



2026



Recycling/Trash Information

Town of North Branford
909 Foxon Road
North Branford, CT 06471

Recycling Hotline: 203-484-4091

John's Refuse: 203-484-0281 (missed and/or other pickup issues)

Town Manager's Office: 203-484-6000

www.northbranfordct.gov - Click Government; Boards and Commissions; Hazardous Waste & Recycling Committee

For additional information, check the Recycling Hotline, Totoket Times, North Branford CT Hazardous Waste & Recycling Committee on Facebook, or Town Website

Curbside Pickup Dates to Remember

The following special pickups will take place on your scheduled pickup day.

Bulky Waste Pickup (Twice a Year)

During the weeks of April 20 and November 9 on your scheduled pickup day; place curbside up to a week before your scheduled pickup day. **No home cleanouts.**

Scrap Metal Pickup (Twice a Year)

During the weeks of April 6 and October 26 on your scheduled pickup day; place curbside up to a week before your scheduled pickup day.

Curbside Leaf Pickup

Leaves must be placed in an untaped biodegradable paper bag. Place curbside on your scheduled pickup day during the April 27 to May 8 and November 30 to December 11 periods.

Christmas Tree Pickup

2026: January 5 to 16 2027: January 4 to 15

On your scheduled pickup days.

Annual Trash Holidays

New Year's Day (2026&7) Memorial Day July 4th
Labor Day Thanksgiving Christmas

Pickups will be delayed one day following trash holidays.

*** UNACCEPTABLE CURBSIDE WASTE ***

Tires • Construction Waste • Grass Clippings
Land Clearing/Demolition Debris • Propane Tanks
Helium Tanks • Computers • Monitors
Printers • TVs • Riding Lawn Mowers
Scrap Vehicles or Parts • Cans or Drums larger than 5 gallons • Home Cleanouts • Other large machinery-related items may not be placed curbside at any time.

Brown Totes: Trash ONLY

Blue Totes: Recyclables ONLY

Please place totes at least 4 feet from mailboxes with space between them within 24 hours of pickup.

Reminder: Put your trash out the night before or by 5:30 AM on day of pickup. Please Do Not Place Trash and Recycle Bins in the Street. Please store totes away from streets and sidewalks after pickup.

Recycling Locations

North Branford Recycling Center

Public Works Facility, Route 22

9 AM to Noon - - April 18, July 11, and November 7

Electronics Waste: (e.g., TV's, CD/DVD Players, VCR's, computers, monitors, printers)

Mattresses and Box Springs

Empty Propane Tanks – Size-based fee charged

Tires (on Nov.7 only) – Size-based fee charged. Call the Recycling Hotline for additional information.

Leaf Dropoff Area

Near Public Works Facility; follow the signs: 9 AM to 3 PM

April 4, 11, 18, 25; Oct. 17, 24, 31 and Nov. 7, 14, 21.

NO COMMERCIAL VEHICLES ALLOWED.

Haz Waste Central Dropoff

90 Sargent Dr., (Long Wharf) New Haven

Saturdays 9 AM to Noon during their operating season, typically mid-May until late October. Use <https://www.rwater.com/hazwaste> to confirm dates of operation and register for material drop off. For more information call 203-401-2712.

Haz Waste Central Accepts:

Aerosol containers, batteries, bug sprays, car fluids, cleaners, cooking oil, disinfectants, drain openers, floor-care products, fluorescent bulbs, furniture polish, gasoline, kerosene, lawn & garden chemicals, mercury thermometers & thermostats, metal polish, moth balls, paint & paint products, oven cleaners, pool & photography chemicals, spot remover, and waste oil.

See <http://www.recyclelect.com/> for additional recycling options and

<https://www.recyclerfinder.com/> for additional recycling locations using ZIP code and radius.



NEW!



The New Recycling Center at Public Works is open 24 hours and accepts plastic film • printer cartridges • eye glasses • cell phones • used clothes and shoes.

Put Your Recycling and Trash Totes Curbside Every Week

Please remember to keep the tote lids closed, placed as close to the curb as possible and oriented as shown on the tote lids.
Leave space between the Recycling Tote and the Trash Tote.

