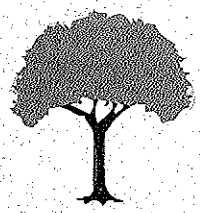
YARD WASTE/COMPOST SITE

The Southold Town Compost Site is adjacent to the Transfer Station property and accepts leaves, branches, and land-clearing (stumps, tree trunks) from residents and landscapers. Users must weigh in at the Transfer Station scales before proceeding to the compost site. The facility processes the yard waste into compost, mulch, and wood chip products. When used by farmers, landscapers, and homeowners, these natural products improve local soils and reduce the need for chemical fertilizers which, in turn, helps protect our bays and groundwater.



PAPER LEAF BAGS

Leaves brought to the compost site must be either loose or in heavy duty, bio-degradable ***PAPER LEAF BAGS***. **PLASTIC BAGS ARE NOT ACCEPTED**. Leaf bags are available at the Transfer Station, Town Hall, and at many retail outlets in the Town.

FREE MULCH PRODUCTS

Residents are entitled to 500 lbs/person (per year) of free compost, mulch, or wood chips (or combination) from the compost site. Additional amounts are sold by weight or volume. Call or check the website for current pricing and availability.

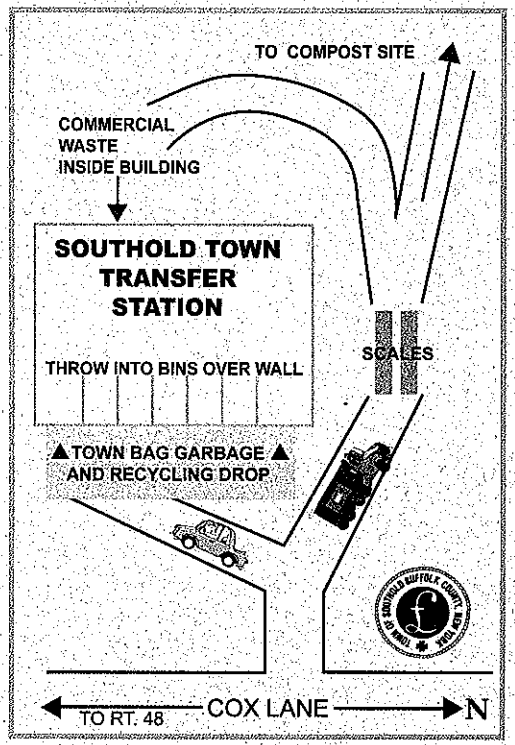
FREE CURBSIDE PICK-UP

Seasonal spring and fall* pick up of leaves and brush (no land-clearing) is provided FREE OF CHARGE to residents by the Southold Town Highway Department. Call the Highway Department (765-3140) for specific information on rules and scheduling. NOTE: LEAVES SET OUT FOR THIS SERVICE MUST BE IN PAPER LEAF BAGS (see above).

**fall clean-up is for leaves only – NO BRUSH (as per TB Resolution)*

SOME WAYS TO WATCH YOUR WASTE . . .

- Don't get lazy about recycling – keep it up! It really does save money.
  - Use things up completely.
  - Consider not printing e-mails and documents if you don't need to.
  - Keep travel mugs in your car – most convenience stores will re-fill at a discount.
- Keep re-usable shopping bags handy.
- Avoid purchasing "over-packaged" items.
- Consider re-using or giving away before throwing away.
- Walk more, drive less. Carpool.
- Use compost instead of chemical fertilizers.
- ...and ***PLEASE*** don't litter. We have a beautiful town – let's keep it that way.



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WASTE 1 WORKS (recycling)

A GUIDE TO RECYCLING AND TRASH MANAGEMENT IN THE TOWN OF SOUTHOLD

The Town of Southold is pleased to offer its residents a wide range of waste management and recycling services. This brochure provides an overview of these services and how to take advantage of them. For more information, please contact us.

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HOW THE SYSTEM WORKS . . .

The Southold Town "Solid Waste District" operates a waste and recycling transfer station and yard waste compost facility on Cox Lane in Cutchogue. The transfer station and compost site are available to all Town residents and businesses for their recycling, garbage, and yard waste disposal needs. Users may bring their trash/recyclables to the Transfer Station themselves ("self-haulers") or they may hire a carter to do this for them. *(The Town does not provide curb-side pick-up of trash or recyclables. This allows residents to manage their waste in the manner that works best for them, while helping to keep taxes down.)*

HOW YOU PAY FOR IT . . .

