RECYCLING IS STATE LAW

- Section 22a-241 b(c)(1) of the CGS:
  - “EACH PERSON WHO GENERATES SOLID WASTE FROM A RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY SHALL... SEPARATE FROM OTHER SOLID WASTE THE ITEMS DESIGNATED FOR RECYCLING...”

- Section 22a-241b(c)(2) of the CGS:
  - “EVERY OTHER PERSON WHO GENERATES SOLID WASTE SHALL .... SEPARATE FROM OTHER SOLID WASTE THE ITEMS DESIGNATED FOR RECYCLING....”
A “PERSON” MEANS ANY:

- INDIVIDUAL,
- FIRM, PARTNERSHIP, ASSOCIATION, SYNDICATE,
- COMPANY, TRUST, CORPORATION, L.L.C.,
- MUNICIPALITY, AGENCY OR
- POLITICAL/ADMINISTRATIVE SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE, OR
- OTHER LEGAL ENTITY OF ANY KIND.
Section 22a-241b of the Regulations of the Connecticut State Agencies

- Glass & Metal Food and Beverage Containers
- Corrugated Cardboard
- Newspaper
- White Office Paper (residences exempt)
- Scrap Metal
- Ni-Cd Re-chargeable Batteries (from electronics)
- Used/Waste Oil
- Lead Acid Batteries (from vehicles)
- Leaves & Grass Clippings
OTHER COMMON RECYCLABLES (NOT MANDATED)

- Electronics (computers, printers, copiers, cell phones etc)
- Toner and Ink Cartridges
- Mercury Containing Equipment (fluorescent lamps, thermostats etc)
- Plastic Containers (PET #1 and HDPE #2)
- Magazines/Discarded Mail/Mixed Paper
- Paper Beverage Containers (Milk cartons and juice packages)
Other Common Recyclables
(Not Mandated)

- Clean Wood – pallets, brush, stumps etc
- Manufacturing Waste – plastic resins, metals, solvents, chemicals, filters, by-products etc
- Packaging Materials – drums, shrink wrap etc
- Organics – food waste
- Water Usage – Closed loop recycling systems (reducing/eliminating discharges)
INSPECTION CHECKLIST

Does the company have a solid waste recycling program:
Yes __  No

If so, which items are recycled:
Mandatory –
__ Corrugated Cardboard  __Ni-Cd Rechargeable Batteries
__Newspaper__Used/Waste Oil (crankcase)
__ White Office Paper__Lead-Acid Batteries (from vehicles)
__Glass and Metal Food & Beverage Containers__ Leaves
__Scrap Metal__Grass Clippings

Other –
__Electronics__Mercury Containing Equipment
__Plastic Containers (PET #1 and HDPE #2)__ Magazines
__Shrink Wrap__Discarded Mail__Paper Beverage Containers ___Other: __________
**INSPECTION CHECKLIST**

- Identify which mandated and other recyclables are being separated for collection on-site/Evaluate Recycling Program
- Identify responsible persons on-site for the oversight & management of Solid Waste and current trash & recycling haulers
- Observe trash and recycling bins for proper placement, labels and compliance
- Identify any Waste Reduction/Pollution Prevention activities on-site
**TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE**

- **CT DEP Web-Based Resources (Recycling & Pollution Prevention)**
  - **Directions:** DEP Main Page/Waste and Materials Management/Reduce-Reuse-Recycle/At Work
    - **Directions:** DEP Main Page/Environmental Protection Begins With You/At Work/Pollution Prevention for Business & Industry
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

- Recycling Reminder for Small Businesses
- Commercial Building Managers - Developing a Successful Recycling Program in Your Building
- Business Recycling Profile
- P2 / Energy Efficiency Case Studies
- Multiple Links:
  - TURI – Toxic Use Reduction Institute
  - CT Climate Change
BUSINESS RECYCLING PROFILE

Available on the web @

Directions: DEP Main Page/Waste and Materials Management/Reduce-Reuse-Recycle/At Work/Business Recycling Profile

May be used by Businesses as a Guidance Document - voluntarily & does NOT need to be submitted to DEP, except

When REQUIRED BY A DEP ENFORCEMENT ACTION – must be completed and submitted to DEP for review and approval
Company Information: Name, Address, Solid Waste/Recycling Contact Information

Facility/Operation Information: Type of Business, Number of Buildings & Employees, Current Solid Waste/Recyclables Hauler(s), Building Owner
Company’s Current Recycling & Reduction Efforts: Generation rates of each mandatory and other recyclables, how & where material is collected and who picks it up & where was it sent for recycling

Recycling & Reduction Programs Planned: Identify program/material, estimated generation or reduction rate, how & where material will be collected/recycled/reduced and projected implementation schedule
## Company’s Current Recycling & Recovery Efforts

Please use the table below to describe your Company’s current recycling program. Attachments of photos or other documents also accepted.

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<th>RECYCLABLE MATERIAL</th>
<th>AVG WEIGHT (indicate tons or pounds) COLLECTED FOR RECYCLING EACH MONTH (if you don’t have weight data enter the number and size of containers and collection frequency)</th>
<th>HOW &amp; WHERE MATERIAL IS COLLECTED</th>
<th>WHO PICKS-UP MATERIAL AND WHERE IS THE MATERIAL TAKEN FOR RECYCLING</th>
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<td><strong>EXAMPLE:</strong></td>
<td><strong>OFFICE PAPER</strong> (White and other paper combined)</td>
<td>Everyone collects at their desk; brought to central location (large wheeled cart near elevators). Janitor brings to loading dock when it is full (about once a week)</td>
<td>Our current trash hauler, (XYZ Trash Hauling, Windsor, CT) empties our paper recycling wheeled cart 2x/month (we call them as-needed) and material is taken to the ABC recycling facility in (Name of Town).</td>
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<td>Office paper (white paper)**</td>
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Solid Waste Staff will Review Business Recycling Profiles

Electronic Memo will be sent to Facility’s DEP contact person:

- Approval (with or without suggestions/comments) or
- Insufficient and Company must now submit a “Comprehensive Recycling Plan” to DEP for Review & Approval
Over 750 awards have been granted to businesses, institutions, individuals and civic organizations for their involvement in over 1,100 projects in:

- energy conservation,
- transportation,
- pollution prevention or recycling related activities or
- projects that promote natural resource conservation or environmental awareness
EPA - Resource Conservation Challenge (RCC)

- **Goals**: Prevent pollution and promote reuse and recycling; Reduce priority and toxic chemicals in products and waste; and Conserve energy and materials.

- **Four National Priorities**:
  - Recycle 35% of MSW (Recycling /Source Reduction)
  - E-Waste Recycling (Green Initiative: “Plug-In”)
  - Industrial Materials Recycling (Beneficial Use)
  - Priority and Toxic Chemical Reduction (NPEP)
SUCCESS STORIES!

- Case Studies of **CT Businesses** that have:
  - Saved Resources (paper, metals, plastic, water etc)
  - Reduced Disposal & Energy Costs
  - Improved the Environment & Public Health
  - Joined RCC and/or received Green Circle Recognition Award
CONTACT NUMBERS

- Recycling: (860) 424-3365
- Waste Programs: (860) 424-3023 & 424-3366
- Pollution Prevention: (860) 424-3297