



## Wilton Recycling Center

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No doubt you have noticed the paving project is done. What a great new “playground” we now have! Continental Paving did a spectacular job. A lot of drainage problems have been solved and we now have a level surface to plow. Lines will be done shortly in all areas. We are still working on the areas at the edges of the pavement so please take care.

With respect to having a nice new surface – PLEASE SLOW DOWN!!! And remember, as it has always been, this is a one way traffic area. We are having too many near miss accidents when people are pulling into parking spots or backing out. You must take your time in looking around before proceeding to park or leave. Also if you weigh in over the scale you must go around and circle back to weigh out over the scale.

We will be starting to produce new stickers in November. A start date will be posted and stickers will be at the scale house. The new stickers are numbered and we will require proof of residency per vehicle registration or mortgage/lease papers. We will also need your name, address, vehicle make, model and year to be entered on the signup sheet. If you have an address label, apply that to the signup sheet to save yourself time. Please remember to remove your sticker if trading or selling your vehicle.

We are going into holiday season and here are our hours:

November 25 <sup>th</sup>	Thanksgiving Day	Closed
November 26 <sup>th</sup>	Thanksgiving Friday	Closed
December 24 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Eve	8am to 1pm
December 25 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Day	Closed
December 31 <sup>st</sup>	New Year's Eve	8am to 1pm
January 1 <sup>st</sup>	New Year's Day	Closed

### We're a Winner!

In September we entered a contest sponsored by the Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRRA) for grant money up to \$3,000. Requirement was to submit a summary of your recycling program, design and operating programs, and how you are engaging residents in recycling. We tied for second place with the town of Bristol and received \$1,500!

Summation of our entry follows:

The changes made in the past year to accommodate COVID-19 requirements are oddly the best that have been made in the past few years. We opened up spaces, changed the flow of pedestrian traffic as well as our

technique of sorting recyclables. While changing routines can cause confusion, it also provides an excellent chance to refresh minds, resulting in increased participation.

While the paper windows had to stay the same, the side where the plastics and trash are collected could be opened up further. We removed the table that occupied half the area and lowered the trash platform. All materials that we used were salvaged wood, and labor was provided by us. We will use the grant money in the collection area for glass, steel cans and aluminum beverage cans. A ramp will be built to replace the stairs at the end of that building and new eye-catching signage will be added. Making a facility clean, organized and attractive, plus having dedicated employees creates an atmosphere that encourages residents to come visit us. It transforms a chore into a pleasure trip. Included in our grant application were two pictures of the main area and end of the building where the ramp will be.

We are very grateful to the NRRRA for their support!

We will have a new clothing collection sponsor -- St. Pauly Textile, Inc. will replace the Planet Aid containers shortly. I encourage you to visit their web site at [www.stpaulytextile.com](http://www.stpaulytextile.com) for more information. This organization utilizes more items and distributes them worldwide. You will access this shed at the Y in the driveway on your way out.

A few reminders:

- Fees apply to some items so please check with attendants if you have items other than normal garbage. Only cash or checks are accepted at this time and you must have phone number and correct address on your check.
- The scale closes 15 minutes before closing time.
- Please respect the requirements for the brush and yard waste piles.
- We now have a container for ashes to keep the ashes off the pavement. Remember ashes must be cold.
- Please do not come through the gate when the incoming gate is closed with the "Closed and No Trespassing" signs showing. Do not enter on Closed days when the gates are open. It is not safe for you to be on the premises.
- Take notice ---- brush and yard waste piles will be closed at dusk.

We are very proud and excited about our achievements, and are always open for suggestions.

The Wilton Recycling Center staff