

CONNECTICUT RECYCLES

What is Connecticut's recycling goal?

By state statute there is a 40% recycling/source reduction goal. However, the updated Connecticut State Solid Waste Management Plan (Dec 2006) calls for municipalities and the state to strive to achieve a 58% reduction in MSW through recycling, reuse, and source reduction by FY2024.

What is the State's current recycling rate?

The estimated municipal solid waste (MSW) recycling rate for Connecticut is somewhere between 24% and 30%.

What is the status of waste disposal in the State?

Most of Connecticut's disposed MSW is burned at Connecticut Resource Recovery Facilities (RRF's) and is not buried in landfills. There are six RRF's in the state, and the Connecticut State Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) projects they will continue operating through the period covered by the Plan (i.e. through FY2024) – with the possible exception of the Wallingford RRF (which may or may not close before that).

However, as Connecticut MSW generation and disposal rates continue to increase – the in-state disposal capacity shortfall for MSW will continue to climb. *The SWMP projects that if Connecticut does not increase its recycling rate, the current 327,000 tons in-state MSW disposal capacity shortfall will increase to 1.5 million tons by FY2024.*

There are only two MSW landfills left in Connecticut--The CRRA Hartford Landfill (scheduled to close in December 2008) and the Windsor Bloomfield Landfill (scheduled to close in 2009). Most of the bulky waste landfills are small municipal landfills that will close in the near future (by FY2009). The exceptions are the MSW landfills listed above which take a small amount of bulky waste as well as MSW; the Glastonbury municipal bulky waste landfill which has capacity for the Town of Glastonbury for many years to come; and the Manchester Landfill (regional) that will close in 2022. Most of Connecticut's C&D waste is disposed in out-of-state landfills.

What is mandated for recycling in Connecticut?

There are eleven items mandated for recycling:

- Glass food & beverage containers
- Metal food & beverage containers
- Scrap metal
- High grade white office paper (non-residential)
- Ni-Cd rechargeable batteries
- Old corrugated cardboard
- Old newspapers
- Waste oil
- Leaves
- Lead-acid storage batteries
- Grass clippings

Municipalities are:

- Required to adopt a recycling ordinance.
- Given statutory authority to establish fines for violation of a recycling ordinance.
- Required to designate a recycling contact.
- Required to submit an annual recycling report to DEP.

Haulers and Connecticut disposal facilities are required to assist municipalities with enforcing recycling requirements.

Recycling assistance is provided by the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (CT DEP) and other entities in the State. Internet resources include:

- [Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection website](#)
- [Recycling reminder on CT DEP website](#)
- [CT DEP municipal recycling information](#)
- [CT DEP school recycling information](#)
- [CT DEP business recycling information](#)
- [The CT Hospital Environmental Roundtable \(CHER\)](#)
- [Connecticut Resource Recovery Association \(CRRRA\)](#)
- [Bristol Resource Recovery Facility & Tunxis Recycling Operating Committee \(TROC\) website](#)
- [Housatonic Resources Recovery Authority website](#)
- SCRRRA Recycling Education Center: 741 Flanders Rd., Mystic 06355. (860) 887-6368

The Source Reduction and Recycling Message from CT DEP:

"Connecticut's in-state solid waste disposal capacity is currently fully utilized and we are already disposing more MSW and C&D waste than we have room to dispose of in Connecticut. Source reduction and recycling not only reduce the need for additional disposal capacity, but are environmentally preferable ways to manage our solid waste—they allow us to act locally and think globally—conserving natural resources, reducing pollution, using less energy, and reducing green house gas emissions. They are first steps toward a more sustainable world and, in Connecticut, the law requires everyone—residents, schools, hospitals, businesses, and government offices--to recycle.

RECYCLING IN THE TOWN OF SHERMAN

What are the recycling services in the Town?

There are approximately nine private haulers that provide recycling services to businesses and schools. Weekly or bi-weekly service is offered through subscription service.

Small businesses and schools are allowed to use the AWD/City of Danbury Mom & Pop Recycle Center

307 White Street

Phone Number: 203-743-0405 x143

Hours of Operation: Tuesday 10am-5pm, Wednesday Noon-8pm, Thursday 10am-2pm, Friday 10am-2pm, Saturday 7:30am-3:30pm

Additional information is available at the [City of Danbury website](#).

The Town is a member of the Housatonic Resource Recovery Authority. Questions about recycling can be answered by HRRA by visiting their website at: www.hrra.org or by phone at 203.775.6256 Ext.304

What other recycling services are provided to businesses and schools?

HRRA provides a variety of technical assistance and educational services, including informational brochures. HRRA hosts a Regional Recycling Task Force that meets monthly. Electronics collection is held once a year with household hazardous waste collection.

What's the Source Reduction and Recycling message for HRRA?

"Recycling is mandatory in Connecticut and government agencies should lead by example. Recycling is an easy way for everyone to do something about climate change and reduce our dependence on foreign oil."