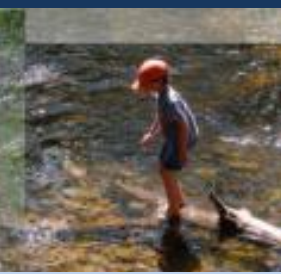




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Meeting state recycling and diversion goals through shared responsibility

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State and local governments play important roles in municipal CMMS goals

Connecticut must improve the performance of municipal recycling systems, **reduce waste**, and increase compliance with mandatory recycling provisions. To make progress, CMMS calls for contributions across the materials management spectrum, including from:

Shared responsibility –

- Product manufacturers
- Consumers/residents
- Institutions/businesses
- Haulers/collectors
- Facilities/processors
- **State and local governments**



Roles of state and local governments

State

- Enacts legislation and policy
- Establishes system-wide goals and metrics
- Provides technical assistance/grants
- Promotes best practices
- Provides statewide education and outreach
- Enforces laws and regulations (commercial)
- Permits and regulates facilities

Local

- Make provisions for the safe and sanitary disposal of waste (CGS Sec. 22a-220)
- Enacts policy
- Implements best practices
- Provides education and outreach
- Enforces laws and regulations



CMMS Phase 1 – Working with municipalities to reduce waste by 2024

By **December 2017**, municipalities will:

- Ensure that all residents, institutions, and businesses have access to recycling for all designated materials ([CGS Sec. 22a-241j](#))
- Designate a municipal or regional recycling agent ([CGS Sec. 22a-220\(i\)](#))
- Report on their recycling programs to DEEP ([CGS Sec. 22a-220\(h\)](#))
- Register private collectors that operate within the municipality ([CGS Sec. 22a-220a\(d\)\(1\)](#))
- Provide collection of recyclables alongside trash in public spaces ([CGS Sec. 22a-241k](#))



Reducing waste by 2024 – access to recycling

By December 2017, municipalities will:

- Ensure that all residents, institutions, and businesses have access to recycling for all designated materials ([CGS Sec. 22a-241j](#))

Each municipality which provides municipal trash collection for residents and businesses shall offer the same type of collection for designated recyclables

What Cannot Go In The Trash?

Items Designated (i.e. Mandated) for Recycling

Items Banned from Disposal

Items Covered Under a Product Stewardship Program

Reminder: Municipal zoning laws cannot restrict number or placement of recycling containers



Reducing waste by 2024– recycling agent

By December 2017, municipalities will:

- Designate a municipal or regional recycling agent ([CGS Sec. 22a-220\(i\)](#))

Local Municipal Recycling Coordinators

Review webpage for accuracy. Please use [update form](#) if a change is needed.

Also recommended:

Join the CT Recycling Coordinator Listserv – Email Sherill.Baldwin@ct.gov

Join the Solid Waste Management Advisory Committee Listserv –

Email Chris.Nelson@ct.gov



Reducing waste by 2024 – municipal reporting

By December 2017, municipalities will:

- Report on their recycling programs to DEEP ([CGS Sec. 22a-220\(h\)](#))

Simplified reporting - Report destination of materials on an annual basis. Only report tonnages of recyclables and MSW if first destination is not CT permitted SW Facility. **Annual Reports due September 30.**

[Solid Waste and Recycling Reporting Forms](#)

For questions contact [Judy Belaval](#) (860) 424-3237 or [Paula Guerrera](#) (860) 424-3334 at DEEP's Sustainable Materials Management Program.



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Reducing waste by 2024 – hauler registration

By December 2017, municipalities will:

- Register private collectors that operate within the municipality ([CGS Sec. 22a-220a\(d\)\(1\)](#))

Required to register annually:

- Any collector hauling solid waste generated by residential, business, commercial or other establishments, including, but not limited to, recyclables generated within the borders of a municipality



Reducing waste by 2024 – public spaces

By December 2017, municipalities will:

- Provide collection of recyclables alongside trash in public spaces ([CGS Sec. 22a-241k](#))

Each common gathering venue where recyclables are generated and that provides for collection of trash must provide recycling collection.

Recycling receptacles must be as accessible to the public and at the same locations as trash receptacles.

Recommendations:

- [Special Events Recycling Bin Loan Program](#)
- Convert existing trash containers to recycling receptacles



CMMS Phase 2 – Working with municipalities to reduce waste by 2024

By **December 2018**, municipalities will:

- Develop a plan or program for residential and commercial recycling outreach and enforcement of local ordinances and update ordinances ([CGS Sec. 22a-220\(f\)](#), [CGS Sec 22a-241b](#) and [RCSA 22a-241b](#))
- Implement an initiative to reduce disposed waste by 10% from 2014 baseline year, this may include PAYT (consistent with goal established in [CGS Sec. 22a-220\(f\)](#) and CMMS)
- Ensure that all residents have sufficient opportunity to recycle at the rate materials are generated ([CGS Sec. 22a-220\(f\)](#))



Reducing waste by 2024 – outreach and enforcement

By December 2018, municipalities will:

- Develop a plan or program for residential and commercial recycling outreach and enforcement of local ordinances and update ordinances ([CGS Sec. 22a-220\(f\)](#), [CGS Sec 22a-241b](#) and [RCSA 22a-241b](#))

Ordinances should address:

- Designated recyclables
- Multi-family and apartment complex recycling
- Public space recycling
- Responsibility of collectors to provide recycling education



Reducing waste by 2024 – waste reduction initiative

By December 2018, municipalities will:

- Implement an initiative to reduce disposed waste by 10% from 2014 baseline year, this may include PAYT (consistent with goal established in [CGS Sec. 22a-220\(f\)](#) and CMMS)

Most impactful program – [Unit-Based Pricing](#)

Other programs – [Organics](#), [Product Stewardship](#), [Textiles](#)

Suggestion: [Join CT Product Stewardship Council](#)

Municipal Recycling Resource Center:

www.ct.gov/deep/MuniRecyclingResources



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Reducing waste by 2024 – recycling frequency and bin size

By December 2018, municipalities will:

- Ensure that all residents have sufficient opportunity to recycle at the rate materials are generated ([CGS Sec. 22a-220\(f\)](#))

Setting out recycling containers must be as convenient as setting out trash containers – frequency and size matter.

Combination of right sizing containers and frequency of collection



Reducing waste by 2024 – continued state support

As continued support to municipalities, the State will:

- Increase education and outreach to residents and businesses through [RecycleCT](#)
- Increase enforcement activities to support municipalities and improve multi-tenant housing recycling compliance
- Provide technical assistance and grants for waste reduction initiatives
 - [Municipal and Regional Recycling Assistance Program](#)
 - [RecycleCT](#)



Reducing waste by 2024 – continued state support

As continued support to municipalities, the State will:

- Host workshops to showcase municipal best management practices
- Convene stakeholders to develop guidance documents and resources
- Continue to partner with product stewardship organizations to pursue policies and legislation that shift the costs of product management to help municipalities save money



Questions?

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Discussion

What support do you want to see from DEEP or State level?

What do you want to hear from DEEP about?

What do you want to learn from peers?

Other suggestions, comments?

