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## May 2009, SPRING CLEAN UP EDITION

### OUT WITH THE OLD... IN WITH THE NEW BUT DISPOSE OF PROPERLY AND MAKE SOME \$\$\$

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As the days (slowly) get warmer and the buds, bugs and birds return, gentle breezes replace the bitter winds of winter . . . all of this can mean only one thing -- time for spring cleaning! This year, as we go through closets, garages and other hidden hoarding places, let's try to think of recycling instead of throwing things in the garbage, and of proper disposal of hazardous waste, much of which can be corrosive, explosive or toxic if mixed with regular household garbage. Please take an extra moment to check labels for warnings, and take advantage of these safe, environmentally conscious disposal options:

- **Hazardous household waste**, including: oil-based paints & lacquers, paint thinners/turpentine, pesticides/fertilizers, antifreeze, furniture polish & floor cleaners, used oil and car batteries, aerosol containers. Drop off these items at the Town of North Hempstead's S.T.O.P. program (Stop Throwing Out Pollutants) site, Saturday June 6, 2009 : Solid Waste Management Authority Building 802 West Shore Road (next to Harbor Links golf course) Port Washington, NY 11050 [www.northhempstead.com](http://www.northhempstead.com), or call (516) 767-4600 for other dates and times.

**Please note:** Latex/water-based paint (once hardened/dried-out) should be disposed of in your regular trash.

- **Electronic & non-hazardous waste**, including: personal computers, laptops, personal printers & faxes, TV's, VCR's, DVD players, electronic toys, answering machines, cordless phones, cell phones, calculators & cable wires, furniture, residentially generated construction and demolition debris, and yard waste (there may be a small fee for certain items; no commercial vehicles permitted). Drop off **any Sunday** from 7:30 am – 3:30 pm at the Town's resident drop-off facility: 999 West Shore Rd. in Port Washington.

At **South Middle School**, Mr. Terenzi is collecting used cell phones for recycling.

**Cexchange** is an electronics program that takes back certain electronic items and gives you money after receipt of the items. They even pay for your shipping costs. How much your gear is worth depends on the product type. Go to: <http://www.cexchange.com>

**Staples** accepts computer monitors and fax machines for recycling. In exchange they will give you a Staples coupon to use towards a purchase. Go to: <http://www.staples.com/greensight>

- **Cash Your Trash**, consider selling your furniture that you want to get rid of on ebay or craigslist. In this way, you are making money and keeping 300 tons of garbage out of the landfills.

- **Donate Your Gently Worn Shoes**, Soles4Souls facilitates the donations of shoes, which are used to aid the hurting worldwide. DO you have 'gently worn' shoes taking up space in your closet? Round up shoes from your closets, bind each pair together with rubber bands and drop them at a participating location. Eneslow, The Foot Comfort Center, 254-61 Horace Harding Expressway , Little Neck, NY 11362 Tel. 718-357-5800. More information is available at: <http://www.soles4souls.org/index.html>

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