

## Wilton Recycling Center

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We are headed into the last stretch of the year 2023. When school starts and the football season begins the weather will start to remind us that it is the season for the coming holidays. It is the beginning of many great activities ahead to take us to the end of 2023. First will be the ghosts and goblins. Not long after, with family all around us, we will salute the great Mr. Turkey accompanied by pumpkin and apple pie. Next, we honor the great red suit with a black belt and black boots along with a gorgeous crown of white hair plus a beard which is overseen by the robust and jolly HO! HO! HO!. Young or older we should all celebrate and enjoy this season of giving. And then..... we turn into a new year.

Remember daylight saving time ends on November 5<sup>th</sup> at 2am, although it seems we will be seeing darkness coming sooner at the end of day long before that date.

The following schedule is for the holiday hours:

Friday	November 10 <sup>th</sup>	Veterans Day	Closed	
Thursday	November 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Thanksgiving Day	Closed	
Friday	November 24 <sup>th</sup>	Thanksgiving Friday	Closed	
Tuesday	December 26 <sup>th</sup>		Open	7am to5pm
Tuesday	January 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2024		Open	7am to 5pm

We would like to thank everyone's understanding and patience concerning the recycling center being closed on October 17<sup>th</sup> for the installation of the new roof.

## Several refresher notes:

Please cover your load no matter how short of a distance you are traveling.

I know the driveway coming in and out is a long stretch and it is easy to go a bit fast but please slow down.

Stop and look around before backing out or pulling out of your parking space. Remember there are children and adults moving about in the area. We have had numerous close calls of vehicle accidents and near misses of people being hit.

Corrugated cardboard: If you remember "Ruffles has ridges" so does corrugated cardboard!! If in doubt – tear a section sideways and you will see the ridges. Accepted items; boxes with printed graphics, shiny or not, plus brown paper bags. Please no wet cardboard or packing materials.

<u>Steel cans</u>: must be food grade cans - Accepted: aerosol cans, aluminum foil, disposable aluminum cooking pans, aluminum pet food cans. No aluminum beverage cans. Please rinse your cans to deter rodents, racoons, bears and vultures.

<u>Aluminum Beverage cans</u>: these are recycled to make more aluminum beverages cans only if - they are free of contaminates such as steel cans, aluminum foil items etc... Please help us keep them clean.

<u>Glass</u>: Bottles and Jars only are accepted. This glass is shipped to Keene to eventually become fiberglass insulation. It will be rejected along with a surcharge if the load is contaminated with any other glass items including porcelain, ceramic, dishes, glassware etc... Please help us keep this clean.

<u>Plastics</u>: This is a continuous learning process. As new containers are always being introduced and the food processers seem to be changing the type of plastic materials used for their products, if in doubt just ask! We are always willing to help.

We would like to thank you for your cooperation and your dedication to recycling. There are several steps to sorting, you do the first at home and again when you drop off your recyclables. We also check again before we bail the material. We strive to have "second sorted" materials for market which brings the best revenues for your efforts.

Metal: Remember to have your metals checked. We have been collecting non-ferrous metals which are deposited in a separate place other than the black container by the landfill containers. These metals include copper, brass, lead, electrical wiring, aluminum – all shapes and sizes, any item that is stainless steel, electric motors, radiators etc.

We now have a book bin for recycling books sponsored by Bay State Book Company. The white bin is located beside the St. Pauly clothing collection bin. They collect old or new, paperbacks, hard cover, encyclopedias, textbooks, poor condition or unreadable and CD's, DVD's, VHS tapes and floppy disks (put these items into closed bags). They donate books to Libraries, Operation Paperback program, Inmate programs, Literacy programs, Friends of the Library fundraisers etc., they then recycle the unusable books to be made into other paper products.

We are also collecting plastic bags and film items for the Trex recycling program. The white collection box sits by the office stairs beside the green vegetable oil collection bin.

The Still Good Shed is "only open" if there are volunteers to oversee the activity there. Do not drop off any items without it being open. They are always looking for volunteers. If you are interested contact Sandy at <a href="mailto:strumma@aol.com">strumma@aol.com</a>. She will be happy to hear from you.

The staff of the Recycling Center would like to express our thanks to you for your support and never-ending encouragement. We look forward to seeing you and your furry friends.

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