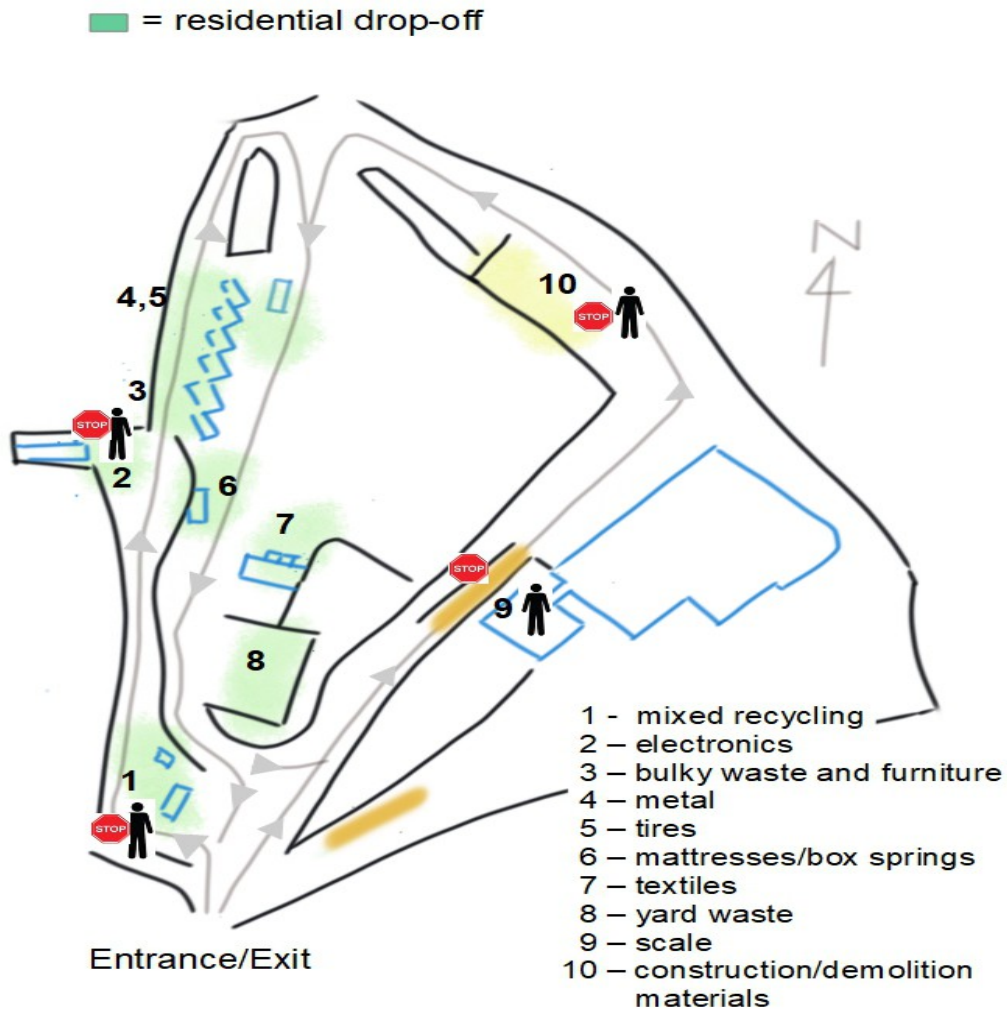


Feature A Thumbnail Guide to the New Haven Transfer Station

Make your experience easier: Check this map and key out before (and during) your trip to the Transfer Station.



1. Mixed Recycling (a/k/a single stream or curbside recycling) *Note: Please stop here for the Gate attendant who will check your coupons and direct you.*

Mixed Recycling is the material that usually goes in your blue bin. But if you missed your recycling day, or have too much recycling over the holidays, come on down and drop it off here. The small container (dumpster) is for cardboard (no foam or plastic), and the large multi-compartment container is for all of your other mixed recyclables.

2. Electronics *Note: Please stop here so the Residential Drop-off attendant can take your coupons and direct you to the proper locations for your material.*

All Covered Electronic Devices (CED) collected by our electronics recycling contractor ~~agent~~ may be deposited here for recycling. No coupon is needed for any of these items. [Acceptable items](#) include TV's monitors, computers, wires, printers.

3. Bulky waste and furniture

This includes items around your house (think: garage, attic, storage room) that are not otherwise recyclable at the transfer station, as long as they are not considered demolition or construction material. Important: NO FOOD GARBAGE, PARTIAL FOOD GARBAGE, OR PUTRESCIBLE WASTE is allowed. In that case, you will have to arrange pickup of that waste with your garbage hauler or keep it tightly sealed until your next pick up

4. Metal

Anything that is 'mostly metal' can be dropped here. The Residential Drop-off attendant will help you figure out what is acceptable. No coupon is needed.

5. Tires

Without rims only. No over-sized tires. 6 tires per year per household!

6. Mattresses and Box Springs

Mattresses and box springs must be in reasonable shape and be dry, and mildew-free. NO bedbugs! No coupon is needed.

