



CCSMM FULL COALITION MEETING



January 14, 2025

CCSMM HOUSEKEEPING

- This meeting is being recorded.
- Please keep your microphones muted unless sharing information.
- Please rename yourself to reflect your organizational affiliation.
- Municipal participants are encouraged to turn webcams on and actively participate during the meeting.
- Feedback can also be sent by email to: DEEP.RecyclingProgram@ct.gov

AGENDA

- I. Welcome and Introductory Remarks**
- II. CCSMM Refresher**
- III. Commercial Organics Recycling Law – DEEP Update**
- IV. Organics/Food Scraps Collection and Diversion – Municipal Panel Discussion**
- V. Municipal/Regional Updates**
- VI. Other Updates**
 - Mini Fees
 - Jan SWAC meeting
 - MMI Grant Program
 - Second Round of SMM Funding
 - RWA Grant Program
- VII. Call for Future CCSMM Discussion/Presentation Topics**
- VIII. Public Comment**
- IX. Closing Remarks**



CCSMM REFRESHER

Commissioner Dykes

CCSMM REFRESHER

- Convened in September 2020 to develop a menu of options to scale sustainable materials management solutions and reduce reliance on landfills & waste-to-energy
- Four initial working groups:
 - Increasing Recycling
 - Unit-Based Pricing
 - Food Scraps & Organics
 - Extended Producer Responsibility
- Consideration of Environmental Justice concerns
- 72 initial signatory municipalities, 85 had joined by the first meeting, and now **104 municipalities** are participating members
- All municipal partners are welcome to join in this endeavor
- CCSMM Sign-on Statement
- Main CCSMM webpage: <https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP-CCSMM>

CCSMM IN 2025

- **Quarterly Full Coalition meetings**
- **Ad Hoc Working Group meetings as topics arise**
- **Formation of CCSMM Steering Committee**
 - Municipal CEOs interested in participation on a steering committee, please reach out to Commissioner Dykes at katie.dykes@ct.gov and chris.nelson@ct.gov



UPDATES TO THE CT COMMERCIAL ORGANICS RECYCLING LAW (CGS 22a-226e)

CGS 22a-226e – 2025

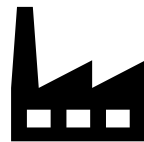
- Each commercial food wholesaler or distributor, industrial food manufacturer or processor, supermarket, resort conference center or **institution** that:
- Generate an average projected volume of **26 tons/yr** of source separated organic material (SSOM)
- ~~Within 20 miles of a SSOM processing facility.~~
- **Must source separate** and ensure recycling “at any authorized SSOM composting facility” that has available capacity and can accept food scrap.
 - Estimated recovery potential for **90,000-200,000 tons of food scraps** from covered generators
- **New Reporting Requirement – due by March 1 and annually thereafter**

WHICH SECTORS ARE SUBJECT TO THE LAW (2025)?

- Food Wholesale & Distributors
- Industrial Food Manufacturers & Processors
- Supermarkets
- Resorts or Conference Centers

- **Institutions:**

- Hospitality
- Entertainment
- Rehabilitation
- Health care services
- Public or independent institution of higher education building or facility
- Correctional facilities



22a-226e – EXPANSION OF EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES (2026)

- On and after **July 1, 2026** - **each public or nonpublic school building or educational facility in which students in grades kindergarten to twelve, inclusive, or any combination thereof, are enrolled that is located within 20 miles from either an authorized SSOM composting facility and that generates an average projected volume of 26 tons/yr of SSOM.** (P.A. 24-45)
 - Estimated recovery potential for **additional 2,000-12,000** tons of food scraps from covered schools

CURRENT FOOD SCRAP CAPTURE RATE



- DEEP estimates there is about 233,000 tons of food scraps/ food waste generated annually by the current and forthcoming sectors included in this law.
- In 2023, **16,000 – 20,000 tons** of food scraps were collected in-state* and diverted to composting, anaerobic digestion, or upcycling from commercial generators
 - Represents about **8%** of the ~233,000 tons of commercially-generated food scraps currently being disposed

*DEEP does not receive reports from retailers backhauling food scraps directly to out-of-state facilities

HOW TO COMPLY WITH THE LAW

There are several ways to comply with this law:

- **Reduce** the generation of wasted food through more efficient operations.
- **Donate** food to shelters, food pantries, and food rescue operations.
- Use an on-site system to **compost** or anaerobically digest food scraps.
- Work with your current hauler or another hauler to send separated food scraps for **animal feed**.
- Work with your current hauler or another hauler to send separated food scraps to an **anaerobic digestion** or composting facility.



CALL TO ACTION!

No-Cost Waste Assistance for CT Businesses

Sign up to have a CET expert provide on-the-spot, no-cost waste assessments and identify opportunities for improved food waste reduction and recycling.

[888-410-3827](tel:888-410-3827)

ReduceWasteCT@cetonline.org
cetonline.org/ctwasteassistance



Municipalities - help spread the word!

Let your businesses, institutions and schools know about this law and the ongoing site visits and encourage them to get started with measuring their food waste.

Share the calculator tools: [Connecticut Food Waste Estimation Guidance • CET](#)



FOOD SCRAPS COLLECTION AND DIVERSION – MUNICIPAL PANEL DISCUSSION

[Manchester, Middletown, Woodbury](#)



MUNICIPAL / REGIONAL UPDATES



OTHER UPDATES

PAYMENTS TO MUNICIPALITIES FROM FEES ON MINIATURE ALCOHOL BOTTLES

Payment summaries are posted on this DEEP webpage:

<https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Reduce-Reuse-Recycle/Bottles/Bottle-Bill-Stakeholder-Process>

- [Payments to towns for 10/01/21-03/31/22](#)
- [Payments to towns for 04/01/22-09/30/22](#)
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SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SWAC) MEETING – TUES, JAN 28, 2025 @ 9:30AM

Can register for 01/28/25 SWAC at:

<https://ctdeep.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEsdOihrDwsHtyXuvnROYsqnxLQ-1eSGmQA>

Agenda:

- CT Bottle Bill Redemption Options
- EPR Programs (tires, batteries, gas cylinders, e-waste)
- SMM Grant Program
- Miniature Liquor Bottle Update
- Food Waste Prevention & Food Recovery Roadmap
- 2023 Solid Waste Data – Preliminary
- Commercial Organics Recycling Law (CORL) Inspections & Technical Assistance

Other SWAC meeting in 2025:

- March 25, 2025
- June 24, 2025
- October 28, 2025



CALL FOR FUTURE CCSMM DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION TOPICS

FUTURE CCSMM MEETING TOPICS

- Sustainable Materials Management (SMM) Grant Program – Results
- State of Recycling
- 2023 Solid Waste Disposal and Diversion Report
- Regional Waste Authority (RWA) and Materials Management Infrastructure (MMI) Grant Programs & Progress
- EPR Program Updates for tires & gas cylinders
- Legislative Update
- **Additional Suggestions?**



PUBLIC COMMENT



CLOSING REMARKS