



Ways to Reuse

The Somers Recycling Center has a Sharing Shed, Furniture Swap Shed, and Salvation Army Clothing Donation Bin. Please see details below.

Somers Sharing Shed

The Sharing Shed is a place you can bring good condition items that you longer want or need. We cannot accept items that contain fabric like blankets, sheets, or clothes. Please see a full list of non-accepted items on the sharing shed door.



Furniture Swap

We can accept good condition furniture as long as it does not contain fabric or leather. No couches, fabric chairs, or stools.



Use cloth table napkins instead of paper napkins. If every household replaced one package of virgin fiber napkins (250 count) with 100% recycle ones, that would save **1 million trees**.

Use dish or hand towels instead of paper towels. It requires an astounding 17 trees to produce roughly 2,000 rolls of paper towels. If every household in the U.S. used just one less 70-sheet roll of virgin paper towels, that would save **544,000 trees** and **20,000 gallons** of water each year.

Use dishes, glasses, and metal utensils instead of paper or plastic plates, cups, and utensils. One paper plate takes **8 gallons** of water to manufacture. Running a dishwasher uses approximately 3-15 gallons of water, depending on the age and efficiency of the machine. Paper or plastic plates, cups, and utensils are non-renewables resources.

If you have items that can be reused, try these additional resources.

- Donate items that are still in good usable condition to charities or charity shops.
- Books and magazines can be donated to schools, public libraries, daycares, or nursing homes.
- Post your items on social media forums.

All items should be empty, rinsed, and clean.

Additional Recycling Options Offered at the Somers Recycling Center

Cooking oil can be recycled into biodiesel. **Fun Fact:** Biodiesel reduces greenhouse gas emissions by 50%.

Computers, Monitors, Keyboards, Mice, TV's, Refrigerators, Freezers, pretty much anything with a cord.

Household batteries are free to recycle. AA, AAA, C, D, 9V, rechargeable, & button. Automotive batteries are a \$5 charge.

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All batteries, **especially Lithium-ion and devices containing them**, should be disposed at the Recycling Center E-Waste area. This will ensure there is no threat to human life or property as they can overheat or, when damaged, explode, in each case catching surroundings on fire.

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1. Paper & Cardboard

✓ Newspaper	✓ Office Paper	✓ Brochures
✓ Magazines	✓ Post-it Notes	✓ Greeting Cards
✓ Junk Mail	✓ Food Cartons	✓ Egg Cartons
✓ Card/Box Board	✓ Beverage Cartons	✓ Pizza Boxes

2. Plastic

✓ Food Containers	✓ Soft Drink Bottles	✓ Shampoo Bottles
✓ Juice Containers	✓ Yogurt Containers	✓ Laundry Bottles
✓ Milk Containers	✓ Conditioner Bottles	✓ Egg Cartons

3. Glass

✓ Beverage Bottles	✓ Vitamin Bottles	✓ Perfume Bottles
✓ Food Bottle/Jars	✓ Jam/Jelly Jars	✓ Sauce Jars

4. Cans/Tins

✓ Aluminum Cans	✓ Aerosol Cans (food grade)	✓ Aluminum Foil
✓ Foil Containers	✓ Pet Food Tin Cans	✓ Beverage Cans





Tips to reduce your carbon footprint, help the environment as well as your wallet.



Waste Management - Use reusable shopping bags as they have a lifespan equal to 700 plastic bags.

- Choose products with little packaging.
- Avoid single use products like plastic bags or straws.
- Recycle and don't throw your recyclables in the trash.
- Use rechargeable batteries instead of single use batteries.

Food Waste - On average 325 pounds of food is wasted per person a year. That is like every person throwing 975 average sized apples right in the garbage.

- Only buy what you need, and use what you buy.
- Freeze food that can't be eaten immediately.
- Donate to pantries for those in need.
- Plan your meals for the week.
- If you are able, try home composting.



Fashion - Producing a single pair of jeans makes 72.75 lbs of carbon dioxide. That is equivalent to driving 70 miles in an average car.

- Wash your laundry on cold.
- Air dry your clothes. They will smell so fresh!
- Repair your clothes instead of throwing them away.
- Shop sustainably produced items.
- Shop secondhand or bring your items to consignments shops.
- Donate to local charities.



Energy Waste - By unplugging appliances and cords not in use, you can save 5-10% in energy use as these items are using standby power.

- Use energy saving light bulbs.
- Defrost fridges and freezers regularly.
- Turn your water heater to 120 degrees.
- Lower your thermostat in the winter, raise it in the summer.



Water Use - Collecting rain water saves on water and electricity . If 100 houses installed three 50 gallon rain barrels, 15,000 gallons of water could be saved after just ¼ inch of rainfall. That is enough water to run the average sprinkler for over 62 hours! You can use this water for your flowers, garden, or grass. Rainwater is softer than well or city water.

- Cover your pots with a lid to have them boil faster.
- Use a refillable water bottles and coffee cups.
- Take a shower instead of a bath.
- Run your washer and dishwasher when they are full.
- Use a water collection barrel.



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Together



Connecticut has a goal of diverting/reducing, reusing, and recycling 60% of our municipal solid waste by the year 2024. Let us lead the way and be the top Recycling Facility in Connecticut! Please review the Town of Somers Waste Management Ordinance for proper ways to dispose of your solid waste and recyclables.

Division 2 Ordinances
Part 2 General Legislation
Chapter 166 Solid Waste
<https://ecode360.com/8850601>