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## SOUTHOLD TOWN SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

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THE COLLECTION OF NEEDLES (a.k.a. "SHARPS") AT THE CUTCHOGUE TRANSFER STATION HAS BEEN SUSPENDED DUE TO HEALTH AND SAFETY CONCERNS AS A RESULT OF THE FACILITY REPEATEDLY BEING FILLED BEYOND CAPACITY, RESULTING MANY NEEDLES BEING LEFT LOOSE AND UNCONTAINED, PRESENTING AN INCREASED RISK OF EXPOSURE AND/OR INJURY TO STAFF, AS WELL AS THE PUBLIC. WE ARE WORKING WITH OUR VENDOR ON THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING AN ALTERNATIVE SHARPS COLLECTION SYSTEM. IN THE MEANTIME, PLEASE CONSULT YOUR HEALTH CARE PROVIDER REGARDING PROPER DISPOSAL OF NEEDLES/SHARPS.