7. Textiles

Textiles means clothing, apparel accessories (handbags, belts, etc.), linens, bedding, and yes, even stuffed toys! All items must be mildew-free and dry, but can be torn or otherwise damaged. Please put them in plastic bags no larger than kitchen-size (30 gallon) or they will not fit in the containers. Do NOT leave items or bags on the ground. No coupons are needed.

8. Yard Waste

Branches, brush and leaves are acceptable here. No stumps, or branches larger than 6 inches around. (Coupons are not accepted for these items and the customer is responsible for the cost of disposal). If you have these, they will be weighed at the scale. Please be mindful that yard waste does not mean “anything from your yard.” Note: Grass clippings, mulch and dirt are not accepted at the Transfer Station and should not be brought under any circumstances.

9. Scale *Note: once on the scale you must STOP, put the vehicle in park, exit the vehicle and proceed to the scale-house window to start your transaction. Once you have dropped your materials, you must return to the scale to finish the transaction and pay the disposal charges. When you have your receipt, you should exit the facility.*

The scale must be used (which means you must *pay*) when you have demolition and/or construction materials. Most credit and debit cards are accepted. Cash is also accepted; however it must be for the exact amount of the transaction. We do not make change. Generally, anything that is ripped out of your house (including bathroom and kitchen cabinets and wall-to-wall rugs) are considered demolition. Also, as mentioned in #8, branches over 6” around must go over the scale.

10. Construction and Demolition materials disposal

Once you have gone over the scale for the first time, proceed to this area to drop off waste. Please watch for instructions from the equipment operators in that area. When you are done dropping off your debris, follow the route and arrows back around to the re-weigh line, where you will rejoin the scale line. *Note: this is a very busy intersection so be prepared to follow the Gatekeeper's directions concerning incoming trucks.*



Feature The Transfer Station Staff – Your “Material Spirit Guides!”

The Gate Attendant a.k.a. “Gatekeeper”

Our gate attendant (“*gatekeeper*”) will likely be the first transfer station attendant you will encounter, so please look for assistance if you are unsure of which direction to go. The gatekeeper is there to verify your coupons, review your New Haven picture I.D. (usually your license), examine your load for acceptability and instruct you where to proceed

The Residential Drop-off Attendant

Please wait at the next stop sign on the Residential Drop-off side of the transfer station for the attendant to retrieve your coupons and to assist you in locating the correct disposal container(s) and safe parking in the bays.

The Scale House Operator

As we stated in the previous article, once you get on the scale with those items that must be paid for, put your vehicle in park and go to the scale house window. The operator will take your information and hold your credit card or debit card until you have dropped your items and then return to the scale to “weigh light.” Please keep in mind that the scale operator must keep the line moving, so although he is courteous, he may not be able to 'chat' when you are at the window! Of course, if you have questions or concerns, he will be only too happy to assist you.

The Operations Crew

Though technically not customer-service representatives, the crew will direct you in your drop-offs on the commercial side of the transfer station. Please heed their traffic instructions.

We know you want to get where you have to go as quickly as possible, but kindly remember that the Transfer Station is a high-traffic area with many people headed in many directions, and some of them are not sure where they are going. Keep yourself and our staff safe by staying off your phone, watching your surroundings, and driving at 10 mph or less between destinations. Thank you!

Dep't. Holidays with the 4 R's

Put sustainability and the **Reduce/Re-use/Re-purpose/Recycle** principle to work when it comes to holiday gifts!

Americans throw away 25% more trash during the winter holiday season. Let's see if we can chip away at that number, by:

Reducing:

- >Try hiding presents rather than wrapping
- >When ordering online, always choose the option for “less packages,” and same delivery dates (which saves on delivery vehicle fuel and carbon emissions as well)
- >Less is more – a lot of thought put into one gift is better than quantity, and may result in less returns
- >Gift *activities, online subscriptions, etc.*, as an alternative to gifting objects.

Re-using:

- >Just about any container can come in a reusable form.
examples:
 - o water bottle
 - o shopping bags
 - o refrigerator/freezer storage bins
 - o trash receptacles that don't use plastic bags as liners
- >wrapping paper – fold it away for another day
- >re-gift that item that wasn't right for you – to someone who could really use it. No judgment here!
- >try shopping for gifts in used furniture stores, and vintage clothing or even thrift stores. You will find one-of-a-kind treasures and it can be a fun experience.

Re-purposing:

anybody can DIY, especially when it comes to re-purposing....
make an art-object from curios that have been hanging around and are about to get thrown out. Remember: someone's (your) junk is someone else's treasure.... sometimes simply because you put some thought into it.

- >teacup candles (see pic). When they're spent, go back to drinking tea!
- >glue some memorabilia (even scraps of signature wrapping paper from last year or this year) to a translucent lamp shade
- >make a decorative multiple gift “stack” out of the boxes that the items were delivered in
- >old desk drawers make interesting displays when spruced up. Also good for holding coffee-table books, albums, etc. Place them on a low table or right on the floor
- >don't throw your artificial Christmas tree out – break it down into wreaths or use as part of floral arrangements.



