# TAKING COMMERCIAL & RESIDENTIAL ORGANICS DIVERSION TO SCALE

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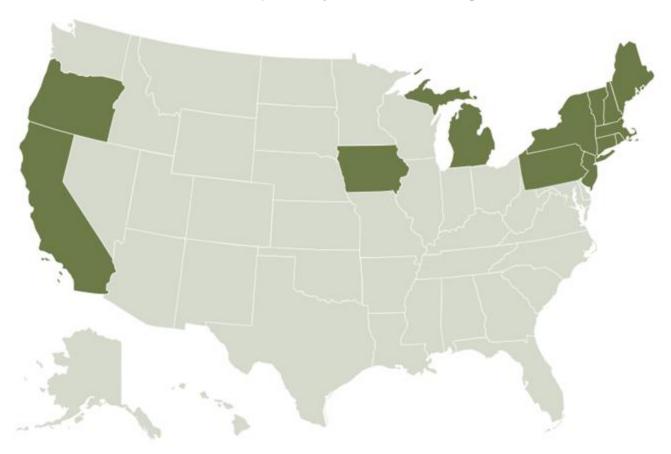
# We help people and businesses save energy and reduce waste.



## **CET'S WASTED FOOD IMPACT**

Do You Need Assistance With Wasted Food?

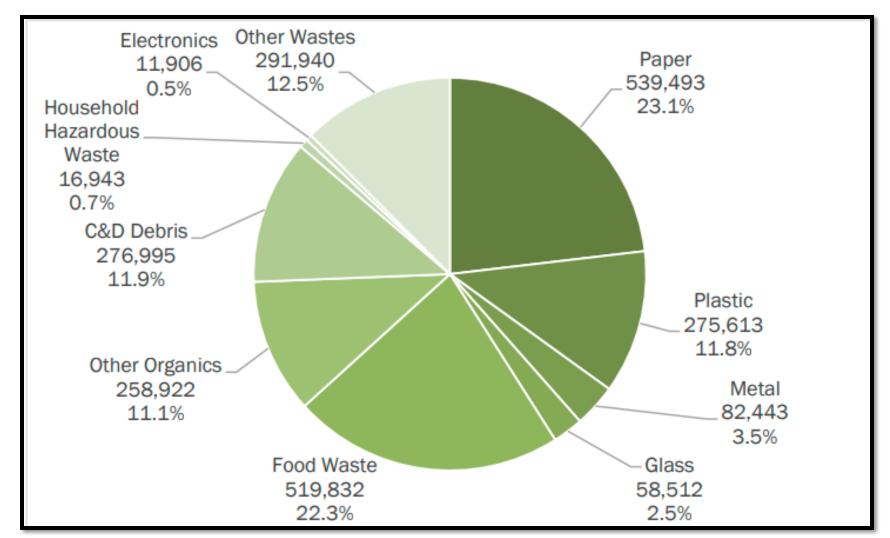
We can help! Select your state below to begin.







