



Throwing It Out In Brookhaven

Your Guide to Waste Management and Recycling

Enclosed information applies only to Town of Brookhaven residents in 1, 2, and 3-family homes.

Residents of incorporated villages should contact their village government.

Residents of apartment buildings, condos, and other private communities should contact their managing agency.

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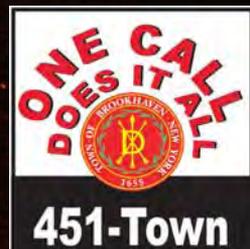


Photo: West Meadow Beach

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What does the Department of Waste Management do?

The Department of Waste Management is responsible for the environmentally secure disposal of everything that residents no longer want. Federal and State regulations require specific disposal methods and limits that must be followed. These regulations address mandatory recycling, proper handling of hazardous materials, and environmental protection. The complexities and expenses are considerable. Collection and disposal requirements reflect these regulations. The following are the Department's major responsibilities:

- Landfill, Ashfill and Transfer Station operations
- Contracted curbside collection from 1-2 and 3- family homes
- Roadside litter and illegal dumping cleanup
- Inspection Services
- Materials Recycling Facility operation
- Hazardous Material operations



What is my carter required to do?

Collect an unlimited number of 32 gal. containers or bags (under 50lbs) of household trash each collection day

Collect 4 additional bulk items on the last collection day

Collect designated recyclables separately from garbage on Wednesdays

Sticker and leave waste that is not placed at the curb according to the town code

Collect yard waste separately from other solid waste

ALL ITEMS FOR CURBSIDE COLLECTION MUST BE PLACED AT ONE CURBSIDE LOCATION PER PROPERTY. WASTE ITEMS FROM YOUR HOME MUST BE PLACED IN FRONT OF YOUR HOME ONLY.

What if my carter doesn't do what he should?

If the carter is not complying, please alert the Department of Waste Management at 451-TOWN as soon as possible so that we can remedy the problem effectively. Complaints are recorded and tracked. If a pattern of non-compliance is found, financial penalties can be imposed.



Department of Waste Management
One Independence Hill
Farmingville, NY 11738

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
www.Brookhaven.org



Reporting a Problem!

Unregistered Vehicles:
The Department of Waste Management handles unregistered vehicles on private property and the Department of Public Safety handles unregistered vehicles on the street. To report an unregistered vehicle call 451-TOWN.

Litter: To report litter on the side of a town road or on private property please call 451-TOWN. A roadside clean-up crew will remove litter from town roads. A sanitation inspector will be sent out to inspect litter on private property and determine if there is a violation of the town code. As needed, the sanitation inspector will contact the owner of the property to correct the violation.



News & Events

The Department of Waste Management holds special events such as **SHREDDING EVENTS**, **E-WASTE RECYCLING EVENTS** and **THE ANNUAL GREAT BROOKHAVEN CLEAN-UP & PLANT-IN**.

Please visit the Town of Brookhaven's website for up to date information on upcoming events.

www.Brookhaven.org



WEEKLY COLLECTIONS



If you do not know your garbage collection days please call the Department of Waste Management at 451-TOWN.

SELECTED SUNDAY NIGHTS: YARD WASTE is collected by the Waste Management Department during 19 specified weeks. Material must be at the curb on Sunday night in a separate location from your household garbage. The carters will make only one pass through their area during the week, Monday through Saturday. The collection schedule for yard waste is on your recycling schedule.

MONDAY/TUESDAY: HOUSEHOLD WASTE is collected on Mondays or Tuesdays depending on where you live. Material must be at the curb by 6:00 AM on your collection day. Household waste includes anything that originates from your kitchen or household waste baskets. You are allowed unlimited 32 gallon cans or plastic bags of household garbage, each weighing no more than 50 lbs.

WEDNESDAY: MANDATORY RECYCLING is collected on Wednesdays. Paper recyclables and CURBY can recyclables are collected on alternate Wednesdays. Materials must be at the curb properly prior to 6:00 AM on Wednesdays. See your magnetic calendar for your recycling collection schedule.

