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Styrofoam must be placed in household trash. (Loose peanuts must be bagged.)

**What can I do with plastic bags?**
Plastic bags disrupt the single-stream recycling process, therefore they should be recycled at participating grocery stores.

**Do you compost food waste?**
No. The landfill is not permitted to compost food waste. Small household composters are available at local hardware stores.

**How do I dispose of compact fluorescent lightbulbs, or CFLs?**
Most larger hardware stores now accept these bulbs. They can also be accepted at the town’s Household Hazardous Waste Collection.

**Can I bring hazardous waste fluids to the transfer station?**
Only paint and used motor oil are accepted at the Simsbury Bulky Waste Facility. All other hazardous materials must be disposed of at a licensed facility or at a sponsored hazardous waste collection day.

**Why do I need a permit when I am a Simsbury resident?**
The fee for the permit is an administration fee to verify you are a Simsbury resident.

**Why do I have to pay to dispose of items when I have a permit?**
The cost of the permit does not cover the disposal fee that must be paid to the processing facilities that accept the material from the Simsbury Bulky Waste Facility.

**Is there a phone number to reach someone at the landfill?**
There is no direct phone number for the facility, call Paine’s with questions at 860-844-3000.

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**Landfill information**

The facility allows residents to dispose of brush, logs, appliances, mattresses, furniture, used motor oil, paint, grass clipping, leaves, electronics, and residential recycling. Please see the website or call for more information on acceptable items. **Household trash is not accepted at the landfill.**

**Curbside Trash/Recycling Collection**
In Simsbury, each household is responsible for arranging for curbside pickup of trash and recycling with a waste hauler registered with the town. Current registered haulers are:

- **Paine’s Inc.**
  T: 860-844-3000
  F: 860-844-3008
  office@painesinc.com
  www.painesinc.com

- **All Waste Inc.**
  T: 800-443-3867
  F: 860-724-3316
  info@allwaste.com
  www.allwaste.com

**Can I dispose of paint?**
Accepted for free are house paint and primers, stains, sealers, and clear coatings (e.g., shellac and varnish). The product must be in its original container, with a label and secure lid, and must be no larger than 5 gallons in size. Open or leaking cans are not accepted. Do not mix paints together. Older paints can be accepted.

**Electronics**
Simsbury’s Bulky Waste Facility will accept electronics (televisions, computers, monitors, printers, stereo equipment, etc.) during normal operating hours (Wednesdays and Saturdays 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.) at no cost to the resident. (A permit is required.)

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About the landfill

The Public Works Department operates the landfill and recycling center at 66 Wolcott Road. The facility is open to Simsbury residents on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The landfill is staffed by Paine’s Recycling and Rubbish Removal personnel. Residents with any questions regarding the landfill may call Paine’s, Inc.’s office at 860-844-3000.

Who can use the facility?
The facility is for use by Simsbury residents only. A permit is required to verify residency.

How do I obtain a permit?
Annual permits (July 1-June 30) can be purchased at the landfill. They are valid for one year. One week permits can be purchased for a discounted fee. Proof of residency is required (driver’s license, utility bill, etc.). Call 860-844-3000 for current pricing.

Annual Bagged Leaf Collection: Please see the Town website, www.simsbury-ct.gov/public-works, for the collection date for your neighborhood. Leaves must be in paper bags—not plastic—for pickup. For any leaves that are not collected, bring them to the landfill for disposal at no cost.

Household Hazardous Waste: The Department of Public Works holds two household hazardous waste collections per year at the Public Works Department at 66 Town Forest Road. Check the website for collection dates and accepted items (www.simsbury-ct.gov/public-works).

Recycling

What can I recycle through the single-stream system?
- All plastic containers labeled No. 1-7 under 3 gallons in size
- Aluminum cans and clean foil
- Aseptic packaging
- Clean cardboard, boxboard, cereal and shoe boxes
- Empty glass jars and bottles
- Empty tin and steel aerosol cans
- Office and school papers
- Paper (newspaper and inserts, junk mail, magazines, catalogs, window envelopes, white and colored paper)
- Paperback and hard cover books with the covers removed
- Paper bags
- Paper egg cartons
- Phone books
- Large plastic items such as toys, coolers, baskets and buckets (all metal parts removed)

Swap Shoppe: The Town of Simsbury Recycling Committee operates the Swap Shoppe at the entrance to the landfill and recycling center. It is run by volunteers and is open on Saturdays from April 1 through October 31 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., weather permitting.

Items accepted at the landfill for free (with permit) in residential volumes:
- Automotive batteries
- Cardboard boxes
- Clothing and textiles
- Electronics* 
- Grass clippings*
- Glass food jars, clean
- Junk mail
- Large hard plastic items (all metal parts removed)
- Leaves*
- Magazines
- Mattresses
- Metal food cans, clean
- Motor oil
- Newspaper
- Paint (in original container)
- Plastic No. 1-7
* No permit fee for these items

Items accepted at the landfill with a fee*:
- Appliances with or without Freon/CFUs
- Furniture
- Loose brush
- Propane tanks (must be empty)
- Scrap metal
- Scrap wood
- Shingles/roofing materials
- Tires — auto and truck sizes
- Wood chips
* Check the website for current fees; some fees discounted for seniors