



Connecticut Department of  
**ENERGY &  
ENVIRONMENTAL  
PROTECTION**

September 7, 2011

Via Electronic Mail

RE: Recent Changes in Recycling Laws and Regulations (P.A. 10-87)

Dear Connecticut Haulers (i.e., "Collectors"):

I am writing in response to interest expressed by commercial haulers at various Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) recycling outreach activities earlier in the year. In an effort to invigorate recycling in Connecticut and to clarify and strengthen the state's recycling requirements, Public Act 10-87 was adopted in 2010. This legislation affects everyone in Connecticut, including haulers/collectors, businesses, and residents. DEEP has created the following tools (attached) to help you understand PA 10-87 as a Connecticut hauler and to communicate recycling requirements to your customers.

- Summary of Updated Recycling Requirements for Haulers
- Letter to Connecticut Business (and accompanying Updated Recycling Requirements for Businesses) – **Please share this letter with your commercial customers.**
- Stand-alone summary of Updated Recycling Requirements for Residents – **Please feel free share this summary with your residential customers.**

As illustrated by the second attachment noted above, DEEP has been providing resources and suggestions for businesses to work with haulers, custodial service companies, building managers, and resource management companies to improve their recycling programs. When reviewing and negotiating new contracts or revisions, DEEP has suggested that businesses be sure the resulting contract(s) meets their needs. You may receive inquiries from your customers about their recycling contracts. Any waste management agreement or contract with a business or resident will need to comply with Connecticut's recycling requirements.

For further information, please refer to [www.ct.gov/dep/recycle](http://www.ct.gov/dep/recycle), which provides details on how to set up a recycling program and on current recycling requirements. You may also visit [www.ct.gov/dep/SolidWasteHaulerResources](http://www.ct.gov/dep/SolidWasteHaulerResources) for information on hauler reporting requirements and other hauler specific resources.

For additional assistance on these issues, please contact your town's [municipal recycling coordinator](#) or me at [chris.nelson@ct.gov](mailto:chris.nelson@ct.gov) or (860) 424-3454.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chris Nelson".

Chris Nelson, Supervising Environmental Analyst  
Source Reduction and Recycling

Electronic copy: Municipal Recycling Coordinators

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