

## This Just in: **Help(sy)** has Arrived!

We are sorry for the inconvenience we may have caused you in our efforts to find a new textile drop-box provider. After doing the research, our staff was able to locate a provider in **Helpsy**, which recycles 95% of the material it collects, with less downcycling involved so there is more sustainability. New drop-boxes have been installed at the New Haven Transfer Station this week, so come on down to 260 Middletown Avenue with your unwanted clothing, shoes, handbags, leather accessories and linens! Make sure your items are in 30 gallon bags or smaller; (large bags will not fit in the receptacles). Thank you once again for your patience...



Oh, and stay tuned: In the interest of serving you better, we are exploring the prospect of expanded textile collection in New Haven, partnering with Helpsy!

## Dep't. **Material World** - *Where can I go...?*

*Here is a list of materials that are not recyclable in your blue toter and are not acceptable at our Transfer Station. We've listed some of the local organizations that **do** accept these items.*

**Wood** – New England ReUse - 400 Sackett Pt. Rd., North Haven – 203-230-2647 - <https://www.nereuse.us/services>

**Art supplies / objects** – (EcoWorks) <https://www.ecoworksct.org/>, 262 state St., North Haven; (203)498-0710  
/ accepts items that can be utilized in a variety of arts and crafts projects  
/ sells finished items made from at least 85% re-used materials  
/ holds workshops for makers

**Tires** (over our limit of 4/year) – Lakin Tire East, 220 Frontage Rd, West Haven; <https://lakintire.com/tire-recycling/> (203) 932-5801 (there is a nominal cost per tire) Call ahead!

**Bricks, concrete, cinderblocks, cement, dirt, stone and asphalt** – Modern Materials; 2895 State St, Hamden; (203) 287-5424 ; <https://www.modernmaterialscorp.com/> (call for rates)

**Household chemicals** – HazWaste Central; <https://www.nhswra.com/household-hazardous-waste/> 203-401-2712 – *note that it is against the law to drop Household Hazardous Waste at the Transfer Station, and those found to be doing so will be prosecuted!*

**Paint** – PaintCare - <https://www.nhswra.com/paint/> - deposit your unwanted paints, varnishes and stains (5 gallon limit per visit) at local participating retail paint store outlets.

**Styrofoam** [extruded polystyrene foam] – [Sonoco Protective Solutions](https://www.sonoco.com/protective-solutions) – 29 park Road, Putnam (860) 928-7795 (call first)

**Packing peanuts** / packing pillows - participating UPS stores, participating 'pack and ship' facilities.

**Propane tanks** – re-fill or re-use; or call your local propane supplier for drop-off. (scrap metal facilities are no longer accepting these, and HazWaste Central only accepts 1 lb 'cylinders')

**Car batteries** – Chase Waste - <https://www.chasewaste.com/> (203)-787-5981

**Food waste** – Peels and Wheels, <https://www.pwcomposting.com/>, (203) 444-8955. (call for rates) Also, you can compost at home

**Boats** – Kars-4-Kids - <https://www.kars4kids.org/boat/>



## Essay

### Is the Age of Abundance over?

*After years of asking “how do I get rid of this?” we may soon find ourselves asking “I wish I could find this.”*

The Pandemic and its stranglehold on us created some bad habits that have been hard to break when it comes to reducing, re-using and recycling. How many of you started using disposable (single-use) cups and paper towels, on strong suggestion from the health authorities? I know I did! And cardboard seemed to have a life of its own, collecting in my house after a few sessions online on Amazon. It was nice to realize that we *could* stay safe because of the availability (for the most part) of all those materials. Then the problem became 'how do I get this stuff out of here, and off to where it should go, fast enough?!' But we are not only having a hard time keeping up with recycling, we are facing shortages due to our conspicuous consumption of material. In particular, the U.S. comprises 4% of the world's population, but consumes 25% of its goods!



The last 70 years has seen the steady disappearance of the ozone layer in our atmosphere. Trees can't be re-seeded and planted fast enough to be able to continue producing paper products and building materials. Even potable water has become a rarity in many places, what with climate change and misuse for other purposes besides drinking and bathing. And with oil being depleted, we find that it is also more and more becoming a limited resource because of the weaponization of it's availability from world producers. As I mentioned, we as a nation consume 25% of the world's goods. But to finish the thought, we do not have anywhere near 25% of the world's resources. So even if we were to look at supply, production and consumption from a national perspective, we would not be able to continue to *survive* without (you guessed it) reducing, re-using and recycling our waste.