Costs for garbage disposal are collected primarily through user fees as opposed to taxes. This system, which charges people based on the waste they generate, promotes waste reduction and recycling (recyclables are accepted at the transfer station free of charge). Following are the types of fees charged to residents (PLEASE CALL THE TRANSFER STATION OR SEE THE WEBSITE FOR CURRENT FEES):

1. PERMITS AND ENTRY FEES . . .

Vehicles must display a residential or commercial permit or pay a single entry fee to use the transfer station for waste disposal. *(Recycling is NOT considered waste disposal, and therefore no permit or entry fee is required.)* Permits are available at the Town Clerk's Office at Town Hall in Southold (765-1800).

2. THE "YELLOW BAGS" . . .

A key part of Southold's fee system is its "Pay-As-You-Throw" town garbage bag program. Under this program reidents must use specially designated bags supplied by the Town for everyday household garbage. The "Pay-As-You-Throw" system charges only for garbage – not recyclables – and encourages residents to recycle more and throw out less. The bags are yellow, come in three different sizes and are required both for self haulers as well as residents who use private carters. Their cost covers the Town's expense for shipping the waste out of Town for disposal. They are available at many local retailers as well as at the Cutchogue Transfer Station and Town Hall in Southold.

3. TIP FEES . . .

Waste that cannot be easily bagged is charged a tip fee at the vehicle scales by weight or by the item as follows

a. Rubbish (bulky items)	- by weight
b. Construction	- by weight
c. Scrap Metal	- by weight
d. Brush/Stumps	- by weight
e. Concrete	- by weight
f. Tires	- by weight
g. Major Appliances	- per item

Please check the website or call the Transfer Station for current rates or if you have items not listed above.

RECYCLABLES

The following items are designated as "Mandatory Recyclables" in the Town Code, and are accepted at the Transfer Station free of charge. If you have curbside pickup, please check with your carter for recycling days and instructions on how to prepare recyclables for collection.

Mixed Paper

Includes all Newspaper (with inserts), Magazines, Junk Mail, Office Paper, Construction Paper, etc. PLEASE TIE WITH COTTON STRING OR PLACE IN BROWN BAGS TO PREVENT BLOWING.

Cardboard

CORRUGATED ONLY! No processed paperboard (i.e., cereal boxes, shoe boxes, etc.) and NO waxed or plastic coated cardboard.

Co-mingled (mixed Cans & Plastic)

Metal and plastic containers are mixed together. Metal includes all tin and aluminum food or beverage cans and trays and EMPTY aerosol or latex paint cans. Plastics include bottles and food containers with the #1 or #2 recycling logo). *(Includes bottles for most beverages and other liquids.)* NO TOYS OR APPLIANCES.

Glass

All beverage and food bottles are OK! Remove caps and lids – these go in your regular trash. DO NOT INCLUDE light bulbs, window glass, mirrors, drinking glasses, etc.

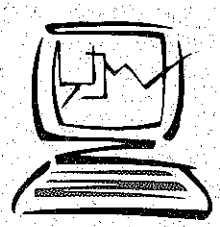
Scrap Metal

All appliances, bicycles, toys, furniture, car parts, etc. made mostly or entirely of metal are weighed at the scale and brought to the metal bunker.

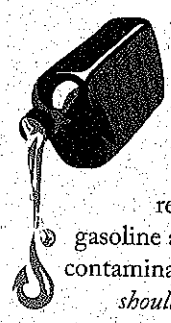
HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

(HHW) Items such as oil-based paints, automotive fluids, pesticides, aerosols, and chemical cleaners can be brought to the Transfer Station for proper disposal on designated days throughout the year. Please call or check the website for a listing of current HHW dates.

ELECTRONIC WASTE (E-Waste)



Computers, televisions, video game and home theater systems, stereos, fax machines, handheld games and portable media devices are examples of "E-Waste." E-Waste contains metals and other toxic substances that should not be included with normal trash. The Transfer Station accepts "E-Waste" daily from residents free of charge.



WASTE OIL

There is a tank at the Transfer Station for waste motor oil and cooking oil, which is accepted from residents daily, free of charge. The oil is filtered and re-used as heating fuel. Solvents such as gasoline and brake fluid are not accepted. These contaminate the oil and make it unusable. *(They should be brought to a HHW day – see above).*