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Recycle Those Holiday Catalogs with CRRA **Mixed-Paper Recycling Offered to 90 Cities and Towns**

HARTFORD, Conn. – With the holiday shopping season in full swing, catalogs, flyers and coupons are arriving in the mail daily. Rather than put those items in the trash, residents of 90 Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority cities and towns can recycle these and many other items that come through the mail.

CRRA has introduced mixed-paper recycling for residents of the 70 towns of its Mid-Connecticut Project and the 20 towns of its Bridgeport Project. **(EDITORS: A LIST OF PARTICIPATING TOWNS IS ATTACHED.)** Residential mixed paper includes catalogs, magazines, letters and home computer printer paper. Credit-card offers and other mailing with personal information can be shredded before recycling to protect privacy.

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 5.4 million tons of catalogs and other direct mailings ended up in the U.S. waste stream in 2003. CRRA has expanded its list of recyclables, meaning residents of Mid-Connecticut and Bridgeport Project towns won't have to stuff those items into the trash any more.

“If it’s paper and comes through the mail, just add it to your newspapers for recycling,” said Thomas P. Gaffey, CRRA manager of recycling and enforcement. “It’s as simple as that.”

In addition to mixed paper and junk mail, most Connecticut residents can recycle No. 1 and No. 2 plastics, aluminum and steel cans, glass containers, corrugated cardboard, newspaper and magazines. Residents should call their local public works department for information about specific towns.

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 also runs environmental and recycling educational programs through its Visitors Center and Trash Museum in Hartford and Children’s Garbage Museum in Stratford. For more information about CRRA and its activities, visit <http://www.crra.org>.



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BACKGROUND

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CRRRA Mid-Connecticut Project Towns

Avon
Barkhamsted
Beacon Falls
Bethlehem
Bloomfield
Bolton
Canaan
Canton
Chester
Clinton
Colebrook
Cornwall
Coventry
Cromwell
Deep River
Durham
East Granby
East Hampton

East Hartford
East Windsor
Ellington
Enfield
Essex
Farmington
Glastonbury
Goshen
Granby
Guilford
Haddam
Hartford
Harwinton
Hebron
Killingworth
Litchfield
Lyme
Madison

Manchester
Marlborough
Middlebury
Middlefield
Naugatuck
New Hartford
Newington
Norfolk
North Branford
North Canaan
Old Lyme
Old Saybrook
Oxford
Portland
Rocky Hill
Roxbury
Salisbury
Sharon

Simsbury
South Windsor
Southbury
Suffield
Thomaston
Tolland
Torrington
Vernon
Waterbury
Watertown
West Hartford
Westbrook
Wethersfield
Winchester
Windsor Locks
Woodbury

CRRRA Bridgeport Project Towns

Bethany
Bridgeport
Darien
East Haven
Easton
Fairfield

Greenwich
Milford
Monroe
New Canaan (delivers
recyclables but not
trash)

Norwalk
Orange
Shelton
Stamford
Stratford
Trumbull

Weston
Westport
Wilton
Woodbridge