



June 25, 2024

«Generator»  
«Contact\_Person»  
«Address»  
«CityTownZipcode»

RE: CT Commercial Organics Recycling Law (CGS Sec. 22a-226e)

Dear Business Manager:

CGS Section 22a-226e required, as of January 1, 2022, each commercial food wholesaler or distributor, industrial food manufacturer or processor, supermarket, grocery store, resort or conference center in Connecticut that generates a projected annual volume of 26 tons (or more) of source separated organic material (SSOM), and is located not more than 20 miles from an authorized source-separated organic material composting facility to comply with the CT Commercial Organics Recycling Law. A map of authorized organic material composting facilities can be found here:  
<https://portal.ct.gov/deep/waste-management-and-disposal/organics-recycling/food-residual-composting-facilities>

The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CTDEEP) believes your commercial food business is subject to Connecticut's commercial organics recycling law and provided information to your business via a letter dated August 25, 2022, which is attached for your reference.

It is estimated that 22% of the solid waste stream in Connecticut is food waste. Diverting this material is critical to ensure that Connecticut can sustainably manage its own solid waste within our borders. As a generator of food waste that is potentially subject to the requirements of CGS 22a-226e, your organization plays a crucial role in ensuring that Connecticut can effectively manage its solid waste stream.

In connection with implementing and ensuring the effectiveness of CGS 22a-226e, CTDEEP will begin conducting inspections at generator locations subject to the law. CTDEEP inspectors will verify that generators are properly separating and diverting their organic wastes. CTDEEP encourages you to review the August 25, 2022, correspondence which provides tools to determine whether your business is subject to CGS 22a-226e and resources available to aid in complying with the requirements of CGS 22a-226e.

Even if your business is not subject to the law, you may find diverting food scraps can lead to a cost-savings and may help with meeting your businesses' corporate sustainability goals.

If you have any questions about how to comply with Connecticut's Commercial Organics Recycling Law, please send to [DEEP.Organics.Inquiries@ct.gov](mailto:DEEP.Organics.Inquiries@ct.gov) or contact Chris Nelson at 860-424-3454 or [chris.nelson@ct.gov](mailto:chris.nelson@ct.gov), Supervisor of the Sustainable Materials Management program at DEEP.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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