



City of Middletown Sanitation Department
245 DeKoven Drive, Middletown CT 06457

December 15, 2026

Dear Middletown Sanitation District Customer,

Effective January 1st, 2026, the trash collection program in the Middletown Sanitation District will be changing. The volume-based pricing pilot program known as "Save as You Throw" (SAYT) that has been in place for 2 years will be ending.

What does this mean for you?

Trash: Starting 1/1/26, any standard commercial trash bag may be used for trash. Orange City-branded bags will no longer be required. Your trash bill will now be based solely on the size of your cart(s) and frequency of your pickups (no longer the number of bags you have in your cart.) See below for the new rates.

Notes: - Please use up your remaining orange trash bags and do not buy more than you need for the rest of this calendar year. When you run out, feel free to use any commercially available kind of trash bags. For the rest of the year, carts will be collected if they contain any type of trash bag.

- Green food scrap bags will continue to be sorted out at the facility and sent to the bio digester until 12/31/25.

Food scraps: The City hopes to be able to continue curbside food scrap collection service, and options for this are currently being explored. Please check the City Sanitation website for the most up-to-date information on ways to keep your organics out of landfills! A free food scrap collection bin remains available at the Recycling Center at 185 Johnson St.

Exciting Recycling News! [Recycling Carts are now being collected weekly!](#) No more remembering which week to place your blue cart out because we will collect it every week! The recycling cart is for your plastic & glass food and beverage containers, newspapers, magazines, junk mail, etc. For more info on what goes in the recycling bin, visit: www.RecycleCT.com.

<p>Your bill: The next sanitation bill you will receive will be in April and will include charges for the next billing cycle (May – Oct.) and a prorated charge for this current billing cycle (Jan – Apr.), which reflects the cost of the new trash rates effective Jan 1st due to the discontinuation of the SAYT program.</p>	<p>New Sanitation Cart Rates (billed every 6 months): 1 96 gallon trash container emptied 1X per week: \$240 1 65 gallon trash container emptied 1X per week: \$215 1 35 gallon trash container emptied 1X per week: \$180 For other less-common rates, please call the Sanitation office.</p>
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If you have further questions or concerns, feel free to contact the Public Works office at (860)638-4850.

Sincerely,

Eugene Nocera
Mayor

Robert Russo
Acting Public Works Director

Sanitation District Policies

Property owners: Please share this information with your tenants!

Important policies:

- **TRASH:** All trash must be bagged and placed in the cart with the lid CLOSED.
 - **OVER-SIZED TRASH:** Mops, rakes, brooms and shovels should be tied together and placed on the ground next to carts. Call 860-638-4858 to let us know it's out for pickup by 3pm the day before your weekly pickup so our drivers know to look for it.
 - **OVER-FILLED CARTS:** If your cart is regularly overfilled, you will be given a larger-sized or additional cart and charged accordingly.
- **RECYCLING:** goes in the BLUE cart and **MUST NOT** be bagged in plastic bags. Plastic bags jam the sorting equipment and contaminate the load. Recyclables must be loose in the bin or may be put in paper bags.
 - **PLASTICS/GLASS/NEWSPAPER:** all goes in the blue recycling cart loose. Please only place clean material in the bin.
 - **CARDBOARD:** Corrugated cardboard should be flattened and bundled and placed next to recycling carts.
- **FOOD SCRAPS:** Free food scrap composting service at the Recycling Center (185 Johnson St.) & soon other locations around the Sanitation District. See the Recycling section of the City website for details and updates.
- **YARD DEBRIS:** No yard debris like grass clippings, brush or leaves in trash or recycling carts or dumpsters! This material must be composted, or brought to the recycling center (free). Spring through fall, Public Works will pick up brush for free and bulk waste for a fee. See the Sanitation website for details.



CART PLACEMENT RULES: Carts must be removed from the curb within 24 hours after pick up. Carts left at the curb repeatedly are subject to a \$25/day fine. All policies can be viewed at <https://www.middletownct.gov/201/Sanitation-Division>

To our customers using Sanitation District DUMPSTERS:

- **RECYCLING:** is mandated by law in CT. If you have any questions about recycling paper, plastic & glass containers and food scraps at your facility, please contact us. Save space in the trash by learning everything that can be recycled. Check www.recyclect.com if you're unsure about an item.
- **FOOD SCRAPS:** The Sanitation District has free curbside collection of food scraps for restaurants and businesses that generate larger amounts of organics. This program enables you to down-size your trash dumpster and reduce your costs!

Please reach out to recycling@middletownct.gov or call 860-638-4850 with any questions.

Sanitation District Collection Schedule

Holidays: The Sanitation District does not operate on these holidays:
Independence Day • Thanksgiving Day • Christmas Day • New Year's Day
All other holidays, customers should place their carts out on their regular collection day.

Garbage and Recycling are collected every week. **DO NOT BAG YOUR RECYCLABLES.** Need to know what to recycle? Go to www.recyclect.com or use the QR Code to the right.

