



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

# TOWN OF VERNON

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## PRESS RELEASE

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### NEWS FROM THE VERNON PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Sweeping Program - The Vernon Public Works Department's annual sweeping program will begin on Monday, April 9, 2018. Residents and business owners are required to sweep sand from their sidewalks, driveways, and handicapped ramps (if applicable) into the gutterline in long rows. Sand should not be swept into piles as it retains moisture and is difficult for our sweeper to collect. If it is necessary for residents to park on the street, we ask that vehicles be moved when the sweeper and crews are in the vicinity.

Mulch - This is available to Vernon residents free of charge. Proof of residency is required. A permit and punchard are not required. The Public Works Department will deliver 4 cubic yards of mulch (if available) for \$60. Please call the office at 860-870-3500 for more information.

Yard Waste - Yard waste is not collected curbside and cannot be disposed of in either the refuse or recycling carts. Residents are allowed to bring small amounts of brush as well as one bag of tree trimmings, twigs, weeds, pinecones and pine needles to the Transfer Station on a weekly basis. Larger amounts of yard waste will require a permit and punchcard.

Grass Clippings - Under the State Public Act #98-99 (effective January 1, 1999), grass clippings are no longer accepted at any resource recovery facility or solid waste facility in Connecticut. The Department of Environmental Protection suggests that residents recycle or compost their grass clippings. Leaving grass clippings on the lawn reduces watering, thatching, and applying fertilizers. Composting is layering various vegetative wastes, including the grass clippings, kitchen scraps and other yard trimmings in home compost bins to produce mulch, which can be used in gardens and around shrubs.

Leaf Bins - Bins are for leaves only. No grass clippings or brush are allowed. Contamination caused by disposal of any other type of yard waste or debris will result in the area being shut down. Please remove the container used to transport leaves. Plastic bags can be left in the trash barrel provided. Lawn-sized paper bags are recyclable and do not need to be emptied. The Nye Street Firehouse bin will be open for spring cleanup.

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