

# Trumbull Recycling and Transfer Station

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Single Stream Recycling Program FAQ's:

**1. What is Single Stream Recycling?**

Single Stream Recycling is where all recyclable materials are mixed in one single container. You no longer have to separate the paper in a paper bag or tie with string. Trumbull's Single Stream Recycling program also increased the number of items that can be placed in the bin. [Click here](#) for the complete list of items now collected for recycling either curbside or at the Transfer Station. The material is then sorted in an automated sorting system.

**2. What day is my recycling picked up?**

Recycling is picked up curbside by private companies. Please contact your private hauler to find out the schedule for recycling pick-up. If you do not have a private hauler, you can bring your recyclables, including scrap metal and electronics, to the transfer station free of charge. The transfer station is located at 101 Spring Hill Road.

**3. My recycling bin is broken. Where can I get a new blue bin?**

Recycling bins are available for \$5 at the Trumbull Highway Department. You can pick up the bins Mondays - Fridays between the hours 7 am – 3 pm. The Highway Department is located at 366 Church Hill Road.

**4. Can I put my broken blue bin in the recycling?**

Yes. You can now put plastic recycling bins, laundry baskets, flower pots and small plastic toys (should fit in 96 gallon cart) in the recycling.

**5. My blue bin isn't big enough for all of my recycling. What can I do?**

If your recycling bin is overflowing, check with your private hauler to see if they provide larger carts. You can also purchase an additional 18 gallon blue bin from the highway department for \$5 or repurpose another container. If you use another container, make sure it's well-marked as recycling. Some companies such as Home Depot, Lowe's and Grainger sell larger recycling bins.

**6. Can I recycle phone books in my recycling bins?**

Yes. Paperback books can also go in the bin. Hardcover books can go in too, but the covers have to be removed before placing them in the bin.

**7. Can I put pizza boxes in the recycling?**

No. Pizza boxes often have grease stains that attract pests. Put pizza boxes in the garbage.

**8. Do I have to still take the caps off of my containers?**

No.

**9. Why can't I put plastic bags in my recycling bin at home?**

Plastic bags jam the machinery at the single stream recycling sorting facility so they should not be placed in curbside bins. However, they can be taken to retail stores for recycling.

**10. Why can't I put Styrofoam in my recycling bin?**

Styrofoam is too light and bulky to make it cost effective to transport it to the sorting facility. Re-use or put Styrofoam in the garbage.

## **Transfer Station FAQ's:**

### **1. What are the Transfer Station hours and what holidays are they closed?**

The Transfer Station, located at 101 Spring Hill Road, is open M – F from 7 am – 2:45 pm and Saturdays from 7 am – 11:45 am. The Transfer Station is closed on the following holidays: New Year's Day, Independence Day, Thanksgiving Day, Memorial Day, Labor Day and Christmas Day.

### **2. Do I need to pay to use the Transfer Station?**

Trumbull residents can bring household garbage and bulky items (i.e. furniture and mattresses), grass, appliances, leaves and brush (logs no longer than 4 feet) free of charge to the Transfer Station. **Please recycle** single stream recyclables, scrap metal, electronics, motor oil, antifreeze, fluorescent bulbs, all batteries, cd's, audio and video cassettes in the designated areas. Demolition items require tickets (see #7 below) and tires are \$2 each. Monroe and Easton residents must purchase tickets in their respective towns in order to bring all items except recyclables to the transfer station.

### **3. Can I bring old paint to the Transfer Station?**

Latex paint is not considered a hazardous waste. It should be dried completely (kitty litter works well) and placed in the garbage. Any oil-based paints or stains should be disposed of at the next scheduled household hazardous waste day. Beginning July 1, 2013, the state will launch a paint stewardship program. The program includes year-round, free collection of latex and oil-based paints. Look for participating take-back paint retail collection sites.

### **4. Can I bring old gas to the Transfer Station?**

No, gas cannot be mixed with the motor oil at the Transfer Station. Check with automotive repair shops in the area or save it for the next scheduled hazardous waste day.

### **5. Can I bring propane tanks to the Transfer Station?**

No. Propane tanks can be taken to Rural Gas on Route 25 for disposal.

### **6. I am remodeling my bathroom and need to dispose of an old toilet and sink. Can I take them to the Transfer Station?**

Toilets, sinks, sheetrock, cement and concrete, brick, ceramics, tiles, asphalt shingles and plasterboard require a demolition ticket. The tickets can be purchased at the Highway Department at 366 Church Hill Road M – F from 7 am – 3 pm and Saturdays at the Trumbull's Main Library on Quality Street from 9 am – 11 am. The cost is \$12 for up to 125 lbs. You will need to bring the ticket(s) with the materials to the Transfer Station.

### **7. How do I schedule a bulky waste pick-up at my house?**

Bulky waste pick-ups are scheduled by appointment during the months of April – September by calling the Highway Department at 203-452-5070. Please have all items out curbside by 7 am. **Acceptable items** include: furniture, rugs, appliances, electronics, metal, lawnmowers and brush (lengths 4 feet long or less). Separate metal, brush and wood into respective piles. **Unacceptable items** include: household garbage and recycling, hazardous materials (such as oil-based paints and pesticides), demolition materials, vehicle parts and tires, propane tanks, dead animals and explosives.

### **8. I am having construction work done at my house. Can my contractor bring construction materials to the Transfer Station?**

Yes, but the contractor will need to purchase commercial tickets at the Highway Department. Tickets are \$8 for up to 125 lbs.

**9. I am cleaning out my grandmother's house in Trumbull. Can I bring items from her house to the Transfer Station?**

Clean-outs require a temporary disposal permit from the Public Works Department located in Town Hall. Please obtain the permit in person and a driver's license and vehicle identification is required. The Department's hours are M-F 8 am – 5 pm.

**10. I recently moved to Trumbull but my driver's license still lists my old address. Can I use the Transfer Station?**

Please contact the Public Works Department at 203-452-5045 so that they can look up your new address and notify the scale operator at the Transfer Station.



**For Questions, Contact Scale Attendant**