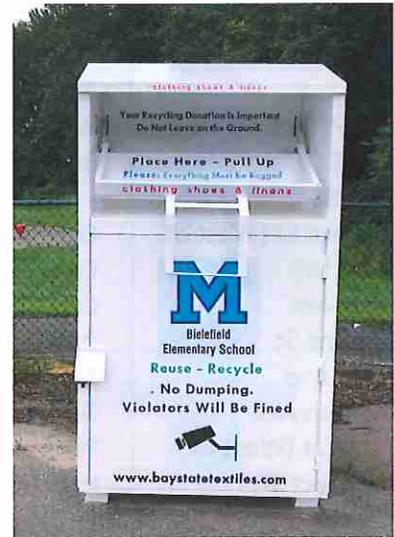
<p>MONDAY:</p> <p>Bacon Ave Berlin Pl Berlin St Bridge St Butternut St (West of West St) Casper Ave Catherine St Clinton Ave Columbus Ave Erin St Ext (West of Prospect St) Frazier Ave Glover Pl Griffin Pl Grove St Hendley St Johnson St Liberty Pl Liberty St Mazzotta Pl Middlefield St Miller St North Main St Pease Ave Pomeroy Pl Portland St Prospect Pl Prospect St Ranger Ave Rome Ave Stack St Stow Ave St Johns Ct Villa Ave West St Windward Ave Woodward Ave</p>	<p>TUESDAY:</p> <p>Aresco Dr Bernie O'Rourke Dr Butternut St (east of West St) Clarence Ct Cross St Cubeta Rd Daddario Rd Fairview Ave Grand (north) EVEN Fountain Ave High (east) EVEN Jackson St Keift Rd Knowles Ave Lincoln (south) ODD Long Ln Mt Vernon St Park Pl (east) EVEN Pearl St (west) ODD Rogers Rd Santangelo Cir Schaeffer Rd Spring (north) EVEN Sunset Ter Vine St Wadsworth St Warren St Woodman Ave Wyllis Ave</p>	<p>WEDNESDAY:</p> <p>Alsop Ave Brainard (west) ODD Church St College St Court St Crescent St deKoven Dr Ferry St Glynn Ave Goodyear Ave Green St Hamlin St Home Ave (east) EVEN Hotchkiss St Hubbard St Loveland (north) EVEN MacDonough Pl Main St Melili Plaza Miles (east) EVEN Oak St Old Church St Pleasant St Rappallo Ave South Main St Warwick St. Lawn (south) ODD William St</p> <p>THURSDAY:</p> <p>Broad St Grand (south) ODD Erin St High (west) ODD Lincoln (north) EVEN Longworth Ave Park Pl (west) ODD Pearl St (east) EVEN Spring St (south) ODD 500 Washington St Washington St Wetmore Ave</p>	<p>FRIDAY:</p> <p>Austin Beach St Beacon Bellevue Pl Berkeley Brainard (east) EVEN Bretton Pl Bretton Rd Burr Chimney Hill Connery Cottage Dora Dr Gordon Pl Highland Ave Highland Ter High St (11, 15, 19, 23, 31, 37, 43, 55) Home Ave (west) ODD Huber Ave Jacobs Ter Lakeside Ave Lawn Ave (north) EVEN Lexington Ave Lorelei Cir Loveland (south) ODD Mansfield Ter Miles (west) ODD Mill St Pamechea Ave Pine St Ravine Ave Stevens Ln Summit Pl Ward St</p>
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Textile Recycling

Textiles like clothing, shoes, sheets, towels, pillows, etc. don't go in the trash!

Please donate these items if they are in good condition or recycle them at one of the used textiles bins located around town! The bins that are managed by the City can be found at the locations below:

Location	Address
Bielefield Elementary School	70 Maynard Street
Farm Hill Elementary School	390 Ridge Road
Lawrence Elementary School	Kaplan Drive
Macdonough Elementary School (Old Keigwin School)	99 Spruce Street
Moody Elementary School	300 Country Club Road
Snow Elementary School	299 Wadsworth Street
Wesley Elementary School	10 Wesleyan Hills Road
Beman Middle School	1 Wilderman's Way
Middletown Senior Center	61 Durant Terrace
Reboot Eco	131 River Road



What can be put in the blue recycling cart?

RECYCLE RIGHT. EVERY TIME.

Use this guide to learn **What's IN** and **What's OUT** of your bin.

What's IN?

What's OUT?

Follow these steps before placing acceptable items into your recycling bin.

DO: empty, clean, rinse, and repeat for each item.

DON'T: shred, box, or bag items.



PAPER & CARDBOARD



Newspapers & magazines, food and beverage cartons, mixed paper and flattened boxes



GLASS



Bottles and jars



METAL



Food and beverage cans, aluminum foil and foil containers



PLASTIC



Jugs, tubs and lids



No plastic bags or plastic wrap
(Return to retailer)



No styrofoam or black plastic containers
(Throw them in the trash)



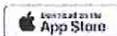
No clothing or linens
(use donation programs)



No tangles
(No hoses, wires, chains or electronics)



No combustibles
(No propane tanks, batteries, and non-food grade aerosol cans like spray paint and pesticides)



To learn more about What's In and What's Out of your bin, ask the RecycleCT Wizard at RecycleCT.com or download our new app.
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