THURSDAY/FRIDAY: HOUSEHOLD WASTE & BULK ITEMS are collected on Thursdays or Fridays depending on where you live. In addition to the unlimited household waste, residents are allowed to put out 4 bulk items (see page 9). Materials must be at the curb next to their household garbage prior to 6:00 AM on your collection day.



***HOLIDAYS: HOLIDAYS** are marked on your magnetic recycling calendar. Collection is cancelled on designated holidays.

RESIDENT ALERT!

- If residents put out more than their contracted amount of waste, or if cans or bags are too heavy, the carter will sticker the debris to alert the resident to contact the Department of Waste Management for an explanation. They will leave the stickered debris but will collect the regular household garbage.
- Garbage should be placed at the curb the evening before your designated pick up day or before 6 a.m.
- Do not use bungee cords or attached lids on garbage cans. These can cause injury to the carter.
- Please first consider donating your items such as clothing, toys, etc. before discarding them in the trash.
- Recycling collection schedule is available online at www.brookhaven.org
- The Town of Brookhaven's Landfill allows residents to dump up to **500 lbs of debris for free on Saturdays**. Materials must be brought in non-commercial cars with single-axle trailers, pick-ups, or vans. You must use your personal pick-up, van or car.
- Must show proof of residency to enter town facilities.



ACCEPTABLE HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE

Acceptable Materials	How to Prepare Materials
Animal Waste <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • household pet waste only 	Bagged and placed in regular household garbage
Appliances, small <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • toasters, irons, etc. 	If one item, bag with garbage; if multiple items schedule a metal pick-up
Batteries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AA, AAA, C, D & 9 Volt 	Discard with regular household trash.
Coals & Wood Ash	Must be cold; bagged and placed in regular household garbage
Fire Extinguishers	Make sure extinguisher is completely empty & discard with your garbage.
Fluorescent Bulbs	Wrap, tape and label "glass" - place in regular household garbage
Loose glass/ceramics/mirrors	Sealed in a box; label "glass"
Medical Waste <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • syringes, sharps, IV tubes, dressings 	Sealed in capped impermeable container with small amount of bleach in the bottom, then can be placed in regular garbage
Paint Cans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • latex & water based 	Remove lids, let paint dry out, place cans in regular garbage

UNACCEPTABLE CURBSIDE ITEMS

Item	What do I do with it?
Animal Bodies, deceased <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (no diseased livestock) 	May bring to the Town Landfill for a fee.
Boats, whole or cut up	May bring to the Town Landfill for a fee.
Construction/Demolition Debris <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cement, concrete blocks, railroad ties, asphalt, contract generated & major renovation debris 	May bring to the Town Landfill for a fee.
Electronics	May bring to the Town Landfill for free or to a retailer.
Glass/Mirrors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • unsupported plate glass 	May bring to the Town Landfill for a fee.
Pianos, Organs	May bring to the Town Landfill for a fee.
Pick-up Truck Caps	May bring to the Town Landfill for a fee.
Railroad Ties	May bring to the Town Landfill for a fee.

ACCEPTABLE BULK ITEMS

Residents are allowed to put out 4 **bulk items** on Thursdays or Fridays depending on where you live.

Acceptable Materials	How to Prepare Materials
Auto Parts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • tires (no rims) • plastic, rubber, fabric, • non-metallic parts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All fluid must be drained • Must weigh less than 50lbs • No metal parts
Bedding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • headboards, box springs, mattresses, wood frames 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dismantled, each part is considered one bulk item.
Carpet/Rugs/Padding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cut to 6' lengths, rolled and tied, each roll is considered one bulk item
Construction/Demolition Debris <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • items from homeowner's do-it-yourself projects (scrap lumber, tiles, insulation, pegboards, etc.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bags or containers (less than 50lbs) • Bundled & tied - no larger than 4'x2'x2' (less than 50 lbs) • Nails must be removed or flattened • Large panels must be cut in half, each half is considered one bulk item
Doors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • solid wood doors, wood garage doors, hollow wood doors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solid & garage doors must be cut in half, each piece is one bulk item
Fencing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • stockade fencing • wood rail/split rail • picket 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stockade & wood rail/split rail sections must be cut in half (top to bottom); each half is one bulk item • Loose pickets must be bundled
Furniture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • couches (without recliners), chairs, recliner chairs, tables, shelves, dressers, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each item is considered one bulk item. Please keep all drawers inside dressers.
Glass/Mirrors/Ceramics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wrapped, taped, and marked "glass"
Pools <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • molded plastic, soft plastic, above ground 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liners and soft plastic must be cut to 6' lengths, rolled, and tied each roll is one bulk item.
Windows <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • wood frame and plastic frame 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Glass must be taped on both sides; each window is one bulk item.
Toys, large	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each toy is considered one bulk item.



