

Connecticut Product Stewardship Council



- **What is Product Stewardship?** – The concept that a manufacturer needs to take a greater role in the end-of-life management of their product – most notably to finance the recycling of their product.
- **Examples** – Rechargeable batteries, electronics
- **Solid Waste Management Plan** - “Solid waste management efforts in Connecticut will be guided by the principle of shared responsibility or “product stewardship”.

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- **Why form a Council?**

- To promote product stewardship initiatives in Connecticut
- Work with national groups such as the Product Stewardship Institute to bring pilot programs to Connecticut
- Inform elected officials of the benefits of product stewardship

- **Who can join?**

- Municipal representatives – voting members
- State government
- Businesses
- Environmental organizations
- Public

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- **Example of the financial benefits of a paint product stewardship initiative:**
 - Connecticut municipalities spent \$618,000 to manage leftover paint in 2008 at a cost of approximately \$4.40 per gallon
 - A proposed product stewardship program financed by manufacturers would manage the paint at a far lesser cost (25 cents per gallon proposed in Oregon)

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- **How to Join the Council?**
 - Sign the Letter of Agreement
 - Send in Letter to DEP
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