Recycling:

Note that “recycle” is the last heading on this list because the other options should be considered first. Remember, although recycling certainly cuts down on emissions and resources, collection and processing do have costs. That being said, you can recycle:

- >real Christmas trees
- >basic wrapping paper (no extra finishes) – Hint: put someone in charge of collecting and separating >these items during your unwrapping ceremonies – you will find it less overwhelming later!
- >Single-use plastic cups
- >hot liquid plastic tops (not the cups)

As always, it's important to know what is *not* recyclable, as putting such items in your bin can render whole truckloads of supposed recyclables “contaminated” and thus rejected at the materials reduction facility.

Not recyclable:

- >tree light strings (there *are* mail-in services online that recycle old and broken light strings.)
- >tinsel
- >ornaments
- >artificial trees.

What's in/What's out for holiday recycling:

Guide to Holiday Recycling

ecoclose.com/blog/the-ultimate-guide-to-recycling-during-the-holidays-in-2021/

Gift Wrap and Gift Bags

Traditional Gift Wrap: Plain, recycled white or Kraft paper is easiest to recycle. Printed gift wrap, without shine, is recyclable. Avoid wrap with foil, glitter, and velvet!

Shiny = Non-Recyclable	Typically Recyclable (But Harder for Repulpers)	Readily Curbside Recyclable

Gift Bags: Plain, elegant, Kraft bags are great single-use options (but please reuse them a few times before recycling!). Skip shiny, glittery bags which are not recyclable. If you can spring for reusable options, these are the best!

Shiny = Non-Recyclable	Readily Curbside Recyclable	Reusable! (But Not Recyclable at End of Life)

Bows: Standard bows are typically unrecyclable (though they should be reused!). Natural fibers (hemp, raffia, etc) are great, compostable and naturally biodegradable alternative. Fabrics create beautiful wraps with natural, reusable bows.

Non-Recyclable	Natural Fibers = Compostable	Reusable Fabrics Create Natural Bows

Trees, Lights and Holiday Cards

Christmas Trees: Skip plastic trees unless you plan to use them for 20+ seasons as they are carbon intensive to manufacture and non recyclable. Opt for sustainably grown trees or potted options. Wooden trees are a nice alternative if real trees aren't an option.

Plastic Trees: Reuse, Not Recyclable. <small>Use for 20 years to give waste less chance to end in landfills.</small>	Replant outside when the season ends	Wooden Trees: Reuse, Not Recyclable	Often Picked Up By Municipalities for Mulch

Holiday Cards: Skip shiny, glittery cards (and if you get them, reuse them for decor). Opt for simple recyclable ones.

Lights: Recycle light strings that don't work anymore!

Shiny = Non Recyclable	All Paper = Recyclable	Reuse, Then Recycle (Local Dropoffs or Mail In Programs)

Boxes and Tissue Paper

Christmas Trees: Uncoated boxes are recyclable. Coated, heavily foiled or printed boxes are not. Tissue paper is typically recyclable, but some providers as that you compost this material. Note that glittery or foiled tissue paper cannot be composted.

Shiny = Non Recyclable	Simple Boxes = Recyclable	Reusable (But Not Recyclable at End of Life)	Typically Recyclable

Calendar:

The New Haven Transfer Station and administrative offices of the New Haven Solid Waste & Recycling Authority will be closed for all business on **Saturday, December 25 and Saturday, January 1, 2022.** **on Friday, December 24 and Friday December 30 the Transfer Station will be closed for residents and private contractors. Only licensed commercial haulers will be allowed.**

City of New Haven meeting schedule:

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

New Haven Public Works info:

Street milling and paving list:

<https://www.newhavenct.gov/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?blobid=40317>

A message from Public Works Resident Services:

Public Works will be closed:

Though Public Works offices will be closed on Christmas Eve, December 24 and New Years Eve, December 31, Trash and Recycling will be picked up as scheduled.

Coupons are once again available! Free coupons may be obtained with a valid ID at Public Works Residents Office, 34 Middletown Avenue Monday-Friday 7am–4pm. Remember: you *must* present a coupon (one per load) in order to drop items at Residential drop-off at the New Haven Transfer Station.

Residents are reminded that Trash and Recycling are still picking up leaf bags on regular trash pick-up days. The bags must be made of paper, compostable, contain no grass, branches, dirt or rocks and placed out at the curb on the day your refuse is collected. Please do not blow or rake leaves into the street or you will be subject to a fine! Yard waste will only be picked up at the curb IF branches are 4 feet in length and tied in bundles not exceeding 1 foot in diameter. Residents also have the option of delivering un-bundled yard waste to the Residential Waste Center.

Street sweeping rules are still in effect. For more info on parking and neighborhood routes go to:

<https://www.newhavenct.gov/streetsweeping.htm>

December, 2021

As always, any questions give us (Public Works) 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. If you would like a street sweeping schedule mailed to you, just leave your address and we will send it out.”

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

Links:

What’s New Page- https://www.newhavenct.gov/gov/depts/pw/whats_new_.htm
New Haven Public Works- <https://www.newhavenct.gov/gov/depts/pw/>
See Click Fix- <https://seeclickfix.com/new-haven>

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