



# TOWN OF RIVERHEAD NEWS

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**S.T.O.P. DAY (STOP THROWING OUT POLLUTANTS) SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, MAY 14, 2016**

**Riverhead, NY** – Riverhead Town Supervisor, Sean M. Walter, along with the Town Board, urge residents to join them on Saturday, May 14, when the Town of Riverhead’s Sanitation Department holds its annual S.T.O.P Day (Stop Throwing Out Pollutants) and E-Waste (Electronic Waste Recycling) Disposal Day from **8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Riverhead Highway Department Yard located at 1177 Osborn Avenue in Riverhead** (just north of the Riverhead Ambulance garage).

In conjunction with S.T.O.P. Day, Riverhead CAP’s ***Riverhead Community Coalition for Safe and Drug-Free Youth*** will hold a **‘Medication Giveback’ from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** at the same location. This program helps in the proper disposal of medications so that not only will drinking water be protected from pharmaceutical residue contamination, but it will also help to prevent substance abuse and medication theft by ridding homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs, while addressing a vital public safety and public health issue.

These programs address the growing nationwide problem of properly disposing of residential household hazardous waste and e-waste (e.g. computers, cell phones, pagers and VCRs) including unwanted or expired medications. “These items not only have a low level of biodegradability, but they contain materials that are highly toxic when released into the environment,” said Supervisor Walter. “I encourage all Riverhead Town Residents to get a jump on their spring cleaning and to properly dispose of those old computers, paint cans, pesticides and household cleaners as well as medications that are cluttering up your garage and closets and bring them down to the Highway Department’s yard.”

For more information on acceptable materials to bring to S.T.O.P. Day or should you have any other questions regarding these programs, **please call the Sanitation Department at 631-727-3200 ext. 391**. You may also visit the Sanitation Department’s webpage on our website at [www.townofriverheadny.gov](http://www.townofriverheadny.gov).