Plan, one that maintains the essence of the 1987 priorities while acknowledging the need for greater progress in reducing the amount of waste New Yorkers dispose of every year. Beyond Waste describes how

materials are currently managed in New York and proposes many new ways for state and local governments, businesses, and individual citizens to move toward a more sustainable approach, thereby reducing greenhouse gases, reducing pollution, saving energy, and creating new green jobs. The Plan sets out a twenty year goal of reducing the average amount of waste that New Yorkers dispose of from 4.1 to 0.6 pounds per person, per day.

Contact Us...

Please feel free to contact us regarding any recycling, composting, and sustainability questions or concerns you may have in Sullivan County. Our office is located at the Sullivan County Government Center, 100 North Street, Monticello, NY 12701. Our telephone number is 845-807-0291. Our email address is: recycling@co.sullivan.ny.us. Visit us on the web at: www.scgnet.us/index.asp?orgid=275&storyTypeID=&sid=&

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