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Saturday Recycling Tip: What to Take Home from the Darien Recycling Center

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Recycling isn't just about getting rid of stuff in the right way. If you want to reduce your "[ecological footprint](#)," you can also take and use something that would have been thrown away, and you can do some of that at the Darien Recycling Center.

Here are two ways:

Dumpst: Yours for the taking

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Ever wonder what this large mound of "earth" is as you enter the the Darien Recycling Center? It is leaf compost. If you've used it, now is the perfect time to mix it in the soil around existing plantings, or while installing new ones.

Leaf compost improves the physical, chemical and biological properties of soil — overall, an excellent soil conditioner!

The Swap Shop

The Swap Shop tent is being replaced with a more permanent building. Here's what a Darien Recycling Center Facebook post said last December:

The Swap Shop operates on the premise that one person's trash is another person's treasure, and indeed, incredible items are routinely found there (many thanks to whoever left this beautiful yule log!).

Bring your unwanted books, toys, sports equipment, furniture and other household goods — and while you're there, have a look around!

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