

News from the New Castle Sustainability Advisory Board

Even through the pandemic, the Sustainability Advisory Board has continued to work hard on behalf of New Castle and the environment. We welcome anyone who is interested in working on sustainability issues to join us at our monthly meetings. You can also learn more about our initiatives at newcastlesab.org.



The Westchester Power program allows New Castle's residents and businesses to combine their electrical needs along with residents and businesses from 26 other Westchester municipalities to negotiate electricity purchases in bulk, thereby providing the benefits of lower fixed rates using 100% renewable electricity.

As of Dec 2019, over 4,500 customers in New Castle were participating in the program, almost 99% of whom were using renewable electricity, resulting in an annual avoidance of over 16,700 tons of greenhouse gas emissions.

Westchester Power

Providing Clean Renewable Energy to New Castle

Included in this mailing is a letter that provides residents and small businesses information about the new Westchester Power contract that begins January 1, 2021. Information about the new contract was also included in the Town's e-News and was sent out via CodeRED.

How does it work?



Food Scrap Recycling Program

Reducing Garbage Waste and CO2 Emissions

In 2019, we collected 40 tons of food waste at the recycling center, reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 150,000 pounds. The recycling center is currently open on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays 7AM-2:30PM, and you can drop your bagged food scraps off during those hours. As a reminder, the New Castle Food Scrap Recycling program takes leftover food including items not suitable for home composting, such as meat, bones, shells, dairy, junk food, greasy napkins, along with fruit and vegetable scraps, coffee grinds, and more. To purchase a food scrap kit for \$25, email composting@myNewcastle.org and pickup/delivery can be arranged.

Leaf Blower Environmental Protection Law

Reducing Air and Noise Pollution

In September, the New Castle Town Board unanimously approved a local law to ban the use of gas-powered leaf blowers during the summer months. Beginning in 2021, from June 1st - September 30th, no fuel-powered leaf blowers will be permitted in town--electric leaf blowers are allowed. From October 1st - May 31st, both fuel-powered and electric leaf blowers are permitted. Noise ordinance rules apply.

