



# Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection



# Backyard Exploration Series



**Recycle Right  
60% by 2024**



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# In Connecticut.....



Residents generate 5 lbs. of trash per day



About 1 lb. is  
recycled



About 4 lbs. is  
disposed of



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# Trash Facts to Know

- Connecticut's trash does not go to landfills.
- Our trash is burned to generate electricity.
- The ash produced from burning the trash goes to a special, lined, landfill.
- Trash does not get sorted for recyclables.

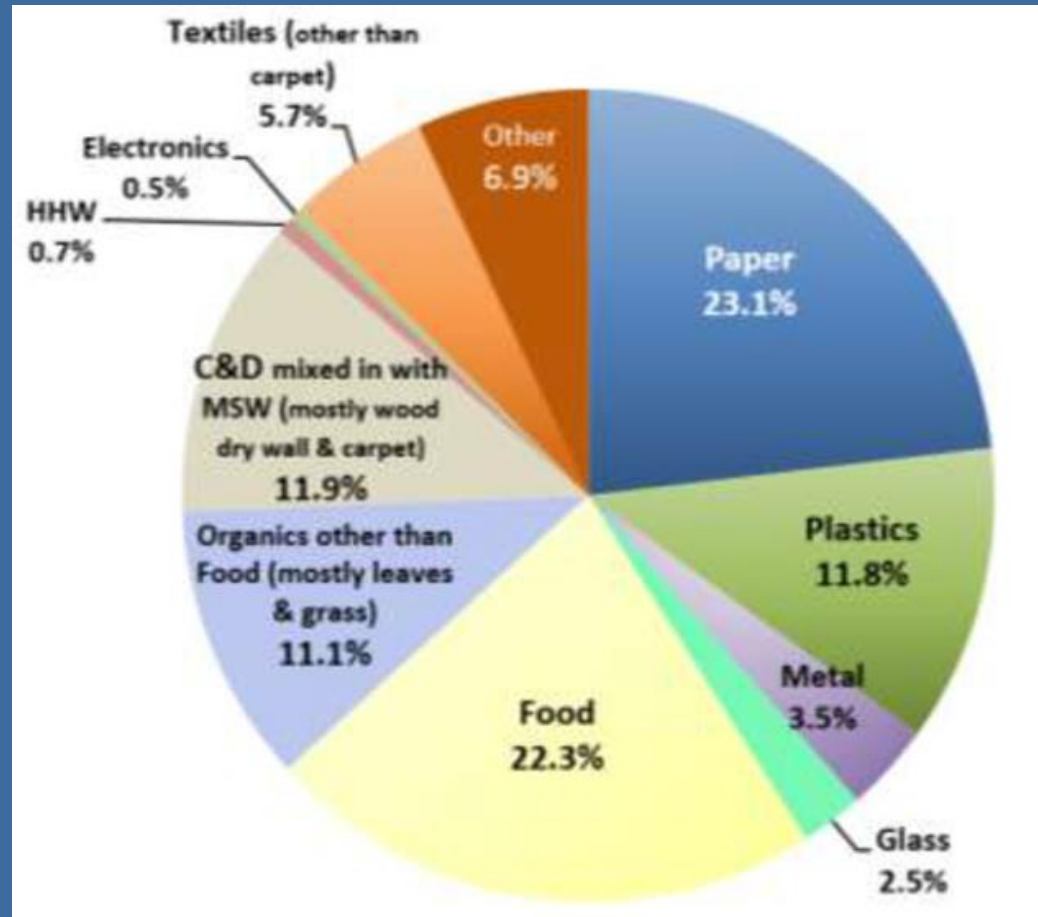


# We are trashing a lot of recyclable materials.

What are the highest recyclable materials in our trash?

How can these materials be recovered from trash and recycled?