#### CONNECTICUT MSW COMPOSITION





#### THE BENEFITS OF ORGANICS DIVERSION

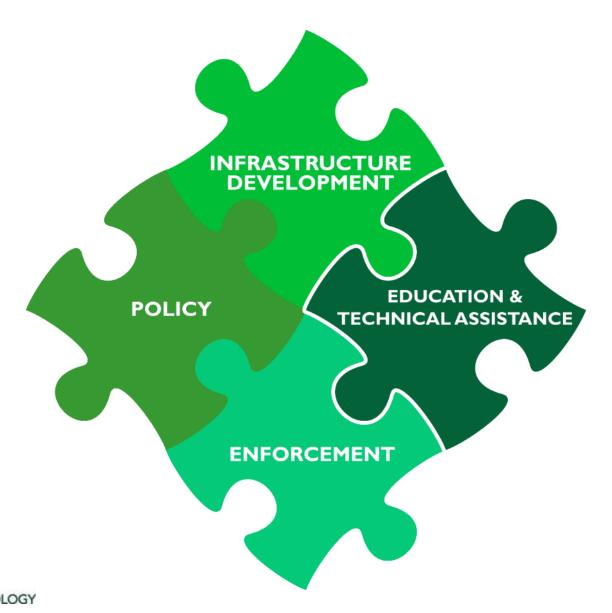


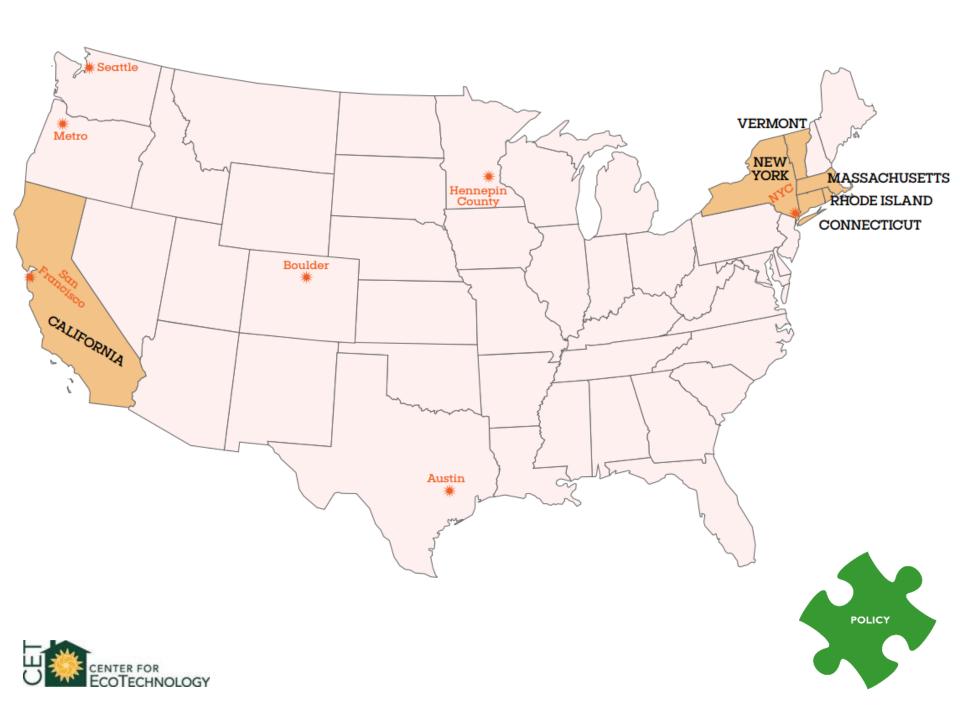
Diversion Strategy	Tons of CO2 Reduced (per I ton food waste)
Source Reduction	4.25
Donation	2.30
Compost	0.72
Anaerobic Digestion	0.61

Source: U.S. EPA WARM tool



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### RECYCLINGWORKS PROGRAM MODEL

- De-coupling regulatory enforcement from technical assistance
- Neutral party
- No-cost assistance







## SUPPORTING COMMERCIAL GENERATORS









## **DIVERSION IN SCHOOLS**





## CONNECTICUT SCHOOL LEADERS





#### RESOURCES

#### Infrastructure Development

Community Toolkit: Adding Food Waste to a Yard Trimmings Compost Facility

#### School Guidance

- Food Donation by Connecticut Schools
- West Hartford Public Schools <u>Food Scraps Diversion Guide</u>
- RecycleCT grants for Green LEAF Schools
- SustainableCT <u>Community Match Fund</u>

#### Commercial Sector Guidance

- Case study: <u>Sheraton Hotel at Bradley International Airport</u>
- San Diego County Best Management Practice Tip Sheets for <u>Source Reduction</u>, <u>Food Rescue</u>, and <u>Source Separation</u>
- Legal Fact Sheets for <u>Date Labeling</u>, <u>Liability Protections</u>, <u>Tax Incentives</u>, and <u>Feeding Food Scraps to Animals</u>
- RecyclingWorks in Massachusetts Food Waste
- Wasted Food Solutions <u>Connecticut Page</u>

#### Recognition Programs

- EPA WasteWise
- EPA Food Recovery Challenge

#### Residential Resources

NRDC <u>Save the Food Campaign</u>



## **QUESTIONS?**

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