

**Department of Sanitation  
Administrative Office  
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Merrick, New York 11566**

**Household Garbage & Recycling Collection: (516) 378-4210  
S.T.O.P. Program Information & Sanitation Inspectors: (516) 378-2200  
Bulk Collection & Special Pick-Up Appointments: (516) 378-8484**

The Department of Sanitation operates as the solid waste planning unit for the entire Town of Hempstead. The department is responsible for the disposition of all solid waste generated within the boundaries of the town. Simply put, the department oversees the disposal of an estimated 670,000 tons of garbage each year. That which is not recycled is processed in a state-of-the-art waste-to-energy facility, creating both an environmental and economic benefit for all town residents.

The town continually searches for new ways to dispose of waste in a sound, environmentally safe manner. To that end, the town operates a comprehensive, curbside recycling program, removing from the waste stream those items which can be successfully recycled. In considering the environmental hazards posed by certain household chemicals, the town implemented a program called S.T.O.P. (Stop Throwing Out Pollutants). This program takes ordinary household chemicals such as cleaning sprays, paints, etc. and disposes of them in a way that safeguards our environment. The town holds 10 "S.T.O.P. DAYS" a year at various locations around the town. Look for one in your community.

While the town is responsible for the disposal of all solid waste, the collection of this waste is divided among various government jurisdictions. The Department of Sanitation collects waste and recyclables within the following communities: Barnum Isle, Bay Park, Bellmore, Bethpage, East Meadow, Harbor Isle, Levittown, Lido Beach, Merrick, North Lynbrook, Point Lookout, Salisbury, South Westbury, Seaford, Uniondale and Wantagh. Other areas are serviced by Sanitation Collection Districts or local village governments. Information regarding collection in these district or village areas has been provided on the "Sanitation Districts" page. Residents should contact those district or village offices directly to obtain information regarding collection or recycling schedules and practices.

To contact the Department of Sanitation, call (516) 378-4210.