WHAT TO DO WITH

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTABLE FOR CURBSIDE PICKUP

- Asbestos – contact professional removal company in phone book yellow pages. For information on asbestos, go to the Department of Public Health website.
- Batteries – bring to Batteries Plus at 2460 Dixwell Avenue, Hamden. Any battery. Will also accept any bulk. No charge.
- Bulk Trash – furniture, mattresses, rugs, appliances, etc. Residents of Hamden may put bulk trash out in front of their homes during the entire months of April & October of each year or take items to the Transfer Station. **Click Here** for Hamden's Bulk Trash Brochure
- Brush – Cut to less than 4 feet in length and less than 4 inches in diameter, bundle with twine. Call Public Works at 287-2600 for pick-up.
- Car Batteries – bring to any battery retailer including Advance Auto Parts, Batteries Plus, Firestone, Pepboys, Sears and Walmart or bring to HazWaste Central.
- Christmas Trees are collected curbside for chipping in January and February, call Public Works at 203-287-2600 for exact dates.
- Computers – look under electronics recycling in bold below.
- Construction or Demolition materials – will take small quantities at Recycling Center/Transfer Station (call first: 203-387-2435, brought by homeowner only). For large amounts, contract for a trash dumpster. CLEAN masonry, stone and asphalt is accepted by Modern Materials, 2895 State Street, Hamden ($5 / ton) 203-287-5424
- **Electronics Recycling** – **Click here** for a listing of local proper electronic disposal options. For further information call Hamden's Solid Waste and Recycling Coordinator at 203-287-7021 or email Proach@Hamden.com
- Flourescent Bulbs – bring to Batteries Plus at 2460 Dixwell Avenue in Hamden, any bulb, any battery. No charge. Home Depot will take your compact bulbs, HazWaste Central will also accept flourescent bulbs.
- Grass clippings – it is illegal to dispose of grass clippings in your trash, leave them on the lawn, where they will decompose and act as a natural fertilizer; or mix into your home compost pile. Another recommendation is to use a mulching lawnmower blade, so clippings will decompose quickly and act as a fertilizer.
- **Hazardous Waste** – including oil-based paint, pesticides, aerosols, gasoline, anti-freeze, fluorescent bulbs, mercury and mercury containing items, batteries (non-alkaline), cleaning or other chemicals. Bring these items to HazWaste Central in New Haven.
- Heating oil tanks – hire a licensed professional to remove it.
- Hypodermic syringes – the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) advises disposal of sharps in a puncture-resistant hard plastic or metal container that you can't see through. Use empty bleach or detergent bottles with screw-on caps or tightly sealed lids. Label the container "DO NOT RECYCLE". Seal the container with its original lid and wrap it with duct tape. Place the tightly sealed container in a paper bag and discard with your household trash – NOT in your recycling bin. Prior to disposal it is recommended that you disinfect your sharps in a solution of 1 teaspoon of bleach in a ½ gallon of water. Email or call Pamela Roach at Proach@Hamden.com or 287-7021 for a brochure.
- Leaves – must be recycled by packing in brown paper leaf bags during collection seasons. Collection dates announced by Director of Public Works in local newspapers. Small brush (branches with diameter smaller than a thumb) can be put into leaf bags. Other times, leaves can be transported to Hamden's composting site behind the Transfer Station; or compost them in your own backyard; only put in the woods if it is your property!
- Motor Oil – take used motor oil (uncontaminated by any other fluids) to Hamden Recycling Center/Transfer Station. If other fluids are mixed in, take it to HazWaste Central.
- Metal – small appliances, pots and pans, old tools, lawn mowers (fluids drained), nuts and bolts, engine parts (fluids drained), metal coat hangers, and other metal must be taken to the Recycling Center/Transfer Station and put in the scrap metal recycling dumpster.
- Oil-based paint – look under Hazardous Waste in bold above.
- Pesticides – look under Hazardous Waste in bold above.
- Phone books – take to special phone book recycling containers at Stop & Shop from approximately mid-November through January 31st or put in curbside recycling

- Plastic bags – reuse for shopping, or recycle at Stop & Shop, Staples, Bonton, or Everybodys. DO NOT put recycling in plastic bags.
- Propane tanks – take to Eastern Fuel in Hamden or Agway in North Haven -- $6.00 fee. Propane tanks are NOT accepted at the Transfer Station. Camp stove sized tanks may be brought to HazWaste Central.
- Rechargeable batteries: recycle at any Radio Shack store
- Tires – take to Recycling Center/Transfer Station; limit of four per year per household.
- Tree stumps or tree branches larger than 4 inches in diameter. Have them ground up or chipped in place. Other brush can be cut to less than four feet in length and bundled with twine. Then call Public Works at 287-2600 to get on brush pickup list (separate collection for chipping/recycling). Put on curb away from trash. Brush and hedge clippings can also be taken to the Transfer Station (see directions below).
- Sand/dirt – return to Earth or put in your compost pile.
- Styrofoam peanuts – accepted by the UPS Store on 3000 Whitney Avenue for reuse in packing, may also accept large pieces of Styrofoam (for larger pieces call first 288-8685).
- Usable junk – have a tag sale, donate to a charity, Urbanminers in Hamden, Salvation Army, Good Will or SAVERS
- Yard Furntiure- may be donated (see donate items to people in need on our website (www.Hamden.com/recycle - scroll down to click on document - or bring to the Hamden Transfer Station

Directions to the Hamden Recycling/Transfer Station: Go south on Dixwell Avenue, take a right onto Arch Street, a left onto Fitch Street, then a right onto Wintergreen Avenue at the light just before the pedestrian overpass, gate is ½ mile on right. Open M-F 7:30am– 3:00pm, 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month from 8am-11:45am, Phone: 203-387-2435.

HazWaste Central, 90 Sargent Drive, New Haven, CT. Open Saturdays, mid-May through October from 9am – Noon (except Holiday weekends). **Click here** for hours, directions and a complete list of what to bring or call 203-401-2712. http://www.rwater.com/hazwaste/

For more information go to: www.hamden.com/recycle