

TOPIC: RECYCLING

East Hampton Recycling Center, Practices What We Preach

Under the leadership of Neal Sheehan, the recycling center adds about half a million a year, (\$500,000) into the Town's coffers which reduces our taxes.

Recycle & Reuse at the Recycling Center:

- (1) Glass is crushed and mixed with concrete to be used to resurface roads.
- (2) Plastic & cans are taken loose and sold to a commodity dealer.
- (3) Cardboard and newspapers are baled on site and sold for \$65.00 a ton.
- (4) Mixed paper sold for \$35 a ton.
- (5) Waste oil – a nearby laundry picks it up for free and reuses it to heat water.
- (6) Batteries – picked up to be reused as lead.
- (7) Bar-be-que Tanks – propane company buys at 79¢ per tank, cleans & reuses them.
- (8) Ewaste – computers, TV's, etc. are sold at \$5.00 per unit for reuse.
- (9) Appliances & lawn mowers – get \$15.00 a ton – load them and shred them – sell as scrap metal.
- (10) Construction debris – East Hampton charges \$120 a ton to receive debris. Construction debris is then taken to Riverhead to separate and East Hampton pays them \$80 per ton to recycle.
 - Compactor – grinds it up with metal wheels
- (11) Town accepts all vegetation – grass, trees, leaves to make free compost and wood chips for landscaping use by residents.
- (12) Recently picked up concrete at Three Mile Harbor dock repair site to be recycled.
- (13) Carts plastic lumber from Montauk landfill to be reused at the shellfish hatchery.
- (14) Fluorescent light bulbs (not broken) are taken to Northeast Lamp for reuse.
- (15) Provides two (3) S.T.O.P. (Stop Throwing Out Pollutants) days for residents to dispose of hazardous materials in an environmentally responsible manner. Dates are posted at the Recycling Center.

-Residents are encouraged to store their hazardous waste items such as:

Oil Based Paints

Pesticides

Stale Fuel

Chemical Aerosols

Thinners

Urethanes

Engine Coolants

Flammable Materials

And bring them to the S.T.O.P. Days.