



A Message From  
Town Supervisor  
**JOSEPH SALADINO**

Dear Restaurateur,

Protecting our environment and preserving our waterways has long been a passion of mine. Since my administration took office, we have implemented several incredible initiatives to do just that. From our shellfish hatchery and our FLUPSYS (Floating Upwelling System), to our extensive shellfish reseeded projects, I am proud of all the work we have done to focus on Mother Nature.

That's why I'm happy to announce our newest environmental initiative to add to our reputation: The Town of Oyster Bay Shell Recycling Partner Program!

Become a shell recycling partner today and with your help, we can further restore the local shellfish habitat in Oyster Bay and Cold Spring Harbors. By participating in this crucial initiative, you are a vital part in our efforts to better the marine environment!

If you are interested in joining the Shell Recycling Partner Program collection pickup season, please fill out the request form online at [www.oysterbaytown.com/shellrecycling](http://www.oysterbaytown.com/shellrecycling). For more information contact the Department of Environmental Resources at (516) 677-5730.

Sincerely,

**JOSEPH SALADINO**  
Town Supervisor

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Town of Oyster Bay:



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**(516) 677-5943**

**[www.OysterBayTown.com](http://www.OysterBayTown.com)**

## What We Need From You:

We want your used **Eastern Oyster** and **Hard Clam** shells for our new shell recycling program. You can help by:

- ✓ Collecting the shells from your favorite dishes and patrons' plates.
- ✓ Rinse them.
- ✓ Store in your Town of Oyster Bay recycling containers (supplied).
- ✓ Return your supplied weekly shell collection form.

## What Happens Next:

- ✓ Leave containers outside at your designated location for collection. (They will be replaced with clean containers each collection week).
- ✓ Recycled shells will be picked up on a bi-weekly/weekly basis.
- ✓ Stored at a Town facility where they will go through the curing process.
- ✓ Return the shells to the bay where they will be reused to help restore our local shellfish population and habitat!

## What's In It For You:

### ✓ Reduce Your Carting Expenses

What are your restaurant's weekly garbage collection costs? Take the weight of the shells out of that expense and save money! Avoid unnecessary operating costs and have your used shells picked up by the Town for reuse in our local waterways.

### ✓ Compliance With NYS Food Donation and Food Scraps Recycling Law

This new law effective, January 1st, 2022, requires that unused food be used to feed the needy or diverted from landfills, recycled, and reused in different ways that will benefit the environment. The shell recycling program provides our restaurant partners with a sustainable alternative that helps to reduce the associated cost of meeting compliance with this new requirement by eliminating the weight of shells!

### ✓ Potential Tax Incentive: Senate Bill S4718

The mollusk shell recycling tax credit was proposed to offer a tax credit to restaurants that participate in shell recycling programs in New York State. The credit is currently under review and we hope to see it pass soon!

### ✓ Recognition from the Town of Oyster Bay

Become an official partner of our Shell Recycling Program, and your restaurant's name will be displayed on our website and in print media for your contributions.

### ✓ Be a Part of Our Shellfish Restoration Program and Practice Environmental Sustainability

Your shells will provide homes for future oyster populations to help restore the local supply and create habitats for many other local species.

## DON'T CHUCK 'EM AFTER YOU SHUCK 'EM!

Collect shells from daily business activities like cooking and consumption.



Shells are then prepared for reuse at our curing facility.



Cured shells will re-enter the environment, restoring the bay bottom!



## Where Will My Shells Go?

- ✓ Your recycled and cured shells will be used to help restore the Oyster Bay and Cold Spring Harbor bay bottoms as well as the natural habitats. Recycling shells helps build new habitats for oyster restoration and provides shelter and food for many other species!