

# Announcement

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## **First Selectman Freda Announces North Haven's Continuance of 'No Cost' Leaf Compost Material Available to Residents**

First Selectman Michael J. Freda has announced today that beginning June 1, 2015, North Haven's Department of Public Works will be offering finished leaf compost materials to North Haven residents at no cost.

The compost materials have been generated by the Town's Fall Leaf Collection Program, which starts annually in November of each year. The goal of the compost program is to collect the leaves, loose and bagged curbside, compost the leaves by introducing moisture and air into the various piles and ultimately, to provide residents with an unlimited supply of compost material at no cost.

"Having the entire process completed in-house by Public Works, from collection to re-distribution, allows the Town to provide the materials to its residents without a fee and to save the taxpayers previously incurred contractual costs." Selectman Freda stated.

Beginning June 1<sup>st</sup>, compost will be available at the Elm Street Recycling Center (adjacent to the North Haven Health and Racquet Club) on a first-come, first-served basis. The compost will be left outside of the Recycling Center gate to be made available 24 hours a day.

To ensure the success of the first year of the composting program, the Town has developed the following guidelines for Residential Compost Pickup.

### **Guidelines for Residential Compost Pickup:**

- Residential Use ONLY!!! Absolutely no commercial vehicles or persons working with private landscaping companies are allowed.
- Compost is available on the outside of the Recycling Center on a FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED BASIS!
- Residents can stop by at any time and may take as much compost materials as they need for personal use.

Questions regarding the Leaf Composting program may be directed to the office of the Department of Public Works Field Operations Division located at 110 Elm Street, North Haven or by calling (203) 239-5321, extension 410.