



# TOWN OF HAMDEN

## Automated Curbside Collection Program Town-wide Cart Pickup will begin the week of January 20th



### **Info About Your New Automated Carts**

Your recycling and trash schedule will remain the same unless otherwise notified by the Town. To guarantee pickup, please have your carts out before 6AM on your pickup day. The carts are the property of the Town of Hamden and must be left at your home if you move. Please write your address only (in permanent ink) in the designated location on your cart lids for identification. Do not write your name on the carts, they have been assigned to your address only.

**Beginning January 20<sup>th</sup>, your current trash barrels and your 18-gallon recycling bin(s) will no longer be picked up curbside.** Only Town of Hamden issued automated carts can be used. You may keep old recycling bins and trash cans for other uses in your home, bring them to the Hamden Transfer Station located at 231 Wintergreen Ave. for re-use/recycling, or you may put them out during the April and October bulk trash pickup.

### **How to Load Your Carts**

You are receiving one recycling cart and one trash cart. Please do not mix trash and recycling together. Please recycle everything you can (see list on reverse side of this page and on your recycling cart lid). Take care not to overfill your cart as materials may become lodged inside. Place your bagged household trash in the green trash cart. Place all recyclables (paper, bottles and cans, cardboard and other recyclables) in your blue recycling cart. All recyclable containers should be clean, rinsed and placed in the cart. **Please remember that plastic bags are not recyclable and cannot be placed in the recycling cart.** Carts cannot be lined with plastic bags.

### **Where to Place Carts Out Curbside for Collection**

Make sure the lids are closed. This will keep animals, rain, snow and ice out. Place cart out at the curb with the arrows and lid opening toward the street. All trash and recycling **MUST** be placed in the provided carts. Any trash bags or recycling placed outside of the carts will be left behind. For ease of automated pickup, please place your carts no closer than 3 feet apart of each other and away from obstacles such as mailboxes, utility poles, fire hydrants, parked cars or under trees.

### **What Should I Do After Collection**

To help maintain the appearance of your neighborhood, remove carts as soon after collection as possible. Take care not to store carts close to a furnace, fireplace, grill or other source of excessive heat.

### **PLEASE DO NOT**

- Overfill the cart – make sure lid closes completely.
- Put hazardous waste, paint cans, solvent, or dead animals in the cart.
- Put hot coals or ashes in the cart.
- Store cart near heat

**For more information  
CALL 203-287-7006 or go to:  
[www.Hamden.com/recycle](http://www.Hamden.com/recycle)**



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## RECYCLE

**Glass Food and Beverage Containers:** clear, green and brown glass bottles and jars (remove metal lids and recycle)

**Metal Food and Beverage Containers:** steel, tin, metal and aluminum cans, metal lids, clean pie pans, aluminum foil and trays

**All Numbered Plastic Containers:** (NO plastic bags); plastic milk jugs; plastic bottles and lids; detergent bottles; personal care containers, i.e. shampoo bottles, nail polish remover bottles. Plastic containers and lids must have a recycling triangle on the underside with a number in it. If the item does not have a numbered recycling triangle, it is not recyclable.



**Juice & Milk Cartons and Juice Boxes:** plastic and paper cartons/boxes (remove straws)

**Paper and Paper Products:** newspapers & advertising inserts; magazines & catalogs; envelopes (window & plain); file folders; computer, letter and notebook paper; junk mail and shredded mail/paper; cardboard food and beverage boxes - cereal and cracker boxes, gift boxes, pasta boxes, tissue boxes, shoe boxes, aluminum foil and plastic wrap boxes (remove plastic inserts); telephone books & paperback books; textbooks (remove hard cover); paper wrapping paper; paper bags; egg cartons (paper and plastic); toilet paper & paper towel inner rolls; cardboard (must be placed in blue recycling cart)

## DO NOT RECYCLE

**Please Do Not Recycle:** Plastic bags (bring to Stop & Shop, Bonton, ShopRite and Everybody's for free recycling); used paper plates, napkins & tissues; food waste (rinse out all containers – no greasy pizza boxes); needles/syringes; drinking glasses, window glass; mirrors, containers that once held hazardous chemicals, i.e. antifreeze, paint cans, pesticides cleaners, motor oil; five gallon pails or larger; aerosol cans; ice cream cartons; dishes, ceramics, knives; styrofoam and foam egg cartons; styrofoam containers; lightbulbs (bring to Batteries Plus, Home Depot or HazWaste Central).

### What Is Single Stream Recycling?

Single Stream Recycling allows you to put all acceptable recyclables listed above into your new recycling cart together. Recycling Facilities now separate all recyclables (paper, bottles and cans, cardboard and other recyclables) from each other at the recycling facility. Single Stream Recycling improves recycling rates by making it easier to recycle a wide variety of materials that otherwise would go in the trash.

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

RECYCLE – It's the law.

**For more information on what to do with unacceptable recyclables CALL 203-287-7006 or go to:**  
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