YARD WASTE



- All bags, bundles or containers must be at the curb on Sunday nights preceding highlighted collection week.
- The carter will make only **one pass** through each area during the week, Monday through Saturday.
- There is a limit of 50 yard waste items per week.
- Leaves and brush will be collected during the same weeks.

ACCEPTABLE MATERIALS	HOW TO PREPARE MATERIALS
Brush Twigs Small Branches (up to 6" diameter) Wood Chips Hedge Clippings Holiday Trees (NO bagged, artificial or decorated trees)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bundle, bag or place in 32 gallon garbage can, lids removed • Bundles must be securely tied • Bundles must be no larger than 4'x2'x2' • 50 lb. limit per item • Holiday trees over 6' must be cut in half • No more than 50 items per week • Place at curb, separate from garbage, on Sunday nights preceding yard waste weeks.
Leaves, Acorns, Weeds, Hay Mulch, Thatch, Pine Cones/Needles, Non-woody Plants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be bagged; 50 lb. limit per bag • No more than 50 bags per week • Place at curb, separate from garbage, on Sunday nights preceding yard waste weeks. • Can be brought to the Manorville Compost Site for free. • Can be brought to the Landfill for a fee, Monday - Friday; Saturday up to 500 lbs FREE.

NOT ACCEPTABLE FOR YARD WASTE COLLECTION:

- Large branches (over 6" diameter), logs or stumps
- Brush cannot protrude above the rim of a 32 gal. can
- Loose brush or leaves, dirt & **GRASS**

NO LOGS, LARGE BRANCHES, OR TREES: These items can be brought to the Landfill at no fee. Materials must be brought in non-commercial cars with single-axle trailers, pick-ups, or vans. You must use your personal pick-up, van or car.

NO GRASS CLIPPINGS: Grass clippings can be brought to the Manorville Compost Facility for free.



Recyclables



Residents are required by law to participate in Brookhaven's CURB (Clean Up Recycle Brookhaven) mandatory recycling program. CURBY cans and recyclable papers are collected on alternate Wednesdays. CURBY cans can be purchased for \$15.00 at the Town Clerk's office in Town Hall, at the Landfill, and at Manorville Compost Facility.

NOTE: Residents can request a **FREE RECYCLE BROOKHAVEN** sticker to identify their recycling can. ALL acceptable recyclable material may be brought to the Town Landfill free of charge.

CURBY RECYCLING - IN a CURBY can, a designated 32 gallon container with a Recycle Brookhaven sticker or an open top 32 gallon container...



GLASS BOTTLES and JARS

- Clear and colored
- NO ceramics, window glass, drinking glasses or safety glass
- Rinse containers
- Labels, caps, and lids need not be removed

METAL CANS

- Tin, aluminum, and bimetallic cans
- Aerosol spray cans (caps removed)
- Rinse cans; do not crush
- Labels, caps, and lids need not be removed
- Place loose lids inside cans
- No cans contaminated with toxic chemicals

PLASTIC

- Look for symbol on bottom of container:
- Rinsed
- No motor oil containers



ALUMINUM

- Foil, disposable aluminum food containers
- Rinsed and crumpled

PAPER RECYCLING - TIED with twine or in brown paper bags NO PLASTIC BAGS ...

