

Be Kind to Animals

The following are ways we can help our pets and wild animals with tips that you have probably never thought of. Simple actions that will save lives and even a small act of kindness can have far reaching effects.

1) Before you throw your garbage away and separate your recyclable trash, go one step further. Before discarding any sort of bag -- cereal, plastic or paper-- be sure to completely cut it open, including the sides. This will prevent animals from getting trapped in the bag. Don't forget bags with handles -- rip these off or cut them in half.

2) Cut rubber bands in half.

3) Break the elastics on face masks before discarding.

4) Broken pieces of glass should be put into a jar with the lid screwed on tightly. Also a great idea for discarding razor blades.

5) Peanut butter jars should never be thrown away without the lid. Animals can get their head stuck in the jar attempting to get at the remnants of food.

6) Never clean your hairbrush and let the hair blow away. Should birds collect this and use it in the nest, baby birds can strangle in it.

7) Rawhide chews can pose a choking hazard to your dog. Be sure to monitor your pet when they are eating these.

8) Before disposing long pieces of string, for instance from a bakery box, take a minute to cut the string into pieces.

9) Never throw tin cans away

without completely removing the lid, rinsing, and putting the lid inside the can. Birds have had toes sliced off and tongues severely cut.

10) Having trouble with ants in your mailbox and mail? Two dryer sheets placed at the back of the box and replaced regularly should keep them out. Also, leaving the door open sometimes does the trick.

11) If you keep mice under control by using those black bait boxes that are always outside of business buildings especially supermarkets, please discontinue using them.

The boxes work this way: A mouse enters the box, eats the poison bait, leaves, returning time and time again until he dies. In the interim, a hawk, owl, or even your pet cat can catch that mouse, eat it, and will be poisoned. It's called secondary poisoning.

An owl rehabilitator tearfully told me how she held a beautiful owl all night in her arms who slowly bled to death from consuming a poisoned mouse.

Finding entryways and sealing them up will keep them out. Exclusion, not poison is the humane solution.

Please visit our website at: waterwebs.org for more ways to help wildlife.

Donna L. Powers is a state and federally licensed bird rehabilitator with 35 years of experience and is the founder and president of Water N' Webs Waterbird Rehabilitation Centre in Northford.

rent: Call Community Services in January 2026.

Note: Your original lease that shows your heat is included in the rent will be required.

Eligibility is based on total annual income of household members. To see if you qualify, for further explanation or to schedule your phone appointment, call Community Services at (203) 239-2566 9am-4pm, Mon.-Fri.

FOR SALE: The Granville dollhouse kit, 35"x22x31", nine large rooms, easy to assemble, must see, orig. over \$175, will sell for \$85; (203) 287-9280

Energy Assistance Appointments

North Haven: The Town of North Haven's Community Services office is now conducting residents' appointments for the CT energy assistance program (CEAP). Please note that depending on how you heat your home will determine your appointment time. Appointments will be conducted by phone on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9am-11:15am.

If you heat with gas or electric: Call Community Services in January 2026.

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Worth Tasting Culinary Tour 2025

New Haven: "Worth Tasting" - a series of downtown culinary walking tours in New Haven will hold their final tour of the year on **Sat., December 13 (holiday tour)**. Spend an afternoon on a food tasting adventure with Stephen Fries and Chris Bartlett. Stephen is a food columnist, Professor Emeritus of Hospitality Management and board member of the International Association of Culinary Professionals (IACP). Chris is a serial entrepreneur and Board member of IACP.

The four-hour tour includes stops at 6-8 different restaurants and eateries in the Elm City. New Haven is a city with an incredible culinary reputation and Worth Tasting, now in its 18th year, provides visitors and locals with a chance to experience it firsthand. Tours begin at 10:30am from the Omni New Haven Hotel at Yale.

Tickets for the December tour are \$85 each. Tickets are limited and reservations are required. <https://worthtasting.co/newhaven/> (203) 415-3519.

FOR SALE: Under Armour Utility boy's baseball pants, straight leg, white, youth large, like new \$10 ea.; one new pair gray, red piped youth large \$15; (203) 530-1045

WANTED: Collector buying old photographs from the 1800's on glass, tin or paper, of people, places or things; (203) 915-7662

FOR SALE: Pine boards, 2x12, 12 footer \$25; 2x10, 10 footer \$10; 6 ft. step ladder \$15; (203) 248-2839

FOR SALE: Huffy 20" BMX bike, Racing Exist, lime-green, NEW \$90; (203) 530-1045

Community Services Requesting Items for Food Bank

North Haven: The Community Services Food Bank is currently seeking assistance in replenishing items in the food bank. The following items are greatly needed: Macaroni & cheese, canned vegetables, canned soups and stews, chili, baked beans, any Chef Boyardee items, peanut butter and jelly.

A wish list is available on Amazon in which donations can be directly shipped to Community Services. Go to Amazon, search Gifting and Registry, click on Amazon Gifting and Registry, search North Haven Food Bank. You will find Year-Round Food Bank Needs. Or you can click on: <https://www.amazon.com/registries/gift-view/3PAX9ZNQVYA8K>.

Or donations can be dropped off at The Department of Community Services, located at 5 Linsley Street during business hours Monday-Friday from 9am-4pm.

Any questions regarding donations or any residents interested in accessing the food bank, please contact Robert Snurkowski in the Department of Community Services from Monday-Friday between 8:30am-4:30pm at (203) 239-5321, x502.

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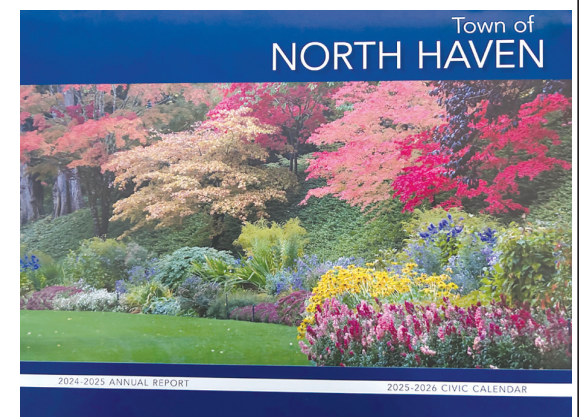
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