

# SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

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Dear Thimble Islands Residents:

Welcome back for another season of collection on the Islands! And welcome back to our contractor, Roland Greenvall of Greenvall & Sons, LLC from Stony Creek. The schedules, methods, and materials are the same as last year but **recycling is a little different than on shore, it's not the same as all other towns, and a few people were confused last year about what to recycle**, so please read this letter and the flyer carefully, including the 2009 schedule and instructions. During the main season (Memorial Day to Labor Day) we will generally collect garbage on Mondays and Thursdays, and recyclables on Thursdays.

In CT, individual-sized water bottles bought after 4/1/09 now have a nickel deposit on them! Please **take them back to the store to redeem them for your nickel**, but remember that in the blue box we **recycle** the **cloudy** plastic milk and water jugs, but **do not take clear plastic** like clear water bottles, plastic soda bottles or cranberry juice, and **do not take colored plastic**, such as laundry detergent bottles. We don't take the white Hood "light block" milk jug – **only cloudy #2 plastics. Please squash the milk jugs and cartons!** Otherwise, the whole boat, bin, and truck overflow with unnecessary air.

For those of you with access to a computer – or should I say, to electricity – check out the information available now on our web site at [www.Branford-CT.gov](http://www.Branford-CT.gov).

**Please be considerate of the collector and use plastic bags thick enough that they won't break from the weight of the garbage or bottles and cans you put in them!** While a little plastic Stop & Shop grocery bag might be fine for a week's worth of cat food cans, it's going to be trouble if it's full of wine bottles, or if the garbage has bamboo skewers from last night's shish-ka-bob for him to carry across the island. The bottles and cans must always be in plastic bags so we can get them in and back out of the boat before we dump them.

Through Roland, the Town provides twice-a-week garbage and once-a-week recyclable collection directly to you. **Please remember that once collection starts, you may not use the dumpster or carts at the Stony Creek dock for any island refuse.** These are being privately paid for, not through Town funds, so please don't subject yourself to possible fines. The dumpsters at the Trap Rock dock are for use only by the town collector. If we are to continue our privileges of using this donated space, then it must be used only by our employee. In April and November (and a pinch of May and October) the Town will pay for the dumpster at the Stony Creek dock, and you may put in an occasional bag of off-season garbage, when we're not collecting. Don't abuse it!

If you have **large quantities of anything** to dispose of, **or any quantity of construction or demolition debris**, you must take these materials to the Branford Transfer Station yourself (as any shore resident would also have to do). If you hire contractors to do work for you, make it their responsibility to remove waste materials from the island and dispose of them. Brush should also go directly to the transfer station. Our landfill is closed, so we will not accept more than 1 ton of these materials. Free wood chips and free compost are usually available at the transfer station. Please bring your own container and digging implement.

Household hazardous waste such as old gasoline, oil-based paint, cleaning products, or pesticides should go to HazWaste Central on Long Wharf in New Haven, on Saturdays from 9 to noon. Call me or call HazWaste at 401-2712 for details. It is closed for holidays on 5/23, 7/4 and 9/05/2009.

Transfer Station/Recycling Center Address: 747 East Main St.

Hours: Mon. - Fri. 7:15 A.M. - 1:30 P.M. & Sat. 7:15 A.M. - 2:30 P.M.

Please arrive at least ½ an hour before closing — this is when we lock the gate.

Summer residence card required: \$2.50 from Tax office for whole season, or

Trip passes, \$1 each, good for 1 trip, valid for 30 days, also at the Tax office

Tax office open Mon. - Fri. 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Phone 315-0672

Bring some proof of residency (not of ownership) like a lease or a phone bill.

Roland might not always pick up in the mornings, but could follow high tide. I've asked him to stick to daylight hours. Recyclables must be **at the dock** in your blue box the night before your recycling day. There is no change in where you must put your trash or your recyclables. The boat will not stop if there is no blue box in sight, and won't make special trips if you miss a pick-up. Please confine any dogs which might interfere with the collector. Thank you.

