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# Getting to 60% Diversion: Contributions from the Hauler Sector

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# Getting to 60% Diversion

- Haulers play an important role in helping CT make progress toward an increased diversion of materials
- CMMS and recycling laws can result in new business for haulers. For example:
  - Recycling service provided to your MSW customers currently not serviced
  - Transport of organic materials (work with existing customers looking to recycle food scrap, either voluntarily or pursuant to CT's [Commercial Organics Recycling Law](#))



# Compliance with Existing Recycling Laws

- DEEP expects every person, including generators, haulers and processors, all to comply with existing recycling laws.
- DEEP also recognizes that businesses, including haulers, don't want to lose market edge to competitors that do not comply with recycling laws.



# Looking Back: Outreach after P.A. 10-87

- Multiple hauler-focused outreach meetings and webinar held in 2011 to provide overview of requirements of the new law that impacted haulers (organized in coordination with what is now NWRA)
- This 2011 presentation and other educational materials for haulers still available on DEEP's [Solid Waste & Recycling Hauler Resources](#) webpage



# Hauler Resources (from Sept 2011)

- [Letter to Haulers Regarding Updated Recycling Requirements](#)
- [Summary of Updated Recycling Requirements for Haulers](#)
- [Letter and Summary of Updated Recycling Requirements for Commercial Customers](#)
- [Summary of Updated Recycling Requirements for Residential Customers](#)



# Recap: 22a-241 Contracting Requirements

Each contract between a collector and a customer for the collection of solid waste shall make provision for the collection of designated recyclable items, either by:

- providing for the collection of designated recyclable items by the same collector who is party to the solid waste contract; or
- including an identification by the customer of the collector with whom such contract exists



# Contracting Requirements (cont.)

- Collection of designated recyclable items must be provided for.
- Allowing a customer to simply decline recycling services in a solid waste service agreement does not fulfill the requirements of CGS 22a-241I .
  - sample deficient contract language:  
“Hauling Company XYZ has advised the customer of mandatory recycling laws and **the customer has declined recycling services at this time.**”





# Contracting Requirements (cont.)

- To protect themselves, haulers should document in writing any “identification by the customer of the collector with whom such [recycling] contract exists”
  - “Hauling Company XYZ has advised the customer of mandatory recycling laws and the customer has identified Recycling Company ABC as their recycling services provider.”
- Sample "Documentation of Existing Recycling Contract" form can be found on DEEP Hauler Resources webpage



# Recap: 22a-241l Requirements (cont.)

This section of the statutes also requires that:

- Each collector shall provide each customer with clear written or pictorial instructions on how to separate designated recyclable items in accordance with the provisions of [section 22a-241b](#).



# Moving Forward

- More inspections and enforcement from DEEP
  - What to expect from Inspection & Enforcement Process
- DEEP inspection focus:
  - use of revised “Business Recycling Checklist”
  - response to complaints (with higher prioritization,
  - sector-based (those with poor compliance / performance)
  - solid waste facilities and load review data/reports
- Outreach through business/trade groups
  - e.g., Building Owners & Managers Association (BOMA), CT Food Association (CFA)



# Moving Forward (cont.)

- How can DEEP and haulers work together to get to 60%?
- How can DEEP help to ensure a level playing field for haulers?
- What tools/resources can DEEP update and/or create?



# Questions / Discussion

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