

The Simsbury Scoop



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Paint recycling begins October 1

Do you have old paint cans sitting in your garage? Want to get rid of them? Well, if you are a Simsbury resident and have a valid permit for the bulky waste/recycling facility in town, now you can. For free.

The Simsbury Board of Selectmen voted at its meeting on September 8, 2104 to enter into a two-year agreement with PaintCare, Inc., a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, for the collection of paints, primers and stains from the town's Bulky Waste/Recycling Facility, 74 Wolcott Road, in accordance with the State of Connecticut's Paint Stewardship Program.

The free service begins October 1, 2014. Paine's,

Inc. has agreed to participate in the program at no cost to the town. Accepted will be house paint and primers, stains, sealers, and clear coatings (e.g., shellac and varnish). The products must be in their original containers that are no larger than 5 gallons in size.

Paint must be in its original container and the container must have a label and a secured lid. Open or leaking cans are not accepted. And before you write off that can that was used to paint the kitchen when you first moved in decades ago, old paint – even if it is 30 years old – is accepted. Do not mix paints together. The program is



funded by the "PaintCare Recovery Fee" which is added to the purchase price of paint sold. These fees are paid to PaintCare by paint manufacturers, then passed down to retailers and to their customers.

And the best part? It almost all gets recycled. Most of the latex paint is sent to recycling companies and reprocessed into new paint in standard pre-tinted colors. About 1-2 percent of the paint is simply reused and most of the oil-based paint is taken to a cement plant where it is blended into a fuel and burned to recover the energy value. Less than 5 percent of the paint is sent to a landfill. For more information go to: www.paintcare.org.

Online Services

www.simsbury-ct.gov

- Pay real estate, motor vehicle, personal property, and sewer use tax bills.
- Sign up for Emergency Alerts, town info and more.
- Register for Simsbury recreation programs.
- Search land records, and view property record card data.
- Visit the on-line building permit center and more!

Dates to Remember:

- October 3, regular absentee ballots become available for the State Election November 4. [Click her for voting info.](#)
- October 13 is Columbus Day, public schools will be closed. Simsbury Town Hall is open.
- SPL's fall author luncheon best-selling Author Katrina Kenison at Hop Meadow Country Club October 23, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., \$28 per person, register here www.simsburylibrary.info.

Project Lifesaver

If you are a family member, loved one or care giver of someone who may have a tendency to wander, the Simsbury Police Department will soon be equipped to share lifesaving technology with you. Project Lifesaver provides tracking devices to voluntary participants who may have a tendency to wander due to diagnoses such as Alzheimer's, Dementia, Autism,

Downs Syndrome, certain traumatic brain injuries, etc. Voluntary participants wear a small transmitter on the wrist or ankle. If the participant wanders, a call to the Simsbury Police Department will activate the transmitter and public safety personnel (police and fire) will use receivers to locate the participant.

The police department applied for and received a grant to fund the ini-

tial equipment and training for public safety personnel, and is raising funds to provide transmitters for participants. Each transmitter worn by a participant costs about \$375. If you are interested in providing a transmitter to someone or you wish to assist with the fund-raising, please contact Captain Nick Boulter at 860-658-3106. For more, www.projectlifesaver.org.

Reminder: The regular board of selectmen meeting will be on Wednesday, October 15 as Monday is Columbus Day, which is a state holiday, but town hall is open.



Simsbury Heritage Day and appraisal fair

If you learned history by memorizing dates, names, and places, this event will be a welcome change for you. This is a chance to experience the life of a Simsbury resident over the last three centuries.

The Simsbury Historical Society, 800 Hopmeadow Street, is offering a day filled with activities for the entire family to enjoy history. Visitors are invited to participate in period games, take part in military drilling, attend

class in our one room school-house, experience life in wood-workers shop in the 1800s, learn about Tavern Life between 1789-1839, and hear about Simsbury's innovation in 19th century fuse making.

You can view the display of WWI posters, observe spinners and weavers in action, and participate in a town meeting to decide if Simsbury should join the Revolution.

An appraisal fair with knowl-

edgeable professionals will be available to provide verbal appraisals of your prized antique possessions for \$5



WHEN: Saturday, October 18, 2014, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

WHERE: Phelps Homestead

COST: Suggested donation, \$5

FOR MORE: [Click here](#)

What type of library user are you?

Are you a "Library Lover"? An "Information Omnivore"? Or are you totally "Off the Grid"? Take a library engagement quiz to learn how your library habits and attitudes stack up against the Simsbury Public Library community!

For the month of October the Simsbury Public Library will be gathering information about library use through a Pew Research Center quiz. It can be found on the library's website and takes about two

minutes to complete. Pew released the general quiz/survey earlier this year then offered a tailored version for communities to collect information about local library use.

Some of the findings included:

- Public library users and proponents are not a niche group.
- Americans' library habits do not exist in a vacuum.
- Life stage and special circumstances are linked to increased library use and higher engage-

ment with information. For more on the national survey, [click here](#).

To take the quiz, [click here](#).

To go to the library website, [click here](#).



Solarize Simsbury a success

Solarize Simsbury ended September 23, with 80 homes signing contracts for residential solar, with a total production of 644 kW.

• These 80 solar arrays, over their life, will reduce 14,050 tons of carbon, which is equivalent to planting 327,334 trees, or driving 28,101,818 less miles that will save 1,433,193 gallons of gasoline.

• The 644 kW of solar arrays will produce approximately 689,275 kWh per year.

• The average home in Connecticut uses 8,400 kWh, therefore this solar will effectively remove 82 "average" homes from the electrical grid.

• A number of the arrays in Simsbury are large than average.

Solarize Simsbury!
Solar. Simple. Together.



SolarizeCT.com/Simsbury

Not interested in solar? How about a home energy audit? Find out more at www.energizect.com or www.cl-p.com.