This subject is typically what is referred to as sustainability of materials, but in another sense, it is becoming sustainability writ large as *our ability to stay in existence as a species on this planet.*

So perhaps it would behoove us to re-frame the problem as one of supply, as well as surplus. True, plastic products and packaging abound, and their waste keeps piling up (updated estimates indicate that only 5-6% of plastic is actually recycled, as opposed to the familiar 9% we keep hearing about). What could this re-framing consist of? Well, for one, instead of bemoaning the China “National Sword” that cut off much recycling since 2017, and the inconvenience of having to scramble for new markets so we in the U.S. don't have to deal with unsightly piles of it in landfills, we might want to consider these circumstances a blessing in disguise as oil prices go up and UP, limiting our production

and increasing the cost of virgin plastic, making recycled plastic more viable. Or , in the case of E-waste – shipping it off to dirty materials reduction facilities in Malaysia and instead, producing cleaner components that if recycled in a timely manner, wouldn't have to be down-cycled to raw materials. With the right technology and better infrastructure for collection and sorting, there will be savings, but there will also be replenishing and back-filling of our natural resources as a nation.

Protecting and nurturing our resources, rather than shipping the remains of them overseas after a short product life, is the major challenge facing us in the near future. In the meantime, save your plastic cups for when you really need them and become reacquainted with your terrycloth dish towel...

## Calendar:

The New Haven Solid Waste & Recycling Authority Transfer Station will be **closed Monday, May 30**, in observance of Memorial Day. Our administrative offices will be closed on that day as well.

The New Haven Solid Waste & Recycling Authority Transfer Station and administrative offices will also be **closed Monday, June 20**, in observance of Juneteenth.

National / Worldwide events:

June 8, 2022 – World Oceans **Day**

This year's theme: “[Revitalization: Collective Action for the Ocean.](#)”

Broadcast: 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

## City of New Haven meeting schedule:

<https://newhaven-ct.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

## New Haven Parks and Public Works info:

### **A Message from Parks and Public Works Resident Services:**

Just a reminder that leaves must be placed in brown paper bags and should not weigh more than 50lbs. Please do not place leaves in plastic bags. Branches cannot be longer than 4-ft long and must be bound (cannot be wider than a foot wide when bound) in order to be picked up along with your weekly trash and recycling pick-up. New Haven residents can pick up free yard waste coupons by presenting an ID with their current New Haven address at the Department of Parks and Public Works office at 34 Middletown Ave, Monday through Friday from 7am-4pm. Residents can properly dispose of yard waste at the New Haven Transfer station located at 260 Middletown Ave from Monday through Saturday 9am to noon.

For safe and free disposal of household hazardous waste, HazWaste Central, located at the Regional Water Authority at 90 Sargent Dr., will be open Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. They will be open Saturdays only, from 9am to noon from May 21<sup>st</sup> through October 29<sup>th</sup>. Closed holiday weekends. Pre-registration required. Visit [rwater.com/hazwaste](http://rwater.com/hazwaste) to register. For more information, call (203) 401-2712.

In observance of Memorial Day, the Department of Parks and Public Works office located at 34 Middletown Ave will be **closed on Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup>**. We will also be **closed on Monday, June 20**, in observance of Juneteenth. Please note that trash and recycling pick-up will be delayed a day during those weeks.

Coupons continue to be available! Free coupons may be obtained with a valid ID at Parks and Public Works Resident Services Office, located at 34 Middleton Avenue. Our hours are Monday-Friday 7am–

4pm. Remember: you *must* present a coupon (one per load) to dispose of items at the Residential drop-off center at the New Haven Transfer Station.

As always, if you have any questions, give Parks and Public Works Resident Services a call at (203) 946-7700. We have been experiencing heavy call volume but if you leave your name and phone number with a question we will get back to you.

Remember you can always report Public Works issues at **See Click Fix** found on the New Haven City website (see “Links,” below).

**Links:**

New Haven Public Works- <https://www.newhavenct.gov/gov/depts/pw/>  
See Click Fix- <https://seeclickfix.com/new-haven>

**NHSWRA contact info and link:**



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