Sincerely,

*Peg*

Margaret J. Hall  
Solid Waste Manager

**Please keep and post  
Residents throughout the season must follow these instructions.  
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**Remember that you may not use the dumpster or carts at the Stony Creek dock during collection season or ever at Trap Rock, for any island refuse.**

**Garbage note:** if it came from the sea, put it back in the sea. Clam shells, lobster shells, fish guts, etc. should go back where they came from — picking up the extra weight and sending it an hour burn it, doesn't make any sense. away to try to



Recycling Instructions:

- **Line your blue box with a large, sturdy, plastic bag.**
- Keep glass and metal food containers, aluminum foil, cloudy plastic milk/water jugs, and milk/juice cartons separate from the garbage.
- Throw away caps, corks, and screw-off lids.
- Rinse containers and foil enough so they don't smell
- Crush the jugs and cartons.
- Put all these clean containers in the plastic bag – **no clear or colored plastics!**
- Bundle your newspaper, inserts, glossy magazines, glossy catalogs, and phone books, in a brown paper grocery bag or tie with plain cotton string – no plastic bags or extra paper bags.
- On Wednesday nights fasten the plastic bag with a twist tie. We have to undo this later — **please don't tie knots.**
- Put the bundled news next to the plastic bag in the box.
- Take the whole blue box with both bags in it to the dock.

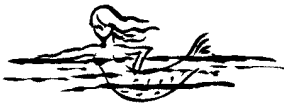
Please take advantage of this service. **There is no place on shore closer than the transfer station where you may legally take trash. Fines for illegal dumping (including private use of a public dumpster) are \$35. Refuse mixed with recyclables will not be collected.**

Collection Schedule 2009

The days listed below are the **morning** of pick up. Remember, you must put recyclables out the night before.

May	11, 18, 28 26 (Tues)	Refuse and Recyclables Refuse
June	4, 11, 18, 25 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	Refuse and Recyclables Refuse
July	2, 9, 16, 23, 30 6, 13, 20, 27	Refuse and Recyclables Refuse
Aug.	6, 13, 20, 27 3, 10, 17, 24, 31	Refuse and Recyclables Refuse
Sept.	3, 8 (Tues.), 14, 21, 28	Refuse and Recyclables
Oct.	5 and 13 (Tues.)	Refuse and Recyclables

If you have questions or collection problems **call Roland Greenvall at 483-9897** and give your name, island, and phone number. Messages are checked at least a couple times a day. If problems cannot be resolved, or if you have other comments, phone the Department of Solid Waste & Recycling at 315-0622.



# 2009 Recycling in the Thimbles — Keep & Post

## What to Recycle in your recycling box

### Glass bottles and jars

- clear, green, or brown
- food or beverage containers only



### Metal cans

- food or beverage containers only (for people or animals)
- aluminum, tin, steel, or some combination




### Aluminum foil

- clean foil and pie plates



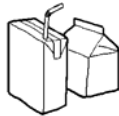
### Cloudy plastic milk/water jugs

- cloudy colored (not quite see-through, not Hood white)
- *and* bottom says 
- bottle-necked



### Milk/juice cartons

- half-gallon, quart, or smaller
- juice boxes



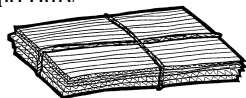
### Newspaper & Magazines

- newsprint
- inserts that came in the Sunday newspaper
- glossy magazines
- glossy catalogs
- phone books



### Corrugated cardboard

- three-layer kind only



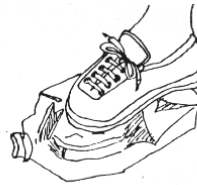
## How to Recycle in your recycling box

- washed
- no caps, corks, or screw-off lids
- unbroken
- mixed with other containers
- **in one unknotted plastic bag**

- washed
- ends and labels may stay on
- mixed with other containers
- **in same unknotted plastic bag**

- only if it is clean
- mixed with other containers
- **in same unknotted plastic bag**

- **in same unknotted plastic bag**
- mixed with other containers
- **squashed**
- rinsed
- no caps



- **squashed**
- empty
- rinsed
- **in same unknotted plastic bag**

- **in a brown paper grocery bag**
- *or* tied with plain cotton string
- OK to mix news & magazines

- empty
- clean
- **flattened**
- cut or folded small
- only a few boxes at a time

## What Not to Recycle in your recycling box

- no lids & corks
- no broken glass
- **no window glass** or mirrors
- no light bulbs
- no drinking glasses, Pyrex, plates, or other ceramics

- no paint cans \*
- no aerosol cans
- no coat hangers \*
- no plastic bags
- no other metal \*

- no garbage

- **no clear plastics**
- **no colored plastics** (not even white)
- **no plastic soda bottles or laundry detergent bottles**
- no #1, or #3 - #7 plastics
- no tub-type plastics

- no liquid
- no straws
- no other waxy or coated paper

- **no plastic bags**, even if it's raining!
- **not loose or mixed with cans**
- **no junk mail** \*, cereal boxes, office paper \*, soiled newspaper

*\*Scrap metal, leaves, car batteries, and office paper (including most papers that come in junk mail) can all be recycled, but not in your home recycling box.*

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