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Don't forget to vote on November 3

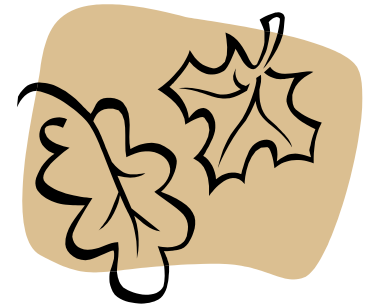
The local election is Tuesday, November 3, 2015, and to prepare, you can find out everything you need to know on the [town clerk's web page](#). To see information, such as a [sample ballot](#) and [polling locations by street](#), [click here](#).



Leaf collection schedule

As the public works department has done in the past, the Town of Simsbury will provide annual curbside leaf collection: one collection per neighborhood. Please use biodegradable brown bags. Additional leaves

can be disposed of at the Simsbury landfill Wednesdays and Saturdays 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., at no cost. Please have all leaves at the curbside by 6:30 a.m. To determine the date for pickup in your neighborhood [click here to search by street address](#).



Simsbury Celebrates! is November 28

Simsbury Celebrates! is a free community holiday celebration, traditionally held the Saturday after Thanksgiving. This year, the 14th anniversary of the event, will be held on Saturday, November

28th from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m., with a variety of events, culminating with a spectacular fireworks show on Iron Horse Boulevard.

For details visit the website, simsburyclebrates.com.



Simsbury Celebrates!



November dates to remember:

November 1, Daylight Savings Time ends, set your clocks back one hour

November 3, Election Day (schools closed)

November 11, Veterans Day (town hall closed)

November 26, Thanksgiving Day (town hall, library and schools closed Thursday and Friday)



Household Hazardous Waste Collection

November 7, 2015

The Town of Simsbury, in conjunction with Avon, Canton and Granby will be holding a household hazardous waste collection on **Saturday, November 7, 2015** at the Simsbury Public Works Facility at 66 Town Forest Road. (Town Forest Road is located off of Stratton Brook Road.) The collection will run from **8 a.m. to 12 noon** and will be open to all residents from Simsbury, Avon, Canton and Granby. Below are some frequently asked questions related to household hazardous waste disposal. For more specific information, [please check the Public Works website](#) at or contact the Simsbury Public Works Department at 860-658-3222. For questions on the landfill please call 860-658-9481.

What items are acceptable to bring to the Household Hazardous Waste Collection?

- Fluorescent and compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFO)
- Batteries — common household batteries including rechargeable batteries (excluding car batteries)
- Lawn care chemicals — fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides, fungicides
- Switches or items containing

Mercury — thermometers, thermostats, motion detectors

- Household cleaners — acids, adhesives, aerosol cans, ammonia, drain cleaner, disinfectants, moth balls, etc.
- Chemicals from the garage or workshop — antifreeze, ant/bug spray or bait, brake fluid, old gasoline, oil based paint, lighter fluid, polyurethane, pool chemicals, road flares, transmission fluid, power steering fluid, wood stain, etc.

What items are not acceptable?

- Ammunition and/or explosives (including gunpowder) — call your local police department.
- Asbestos
- Business waste — this collection is only for residential waste
- Car batteries *
- Cement
- Electronics * (no charge for electronics with permit)
- Empty containers — a container is considered empty when no more than one inch or 3 percent (by weight) of material is left in the container, these can be disposed of in the regular trash.
- Fire extinguishers
- Freon
- Marine flares — pyrotechnic



flares cannot be accepted at the collection because they are categorized as explosives.

- Ice melt — ice melt is not hazardous and can be disposed of in the regular trash.
- Latex driveway sealer (Genite) — driveway sealer is not hazardous; solidify then throw in the regular trash.
- Medicine/drugs/needles/syringes
- Propane tanks for gas grills
- Appliances*
- Smoke detectors
- Tires *
- Used oil and oil filters *

*Accepted at the Simsbury landfill — Simsbury residents with permit. Other charges may apply.

For information on paints, electronics, medications, compact fluorescent bulbs, air conditioners see the [website](#).

Simsbury's Bulky Waste Facility, located at 66 Wolcott is open Wednesdays and Saturdays 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Meet author Nan Arnstein and attend an adoption/foster care information panel at the library on November 7

On Saturday, November 7, at the Simsbury Public Library, 725 Hopmeadow Street, Nan Arnstein will be speaking from 1 to 1:30 p.m., followed by the panel

discussion and question and answer period from 1:30 to 4 p.m. Arnstein will sign copies of her book, *Rocky Shores*, at 4 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

Registration is suggested at 860-658-7663 x2200. Or [click](#) here for the speaker portion and [here](#) for the panel. Free and open to all.



Get Out Your Cameras!

It's the Simsbury Community Photography Contest

The Town of Simsbury and the Simsbury Economic Development Commission are holding the first annual Community Photography Contest to collect photos for use on the town's website and for other town publications. Whether you're a professional or an aspiring photographer, we encourage you to submit your work. Please read the guidelines below before uploading your photos.

Submission Categories

- Professional
- Amateur (individual age 18 years or older)
- Student (individual currently enrolled in grade 12 or below)

Eligibility and Judging

- The photo contest is open to all who live and work in Simsbury.
- The deadline for submitting photos for this year will be May 1, 2016.
- A panel of independent judges/town officials will select winners.
- Images will be chosen in each submission category based on originality, technical excellence, composition and overall impact.
- The Town, in its sole and absolute discretion, shall determine the winners in each category.

Photo Guidelines

- Please avoid close-ups where children are recognizable, as



these photos will not be used.

- You must agree that all subjects are 18 years of age or older or that you have a parent/guardian signed waiver acknowledging that all photos with recognizable adults were taken at public events.
- All photos submitted may be used on the Town of Simsbury website(s) and/or in our print publications and agree to grant the Town of Simsbury a royalty-free, nonexclusive right, in perpetuity, to:
- Use the photographs on town or other internet sites, including social media
- Use the photographs in the town's print communications
- Keep the files provided, and to archive the images
- No compensation will be provided for use of the photos and

there is no guarantee that the photos submitted will be used.

- Maximum file size is 10MB and must be taken with a digital camera. File types limited to jpg, jpeg, bmp, gif, tif, png.
- All photographs must be submitted as a high quality image suitable for printing and should be at least 300 dpi.
- All photos must be the photographer's original work.
- The town reserves the right to resize and/or crop the image for optimal viewing.

Suggested Content For Photos:

Please see the website for a list of suggested photo locations. We encourage year round submissions to collect a range a seasonally appropriate photos.

To enter and upload your photos go to: www.simsbury-ct.gov/photos