

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

RE: MAYOR REMINDS RESIDENTS THAT TOWN ACCEPTS AN EXPANDED AMOUNT OF RECYCLABLE MATERIALS DUE TO 'SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING'

Mayor Joseph Maturo, Jr. would like to remind residents that the Town of East Haven is a single stream recycling community, which significantly increases the number and type of items that are now considered acceptable. Single stream recycling is a system in which all recyclable materials are placed unsorted, in one recycling bin and sorted by state of the art processing equipment at a regional recycling center.

“Single stream recycling is not only more convenient for our residents, as it means we are no longer required to separate paper and containers, it could significantly decrease the town’s major expense of trash removal. If our residents diligently follow the guidelines of single stream recycling, which now allows many items that were previously unacceptable, we can dramatically reduce the costs of trash disposal lowering the expenses to municipalities and homeowners”, commented Mayor Maturo.

Some of the items that were not previously acceptable are: white & colored paper, envelopes (including window ones), catalogs, phone books, paperback books or text books without the covers and most importantly all plastic containers with numbers 1 through 7 on them. In addition, newspapers and cardboard no longer needed to be separated and thus do not need to be bundled or tied; however they must be in pieces small enough to fit into the recycling containers.

“Since increasing our residential participation in recycling can lead to direct dollar savings, please watch for a future ‘From the Mayor’s Desk’ public access (channel 20) show, to further discuss the process. In addition our residents can refer to the Town’s website: www.townofeasthavenct.org for a complete list of items acceptable under this program or stop by my office for this additional information.”, concluded Mayor Maturo.

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