# AUTOMATED SERVICE WITH SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING

You can now place all recyclables in one bin!

# The Town of North Branford begins a fully automated trash and recycle collection programJan 2013—a modern approach to managing residential trash and recyclables.

#### What is Automated Collection?

Automated collection is an advanced system of recycling and refuse collection and disposal that is utilized in many towns in CT. Automated collection is so popular because it is convenient, it saves money and it increases recycling rates. The system is called automated because a truck equipped with a hydraulic arm controlled by a joystick in the truck lifts the barrel off the curb and empties it into the truck. The system requires you to use a specially designed barrel that is compatible with the truck's mechanical arm. Remember during winter months to place barrels on your driveway, not in the street.

#### Why is Automated Collection better than traditional methods?

The automated system is better for residents and haulers. Better for you—your new barrel has an attached lid that will reduce windblown litter. The barrels are more attractive and help reduce animal and insect problems, as well as odor. More economical—secure lids keep out snow and rain. We pay by the pound, therefore will no longer be charged for the weight of the water. Automated recycling is proven to increase the amount of recycling and decrease solid waste. Faster—haulers we will no longer manually handle recycling containers. Collection will take less time.

#### How do I obtain a Barrel?

One blue and one Brown 95-gallon barrel will be delivered to each residence. Each barrel has a unique identifier associated with the residence for tracking purposes in the event a barrel is lost or damaged. The barrels remain the property of the Town.

#### How will this Work?

Place all your recyclables in your blue cart and your trash in your brown cart and wheel it to the curb by 6:00 a.m. on your regularly scheduled collection day. Place your barrels within 5 feet of the curb or end of your driveway. Wheels should face away from the street. Remember to keep the barrel at least 4 feet away from all other objects to avoid interference with the truck's mechanical arm. If the carts are placed too close to other objects they will not be picked up! Only the automated carts will be collected no other containers may be used.

#### Barrel damaged/stolen?

Protecting your barrel is your responsibility. Keep it clean. Never put trash in your recycling barrel. The Town reserves the right to charge for barrels that are damaged through neglect or abuse.

If your cart is damaged please contact the Department of Public Works at (203) 484-6000

#### Schedule

Trash and Recyclables will be picked up weekly on the regular schedule.

### Holiday Impact

Changes to the collection schedule due to holidays will be posted on the Town website and published in the newspaper.

## Can I get a second barrel?

You can get an additional barrel for one timel fee. In the event you need a second barrel, please contact **JOHN'S REFUSE** at **203-484-0281** 

### Other questions?

If you have other questions that aren't addressed here, please call our Town Manager at 203-484-6000

# **RECYCLE INFO**

#### What is Recyclable?

Clean food & beverage containers. Newspapers, magazines, catalogs, junk mail, office paper, cereal boxes. Glass & metal food containers. Plastic containers #1-7. Corrugated cardboard, folded flat. Instructions can be found on the recycling cart and at the Town website - www.townofnorthbranfordct.co

## What is Not Allowed?

Construction debris, electronics, and any item considered trash.

