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Greenwich Residents are Leaders in Recycling

Move into Greenwich and you will be joining a unique community of residents who believe wholeheartedly that each one of us can make a difference, that each one of us by doing our part will help conserve and save our environment.

This isn't a new idea. In 1970, a huge group of concerned citizens began saving their cans. On Greenwich Can Day, March 21, 1971, hundreds of cars arrived, bumper to bumper, to unload the cans they had saved for five months into an American Can railroad car waiting in the Island Beach parking lot. Before the day ended, two containers were filled. A check for \$160 was given to the Town by the American Can Company. The excited residents, many volunteer conservation leaders and town officials decided on the spot to pursue a permanent recycling program. A successful recycling operation continues to this day in our town.

Recycling is now the law and recycling is much easier. No longer are hundreds of cans piled in the garage waiting for the appointed day of recycling. No longer do residents need to drive to the town recycling center. We have the easy Blue Bin plan with weekly pick-ups. We simply put our bottles, plastics and cans in the bin and place it curbside along with our newspapers tied in bundles with twine or placed in brown paper bags. Mixed clean paper is picked up once a month.

The Greenwich Recycling Advisory Board prepared the "Handy Rules for Recycling Items Mandated by Law". The rules are easy to follow and the rewards are enormous.

Welcome to this wonderful Town. I hope you, too, will smile each time you place a bottle in the bin, knowing recycling one glass bottle saves enough energy to light a 100-watt bulb for 4 hours. I hope you will smile as you bundle up your papers, knowing recycling one ton of newspaper saves 17 mature trees. I hope you will smile because you have joined a community that cares.

Carolyn Anderson,
President of the Greenwich Association of Realtors

For more information or to volunteer contact:
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