CONNECTICUT RESOURCES RECOVERY AUTHORITY
CONNECTICUT'S RECYCLING LEADER

Recycle Old or Obsolete Electronic Devices with CRRA . . .
. . . and Clean Out Those Home File Cabinets, Too
State's Largest Recycler Adds Paper Shredding at its 8 Fall Collections

HARTFORD, Conn. – Now you can recycle more than just your old electronic devices with the state's largest recycler. You can recycle those drawers and boxes full of old papers, canceled checks and other items with personal information that you want to get rid of but don't want to put in the trash.

The Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority, Connecticut's recycling leader, is now offering bulk paper shredding and recycling at its eight residential electronics collections scheduled this fall.

Since CRRA began its electronics recycling program in 1999, 45,036 families have delivered more than 5.3 million pounds of electronics.

But many residents, increasingly concerned with identity theft, asked CRRA how they could safely recycle their old papers.

"Over the last two or three years, many people have called and told us they just cleaned out their parents' attic and have boxes of old paper to recycle but need it shredded," explained Thomas P. Gaffey, CRRA's head of recycling. "People need the peace of mind that personal information is safeguarded so we're delighted to be able to offer this bulk shredding service, which will also save people the chore of running all that material through a small home paper shredder."

CRRA has contracted with Cheshire-based SHRED-IT to provide this service. Residents of participating towns can bring SHRED-IT anything made of paper, especially items that could be used to steal an identity. Plastics must be removed before bringing the paper for recycling.

For electronics recycling, CRRA contracts with Eco International, the nation's leader in electronics recycling, to keep these items out of the waste stream. At its facility in Vestal, N.Y., Eco dismantles items into raw materials, such as copper, steel, aluminum, glass and plastic, and sells them to firms who turn them into new products. Information about Eco International can be found at http://www.ecointernational.com/about.php .
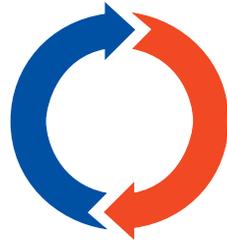
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The fall electronics recycling schedule:

- **Saturday, Sept. 5, in Essex**, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the CRRA transfer station, Town Dump Road (off Exit 4 of Route 9). This collection is for residents of Mid-Connecticut Project towns only.
- **Saturday, Sept. 19, in Glastonbury**, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Glastonbury Highway Department, 2380 New London Turnpike. This collection is for residents of Mid-Connecticut Project towns only.
- **Saturday, Sept. 26, in Hartford**, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the CRRA Trash Museum, 211 Murphy Road. This collection is for residents of Mid-Connecticut Project towns only.
- **Saturday, Oct. 10, in Enfield**, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Stanley Jablonski Public Works Complex, 40 Moody Road. This collection is for residents of Mid-Connecticut Project towns only.
- **Saturday, Oct. 24, in Harwinton**, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Torrington Water Pollution Control Plant, 252 Bogue Road. This collection is for residents of Mid-Connecticut Project towns only.
- **Saturday, Oct. 31, in Essex**, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the CRRA transfer station, Town Dump Road (off Exit 4 of Route 9). This collection is for residents of Mid-Connecticut Project towns only.
- **Saturday, Nov. 7, in Cheshire**, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Cheshire High School, 525 South Main Street. This collection will be for residents of Wallingford, North Haven, Cheshire, Hamden and Meriden. Details will be announced later this fall.
- **Saturday, Nov. 14, in West Hartford**, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the West Hartford Town Yard, 17 Brixton Street. This collection is for residents of Mid-Connecticut Project towns only.

Residents of southwest Connecticut towns should know that due to the expiration of the Bridgeport Project, CRRA no longer provides electronics recycling in or for the following cities and towns: Bethany, Bridgeport, Darien, East Haven, Easton, Fairfield, Greenwich, Milford, Monroe, New Canaan, Norwalk, Orange, Shelton, Stamford, Stratford, Trumbull, Weston, Westport, Wilton and Woodbridge. Residents of these towns looking for suggestions on recycling their electronic devices should call their local public works department, their local electronics retailer or check the Resource Links page on CRRA's Web site at http://www.crra.org/pages/links.htm .

Those interested in participating should call their city or town public works departments or visit http://www.crra.org/pages/project_map.htm to see whether their towns are eligible and which collection will accept their recyclables. The schedule with links to locator maps for each collection site can be found on CRRA's Web site at http://www.crra.org/pages/schedule_electronics.htm .

The Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority is a quasi-public agency whose mission is to work for – and in – the best interests of the municipalities of the state of Connecticut. CRRA's new board of directors and new management team develop and implement environmentally sound solutions and best practices for solid waste disposal and recycling management on behalf of municipalities. CRRA serves 110 Connecticut cities and towns. CRRA also runs environmental and recycling educational programs through the Trash Museum in Hartford and Garbage Museum in Stratford. For more information about CRRA and its activities, visit http://www.crra.org. Computer users can also discuss CRRA at its blog, http://crra-blog.blogspot.com.

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<u>**BACKGROUNDER**</u>

CRRA Mid-Connecticut Project Towns

Avon	East Hartford	Manchester	Simsbury
Barkhamsted	East Windsor	Marlborough	South Windsor
Beacon Falls	Ellington	Middlebury	Southbury
Bethlehem	Enfield	Middlefield	Suffield
Bloomfield	Essex	Naugatuck	Thomaston
Bolton	Farmington	New Hartford	Tolland
Canaan	Glastonbury	Newington	Torrington
Canton	Goshen	Norfolk	Vernon
Chester	Granby	North Branford	Waterbury
Clinton	Guilford	North Canaan	Watertown
Colebrook	Haddam	Old Lyme	West Hartford
Cornwall	Hartford	Old Saybrook	Westbrook
Coventry	Harwinton	Oxford	Wethersfield
Cromwell	Hebron	Portland	Winchester
Deep River	Killingworth	Rocky Hill	Windsor Locks
Durham	Litchfield	Roxbury	Woodbury
East Granby	Lyme	Salisbury	
East Hampton	Madison	Sharon	

CRRA Wallingford Project Towns

Cheshire	Meriden	Wallingford
Hamden	North Haven	

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