Enforcement Actions for Violations of Recycling Laws

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Purpose of Presentation

• CT must... increase compliance with mandatory recycling provisions...

• DEEP will step up enforcement targeted at high-impact sectors (multi-unit dwellings, franchised businesses, etc.)...

• Today : Quick update on current enforcement actions associated with Recycling Activities.
Any entity (residential or non-residential) generating designated recyclable items must separate or cause the separation of those items from other solid waste by using one or more separate collection containers for those items. (i.e. cannot collect designated recyclable items and trash in the same container)
No Mixing Allowed

- CGS § 22a-241b(e): No one shall combine previously segregated designated recyclable items with trash.

- CGS § 22a-220a(f): Any collector who knowingly mixes other solid waste with items designated for recycling shall be liable for a civil penalty of up to $2,500 for each violation and up to $10,000 for a subsequent violation.
APPLICABILITY

- Residential Properties
- Multi-Unit Dwellings
- Property Managers
- Commercial Businesses
- Collectors (Haulers)
Previous SWAC:

- CTDEEP issued a NON: Hauler mixing MSW w/ recyclables at curbside...
- CTDEEP issued a NOV: Property Management Company for providing inadequate recycling containers at a multi-unit dwelling...
Recent Enforcement Action

• In December, we received a complaint from a tenant at a multi-unit dwelling.
• Dwelling is run by a Property Manager, with multiple facilities in and outside of CT.
• Inspection identified apparent signs of comingling MSW with designated recyclables.
• Preparing a NOV for the Property Management company.
  – Request a formal response.
  – Implementation of Corrective Measures.

• Assess Need to Escalate... Including Penalties
  – Based on response received.
  – Based on Chronic Violations (NOVs: 2011 & 2015).
CTDEEP : Embarking on a Recycling Initiative

• Roll-out in 2016
• Three-Pronged Approach
  – Public Outreach
  – Compliance Assistance
  – Continued Enforcement Efforts
Search Words:

- Recycling Laws (annotated list)
- Reduce Reuse (recycling main page)
- DEEP Hauler (recycling resources)
- SWAC (solid waste advisory committee – agendas)
- Solid Waste Management Plan

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