SANITARY DISTRICT NO. 1
TO INTRODUCE REAR YARD PICKUP RECYCLING PROGRAM

Message from The Board of Commissioners and Staff

Town of Hempstead Sanitary District No. 1 will begin a new state-mandated enhanced recycling program on January 21, 2009. This program will require residents to separate recyclable materials including paper, plastics and metal cans from their waste. Glass will not be a part of this program at this time.

The commissioners and staff of the District would like residents to know that with the exception of some pickup scheduling date changes, they will not see any significant alteration in the service they receive. In addition, the District’s commissioners and management will attempt, through continued best management practices and planning, to keep the cost and tax increases associated with this state-mandated program to a minimum for taxpayers.

It is our strong belief that with community support, the District’s new enhanced recycling program, which will combine homeowner separation of recyclables with the continued operation of our Materials Recovery Facility, will enable the District to achieve the highest recycling rate in New York State.

Homeowners with questions about the program can call the Recycling Hotline 516-239-3606, e-mail the District at recycling@sanitarydistrict1.com or visit sanitarydistrict1.com.

About Sanitary District No. 1

An independent sanitary district within the Town of Hempstead, Sanitary District No. 1, provides municipal solid-waste collection, recycling, transfer and disposal services to approximately 50,000 residents (18,000 homes) and various commercial and institutional properties in the villages of Cedarhurst, Hewlett, Hewlett Bay Park, Hewlett Harbor, Hewlett Neck, Inwood, Lawrence, Woodmere, Woodburgh and portions of the unincorporated areas of Lynbrook and Green Acres. Sanitary District No. 1 offers exceptional and attentive services including back-door and special pickups for all residents.
MANDATORY RECYCLING REGULATIONS
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 2009

All items must be placed in **YELLOW RECYCLABLES-ONLY** container

Any recyclables placed outside the **YELLOW RECYCLABLES-ONLY** container must be placed in clear plastic bags

Absolutely no glass bottles, jars or containers should be placed in **YELLOW RECYCLABLES** containers

Recyclables will not be collected if mixed with garbage

**MATERIALS TO BE RECYCLED:**

**ALUMINUM AND METAL CONTAINERS:** All cans, aluminum foil and pans must be placed in the **YELLOW RECYCLABLES-ONLY** container.

**PLASTIC BOTTLES AND CONTAINERS:** All acceptable plastic materials go into the **YELLOW RECYCLABLES-ONLY** container.

**NEWSPAPERS/CARDBOARD:** Tie flat corrugated cardboard and newspapers, including shiny paper, and place in the **YELLOW RECYCLABLES-ONLY** container. Add white paper, regular mail, cardboard, magazines, paper grocery bags and shredded paper (in paper bag).

**NOT ACCEPTABLE:** Aerosol cans, paint cans and heavily-soiled containers, motor oil plastic cans, styrofoam items, pizza and cereal boxes, telephone books, soft and hard covered books.

**GLASS**

Glass is not included in the program at this time because there are no viable markets for recycled glass on Long Island. The District is continually monitoring the recyclables markets, and if a viable option develops, the District may institute glass collection. District residents will be informed well in advance if any changes are to take place in the recycling program.

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Since 1995 Sanitary District No. 1 has conducted a very successful and efficient recycling program. The centerpiece of this program has been our Materials Recycling Facility (MRF), located on the District’s premises in Lawrence. This facility has enabled the District to achieve recycling rates that are the highest of any municipal entity in Nassau County and among the highest in New York State.
During the spring semester of the 2008 school year, Sanitary District No.1 hosted a series of recycling education programs at local schools including Lawrence Elementary Schools No. 2, No. 4, No. 5, and No. 6, Franklin Elementary School in Hewlett and the Forest Road Elementary School in Valley Stream. Hundreds of students participated in the educational programs, which promoted recycling as a means of protecting the environment. The children received recycling educational coloring books and crayons, as part of the program and also were given a demonstration of one of the District’s sanitation trucks.

District No. 1 Commissioners Irving J. Kaminetsky, Harry Beltrani, James Vilardi and Frank Argento, Superintendent Philip Mistero and Assistant Superintendent George Pappas, Jr., visited schools as part of this program and spoke to students about the importance of recycling and the District’s successful recycling track record.

This educational program was so successful that all the schools in the District will be invited to participate in an expanded program during the 2009 spring semester. The Sanitary District No. 1 School Recycling Challenge will be a friendly competition to see which school can collect the most recyclables. Student recyclable collection statistics will be posted on the Sanitary District’s website sanitarydistrict1.com each month for students, parents and teachers to monitor. The school that recycles the most will receive a special recognition in the spring of 2009.

“The commissioners, management and staff of Sanitary District No. 1 are dedicated to educating the public especially children about the importance of recycling. The enthusiasm of the students at all of the schools we visited was impressive. We look forward to providing more informational programs and having the students participate in our District-wide School Recycling Challenge this spring,” said Commissioner Irving J. Kaminetsky.

All residents will receive a YELLOW RECYCLABLES-ONLY container early in January.

YELLOW RECYCLABLES-ONLY containers will be dropped off next to resident’s garbage cans in the rear of their homes.

Residents should begin recycling when they receive the container.

Please refer to the District’s Recycling Regulations for items that should be placed in the container.

If you have more recyclable materials than will fit into your YELLOW RECYCLABLES-ONLY container, please place them next to the container in a clear plastic bag.
Town of Hempstead Sanitary District No. 1

New Districtwide Rear Yard Pickup Recycling Program

Begins January 21, 2009

For Questions and Information, call the Recycling Hotline (516) 239-3606 or visit sanitarydistrict1.com

Residents are encouraged to send questions via e-mail to recycling@sanitarydistrict1.com. Residents interested in receiving community updates and recycling information via e-mail from the District can sign up at the District’s website or by sending their name, home address and e-mail to recycling@sanitarydistrict1.com.