



Wilton Recycling Center

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We are now starting a new season which also needs a change of wardrobe! It is amazing how our lives have changed in the last months, but one thing that has stayed its course – the Wilton Recycling Center. As we continue to negotiate through the progress of these events we are continuing to make changes as necessary. We greatly appreciate all the positive support and awareness of the Covid-19 protocols.

We have a new set of signs at the entrance! A huge “Thank You” to Jim Patterson for his time, expertise and dedication to completing this project. Careful consideration was given to the fact this entrance is on a highway and not a country road. It went through many stages to recognize that traffic is going 50 mph, rather than 30-40 mph. We decided to keep it clean and simple, with big lettering plus a double sided sign to face each direction so when you whiz by you will know where our driveway begins. Also we are presently looking for a set of solar lights to hang off each sign.

A bit late but a few words about the Household Hazardous Waste Day: it went smoothly and was reasonably organized, but next year we will have some changes. So keep a watch for more details on the web site sometime after the beginning of the year.

The new upgrade to the electrical service is in progress and we are looking forward to having it completed soon. It will be a welcomed relief to have the service capable of handling our demands.

A [new brochure](#) is now available. We have handouts if needed and it is posted on the Wilton website. This will answer a lot of questions, and includes a price list and the hours. Keep one handy for quick reference. Remember, when in doubt, just ask.

We are now charging for the disposal of smoke alarms. We had an unexpected and very expensive charge to recycle the smoke alarms we had collected. The cost is \$15 each to send them to the certified recycler who also processes our electronic equipment. We have a handout for these items for you with information on how to recycle them. They contain an extremely small amount of Americium 241 which is a radioactive material, but is considered safe for human exposure (unless the device is tampered with). Because our trash plus some of the demolition/construction debris (landfill) goes to the incinerator, this will set off the radiation detection alarms at the facility and the load will be rejected. We thank you for your cooperation on this matter.

There are two separate piles for yard waste and brush. The yard waste pile is behind the chain link fence area where the refrigerators etc. are located. In this pile should only be grass clippings, leaves, garden/yard clean up, and sawdust. Paper bags are accepted. Not accepted: plastic containers/bags,

brush, dimensional wood, plywood, concrete, stones/bricks or other non-organic materials. This pile is taken to be used as compost. We appreciate your attention to these requirements.

The brush pile is limited to logs 5" or under in diameter and no stumps. This is a state requirement for us to provide this service to you. We are open to fines, if inspected, if these conditions are violated. We have loads coming in that are in trailers, dump trucks etc. that prevent us from seeing the entire load. Therefore we are relying on you to do the "right thing". But that is not always the case with stumps and large logs on the bottom of the pile being left behind. We ask that you adhere to these regulations so this service will be available to the public. If you have a big project such as clearing land, come speak with us beforehand. We have limited space for brush and chips therefore any big project like this needs to be handled by another means as it is unfair to the homeowner doing normal clean up. We also are having problems with brush being loaded by backhoe into the dump truck. This has a lot of dirt and stones in it which is almost impossible to separate out and causes damage to the chipper. It recently was out of order due to damage from such an incident. Please help us keep this pile under control.

Pallets are free for the taking, but if you are bringing in broken or rotted pallets or if they have plywood on them or are painted, see the scale house attendant. We will have you go over the scale, and for a fee you will dispose of them in the demolition (landfill) container. We are presently absorbing the cost of disposing of the useless or contaminated (plywood) pallets in the landfill, but will now change the course of events.

A few important reminders:

- Please do not enter around the closed incoming gate. We have the outbound gate open due to expected vendors coming in during closed hours. We are not anticipating the public being on the grounds.
- No matter how short or long of a distance you have to come to the WRC, please cover your load.
- Please slow down upon entering the center. There is a lot of movement happening as you enter.
- Fee based items and scale fees must be paid for at the time of the transaction. Only cash or checks are accepted at the present. Please have correct address and phone number on your checks.
- Remember food waste is to be placed in the trash (Incinerables) not the demolition (landfill) containers.
- No tablets are to be deposited in the cell phone box. See the person in the scale house for direction.

We know changes are happening, but they are with the best of intentions for the greatest outcome for the towns, while keeping us within the rules that govern the solid waste industry. Your enthusiasm and commitment to recycling provides us with high quality materials to sell, which results in first rate revenues that reward us for a job well done! We are grateful and always enjoy your visits.

Check the Wilton web site – www.wiltonnh.gov for updates.

The staff of the Wilton Recycling Center