NEWSPAPERS... rain or shine!

- Packed in brown paper grocery bags - NO plastic bags
- Tied with twine - NO plastic string or wire

CORRUGATED CARDBOARD CARTONS

- Broken down/flattened
- Tied with twine - NO plastic string or wire

MIXED LOW-GRADE PAPER

- Junk mail
- Catalogs
- Color inserts
- Magazines
- Envelopes
- School paper
- Books (no covers)
- Index cards
- Yellow legal pads
- Greeting cards
- Telephone books
- Shredded paper (in brown bags)
- Construction paper
- Office paper
 - Fax paper
 - White ledger
 - Manila folders
 - Copy paper
- Sweepstakes forms



Electronics Recycling

Beginning January 1, 2012, New York State mandates that residents may **NOT** place electronic waste at the curb for pickup. New York State law now requires manufacturers to take responsibility for recycling of electronic equipment that they produce. Manufacturers must provide free and convenient acceptance programs for NYS consumers to properly reuse and recycle their waste electronic equipment.

Residents can recycle their electronic items at the **Brookhaven Town Landfill**, Monday through Saturday during its operating hours or contact your local retailer to see if they offer any take back programs. A licensed e-waste recycling company, under contract with the Town of Brookhaven, provides safe processing and recycling of these items. Components will be separated into reusable metals, plastics, glass and chemical recyclables. Please visit the Town of Brookhaven's website, www.Brookhaven.org, for a list of E-Waste Recycling Events.

Please visit the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation's website at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/66872.html>

Rechargeable Battery Disposal

Beginning December 5, 2011, no person shall knowingly dispose of rechargeable batteries as solid waste at any time in the state. (NYS ECL §27-1805)

The law requires businesses who sell rechargeable batteries to collect and recycle the batteries statewide in a manufacturer funded program at no cost to consumers.

Retailers shall take up to ten such batteries per day from any person regardless of whether such person purchases replacement batteries.

Most rechargeable batteries contain toxic metals that can be released into the environment when improperly disposed. These batteries should NOT be placed in the garbage. Residents may bring these batteries to the Hazardous Waste (STOP) Facility at the Town Landfill or dispose of them through a retailer.

Batteries covered by the new law:

- Nickel-cadmium
- Sealed lead
- Lithium ion
- Nickel metal hydride
- Any other such dry cell battery capable of being recharged
- Battery packs containing any of the above-mentioned batteries

Please visit the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation's website at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/72065.html> for more information regarding rechargeable battery disposal.

Scrap Metal Recycling



Call the Department of Waste Management at **451-TOWN** to schedule pickups of **scrap metal recycling and special collection items!**

Appliances and other recyclable scrap metal items will be collected from your curbside **separately** from household garbage by the Town of Brookhaven. Contact the Department of Waste Management at **451-TOWN** when items are at the curb separate from your household garbage and ready for collection. **NOTE:** Scrap metal can be dropped off at the Landfill and Manorville Compost Site at no charge.

ACCEPTABLE MATERIALS: appliances, air conditioners, metal bathtubs, swing sets, water heaters, metal lawn furniture, metal pool frames, metal framed windows, pots/pans, auto engines, chain link fence, fence poles, boat trailers, bicycles, household hardware, barbecue grills, metal doors, lawnmowers & decorative metal fencing

PREPARING MATERIALS:

- Doors must be removed on refrigerators & freezers.
- Remove concrete and non-metallic parts.
- Remove fluids from auto engines & lawn mowers.
- Oil tank - The Waste Management Department will collect if oil tank is cut and clean.
- Fence poles, swing sets, gazebos, tents, basketball hoops, etc. must be dismantled and free of concrete for collection and drop off at the Town Landfill.

NOT ACCEPTABLE:

- Helium/Propane tanks - Call 451-TOWN for information on how to dispose.
- Chicken wire, turkey wire, mesh type metals & wire animal cages can be brought to the Town Landfill for free, rolled and securely tied.