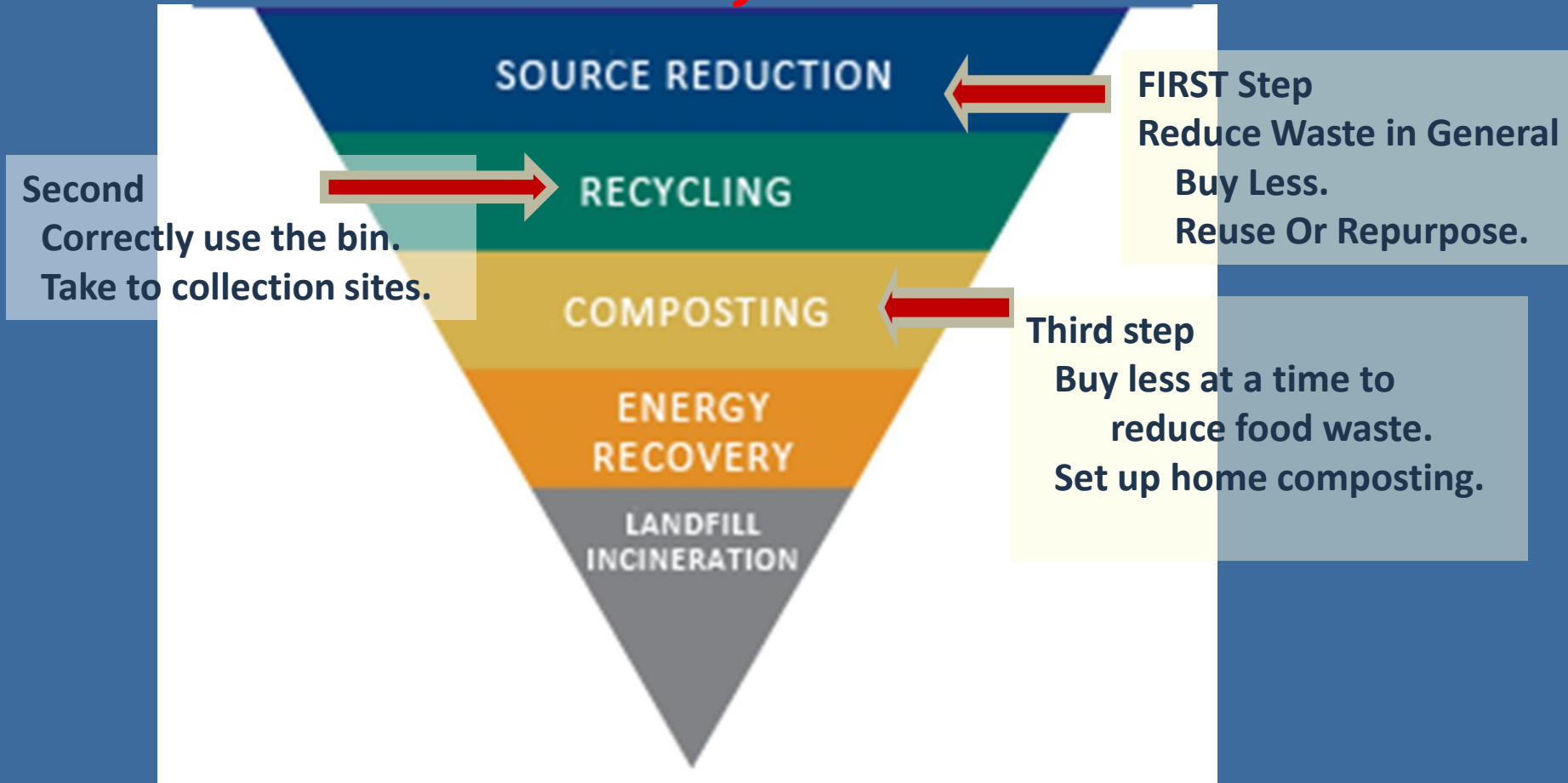
**YOU have to do it!**





# CT Solid Waste Hierarchy


## Materials Management



# What do you do with.....?



Click on the image to find your answers to recycling questions.



Putting the correct items in the bin and putting them in CLEAN is the best way to recycle.



# Setting Goals and Plans

- Currently we capture 26% of recyclable material from going to the incinerators.
- Our Recycling Goal is **60% by 2024**.
  - Reduce trash by using the **Recycle Bin Wisely**.
  - Recycle beyond the bin through other opportunities like film recycling at stores and paint collection at paint stores.
  - **Think before you buy**.





# Recycling Right Begins with you.

- Start with your Public Works Office  
to consult recycling guidelines or Recycle CT.
- Put in only what is allowed.
- Put it in clean!
- If in Doubt, Throw it Out.