What to Recycle at Curbside in the Blue Tote	How to Recycle	What NOT to Recycle
Glass Containers: Bottles and jars with lids and caps in place.	Rinse clean. Labels, lids, and caps should be left on.	Incandescent light bulbs, mirrors, window/plate/white/opal glass, Pyrex, pottery, ceramics and corks.
Metal: Food, beverage and other containers made only of aluminum, tin, steel or some combination of these three metals; empty aerosol cans; clean aluminum foil.	Rinse clean. Flatten clean aluminum foil.	Paint cans, coat hangers or wire. Metals other than aluminum, steel, tin or some combination of these three metals.
Paperboard Boxes/Cartons: Includes food boxes, gift boxes, shoe boxes, shirt paperboard, paper roll cores, milk and orange juice cartons. Aseptic food packages (e.g., juice boxes, tomato sauce, broth and soup). Boxes must have foil or wax paper removed from insides.	Flatten. Remove any foil or wax paper interior packaging.	Paperboard that is contaminated with residue (e.g., portions of pizza boxes with food residue).
Plastic Containers and Trays: All plastic containers, trays lids, must have one of the recycling symbols on each item:  Plastic plant containers, plastic flower or plant pots may also be recycled. However, NO BLACK PLASTIC.	Rinse clean. Containers may be flattened.	Plastic grocery bags, caps, items smaller than 2" , Styrofoam (even if it has a recycling symbol and/or number on it), black plastic.
Paper: Includes newspapers, mail, envelopes, clean paper plates, magazines, catalogues, office and school paper, file folders, paperback books, telephone directories, paper bags, and cards.	Place in blue tote with your recyclables.	Any paper contaminated with food residue, holiday wrapping paper, shredded paper, paper cups, bubble-lined paper mailers.
Corrugated Cardboard: Corrugated cardboard looks like this: 	Flatten boxes – must fit completely in blue tote. Remove Styrofoam or other packing material.	Corrugated cardboard with wax coating and/or foil or plastic film lamination. Corrugated cardboard that is contaminated with residue (e.g., portions of pizza boxes with food residue).

What to do with other recyclables not collected in blue totes?

Clothing, Shoes, Accessories	Leaves And Grass Clippings	Household Batteries & Lightbulbs	Vehicle Batteries	Waste Oil	Plastic Film & Grocery Bags	Empty Propane Tanks	Mattresses & Box Springs
Donate to the charitable organization of your choice	Backyard compost Only leaves at Leaf Dropoff Area See details on front of card for curbside pickup	Batteries at Haz Waste Central LED and CFL lightbulbs at Electronic Recycling Events See details on front of card for dates	Haz Waste Central Public Works Facility*	Uncontaminated Public Works Facility* or Retail Store Contaminated Haz Waste Central	Without food residue Public Works Facility* Recycling Program on Town website for list of grocery and retailer drop-off locations	North Branford Recycling Center Size-based fee charged	Mattresses and box springs can be recycled at Electronic Recycling Events See details on front of card for dates

Oil and water-based paints should preferably be disposed of at Paint Dropoff Locations listed at: <https://www.paintcare.org/drop-off-sites/>

***The Public Works Facility is open Monday through Friday from 7 AM to 3:30 PM with Summer Hours from 6 AM to 2:30 PM.**

Definitions

Bulky Waste: Tree limbs, tree branches, scrap wood, rugs (tree limbs, tree branches, scrap wood, and rugs all need to be less than 4 feet long, no thicker than 4 inches and need to be bundled and tied), couches, mattresses, box springs, picnic tables and wooden furniture. **No scrap vehicle parts. No home cleanouts.**

Construction Waste: An item affixed to a dwelling, including but not limited to windows, doors, wood or vinyl siding, sheetrock, roofing, decks, sinks, toilets, showers, bathtubs, counters, concrete. **Never Acceptable Curbside.**

Electronics Waste: (e.g., TV's, CD/DVD Players, VCR's, computers, monitors, printers)

Household Batteries: Any battery used for normal household use, e.g., AA, AAA, C, D, 9 volt and Hearing Aid, as well as rechargeable, and non-automotive batteries

Scrap Metal: Air conditioners, dehumidifiers, microwaves, large appliances (refrigerators, with doors removed), metal lawn furniture, hot water tanks, tools, metal fencing, filing cabinets, furnaces, garbage pails, non-riding lawn mowers with gas removed, outdoor grills, small machines and aluminum siding.