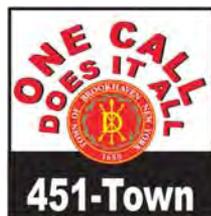
Special Collections

The Town of Brookhaven will collect the following special items at curbside **separate** from your household garbage:

- sofa beds, couches with recliners, day-beds, sliding glass doors, car seats and projection TVs

Please have items placed at curb separate from your garbage before calling the Department of Waste Management at 451-TOWN to schedule a collection.

Please keep items intact and tape any glass!



HAZARDOUS HOUSEHOLD WASTE

STOP!

STOP Program

(Stop Throwing Out Pollutants)

To prevent contamination of our groundwater, the following items should be disposed of at the Town's Household Hazardous Waste (STOP) Facility at the Town Landfill.

Lawn and Garden Products

- Fungicides
- Herbicides
- Insecticides
- Pesticides
- Rodenticides

Automotive Products

- A/C Refrigerants
- Antifreeze
- Auto body putty
- Automobile batteries
- Carburetor cleaners
- Gasoline
- Oil additives
- Starter fluid
- Transmission fluid
- Used motor oil mixed with solvents, cleaners, etc.

STOP Program's Hours of Operation

April 1 - October 31:
Wednesdays and Saturdays, 8 a.m. - 12 noon

November 1 - March 31:
Saturdays, 8 a.m. - 12 noon

Materials must be transportable, in sealed containers and clearly labeled. Containers brought to the facility cannot be returned.

Other Products

- Aerosol cans
- Asbestos (wet down and packed in 3 plastic bags)
- Batteries: button-type, nickel/cadmium
- Car/truck/boat batteries
- Kerosene
- Lighter fluid
- Liquid mercury
- Mercury switches
- Mercury vapor lights
- Photographic chemicals
- Pool chemicals
- Rechargeable batteries
- Solder

Household Products

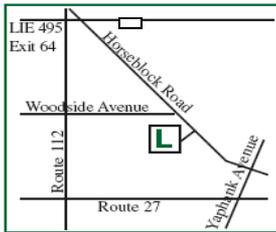
- Adhesives
- Bathroom cleaners
- Carpet cleaners
- Disinfectants
- Drain cleaners
- Driveway sealers
- Dry cleaning fluids
- Fluorescent bulbs
- Furniture polish
- Lead base paints
- Mothballs
- Oil base paints
- Oven cleaners
- Paint strippers
- Room deodorizers
- Silver polish
- Spot removers
- Stains and varnishes
- Toilet bowl cleaners
- Turpentine and thinners

The Town cannot accept hazardous household waste outside these hours of operation.

Explosives, radioactive materials and large drums are not accepted at the STOP Facility.

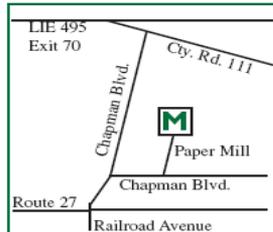


Drop-Off Locations



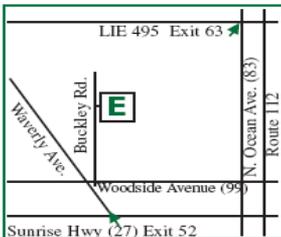
L Landfill, Horseblock Road
Brookhaven

Town Landfill
350 Horseblock Rd.
Brookhaven, NY 11719
Monday-Friday 7 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Saturday 7 a.m. - noon



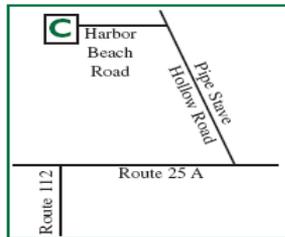
M Manorville Compost Site
Paper Mill Road, Manorville

Manorville Compost Site
Paper Mill Rd.
Manorville, NY 11949
Monday-Friday 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.



E Holtsville Ecology Park
Buckley Road, Holtsville

Holtsville Ecology Park
249 Buckley Rd.
Holtsville, NY 11742
Phone: (631) 758-9664
Monday-Thursday 10 a.m.-2 p.m.



C Ralph's Fishing Station
Cedar Beach, Mt. Sinai

Ralph's Fishing Station
250 Harbor Beach Rd.
Mount Sinai, NY 11766
Phone: (631) 473-6655
Monday-Saturday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

NOTE: Motor Oil- Residentially generated used **motor oil** may be brought to any of the above locations. It must be pure oil only; no oil mixed with solvents, cleaners, etc. Residents can bring up to 10 gallons but must be in 5 gallon (or less) containers. There is **no fee**. DO NOT dump down storm drains, in the street or in regular garbage. If it is mixed with cleaners, or solvents please bring to the STOP facility at the Town Landfill.

Motor Oil Filters- Used **motor oil filters** can also be recycled at the Town Landfill and the Manorville Compost Site.

Car/Truck/Boat Batteries- Undamaged batteries can be brought to the Town Landfill and the Manorville Compost Site.

RECYCLING STICKER PROGRAM



Brookhaven Town's new sticker program encourages recycling by making it easier to designate an appropriate recycling receptacle. Residents can now use their own receptacle with a **Recycle Brookhaven Sticker**. Stickers are FREE to all Brookhaven households and are available at the following Town locations:

- Brookhaven Town Hall
One Independence Hill
Farmingville, NY 11738
- Mastic Rec. Center
Herkimer St. & Classon Ave.
Mastic, NY 11950
- Brookhaven Ecology Site
249 Buckley Rd.
Holtsville, NY 11742
- Robert R. Reid Sr. Rec. Center
Defense Hill Rd. & Route 25A
Shoreham, NY 11786
- Brookhaven Landfill
350 Horseblock Rd.
Brookhaven, NY 11719
- New Village Rec. Center
Hawkins & Wireless Roads
Centereach, NY 11720
- Rose Caracappa Rec. Center
739 Route 25A
Mt. Sinai, NY 11766
- Swezey Avery House
Mill Road
Yaphank, NY 11980
- St. Michael's Rec. Center
Wilson Ave
Gordon Heights, NY 11727
- Henrietta Acampora Rec. Center
39 Montauk Hwy
Blue Point, NY 11715

NOTE: CURBY cans can be purchased for \$15.00 at the Town Clerk's office in Town Hall, at the Landfill, and at Manorville Compost Facility.





The Town of Brookhaven's Office of Energy and Sustainability administers the Brookhaven Green Homes Program as part of the larger Long Island Green Homes Consortium.

Brookhaven Green Homes is a local program designed to promote home and building energy efficiency in the Town of Brookhaven. This program, through funding from the Department of Energy and cooperative agreements with Community Development Corporation of Long Island (CDCLI) and the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA), helps Brookhaven residents save money, reduce carbon emissions and increase the health, safety and comfort of their homes and buildings. Brookhaven residents now have access to energy audits, installation services, low-cost financing and pathways to training for various green collar careers through the Green Jobs Green New York (GJGNY) program.



Please visit
<http://www.longislandgreenhomes.org>
for more information.

Material Recycling Facility (MRF)

Brookhaven's Material Recycling Facility (MRF) is a complex, automated, system that separates glass, paper, corrugated cardboard, plastics and metals from a mixed waste stream and bales each item for market. All items collected curbside for recycling in Brookhaven is marketed. Tours of the MRF can be arranged by calling 451-TOWN.





Recyclebank®

The Town of Brookhaven has implemented an exciting new program called Recyclebank that rewards you for recycling and helps the environment too.

1.888.727.2978



JOIN TODAY!

www.recyclebank.com/brookhaven

- ➔ EARN POINTS for taking everyday green actions.
- ➔ GET REWARDS from redeeming points.
- ➔ LIVE GREEN and tread more lightly upon the world.

All you have to do is register for free at www.recyclebank.com/brookhaven and tell Recyclebank that you recycled! You will soon start receiving Recyclebank Points for your recycling. The more you and your neighbors recycle, the more points everyone can earn!

You can redeem your points for rewards such as groceries, merchandise, and discounts at hundreds of local and national businesses!

Earn Rewards for Recycling!