

CCSMM: Increased Reuse and Recycling Working Group

October 4, 2022



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Today's Agenda

- **Welcome and Introductory Remarks**
 - Co-Chairs: Ben Florsheim and Denise Raap
- **Hear from Municipalities – Recycling Enforcement**
 - Cesar Zapata, Town of East Hartford
 - Jim Stewart, Borough of Naugatuck
 - Sam Saunders, Town of Ellington
- **Discussion/Questions**
- **Public Comment**
- **Closing Remarks**

Town of East Hartford, CT

TOWN OF EAST HARTFORD

- Planning for Recycling Enforcement
- Speaker: Cesar Zapata
Solid Waste Official





**East Hartford
RECYCLES
CLEAN!**

**RECYCLES CLEAN!
GETS GOING**

AGENDA

01

WHERE ARE WE & WHERE DO WE WANT TO BE

- East Hartford Metrics
- Barriers to Recycling
- Communication Assessment

02

WHAT ARE WE DOING - EDUCATION SATURATION

- Relabeling Blue Carts
- Communication Plan Gets Going

03

WHAT IS COMING

- Rewards Program
- Enforcement



01

WHERE ARE WE & WHERE DO WE WANT TO BE

**East Hartford Metrics, Barriers to Recycling
& Communication Assessment**

**CT DIVERSION
GOAL 2024
60%**



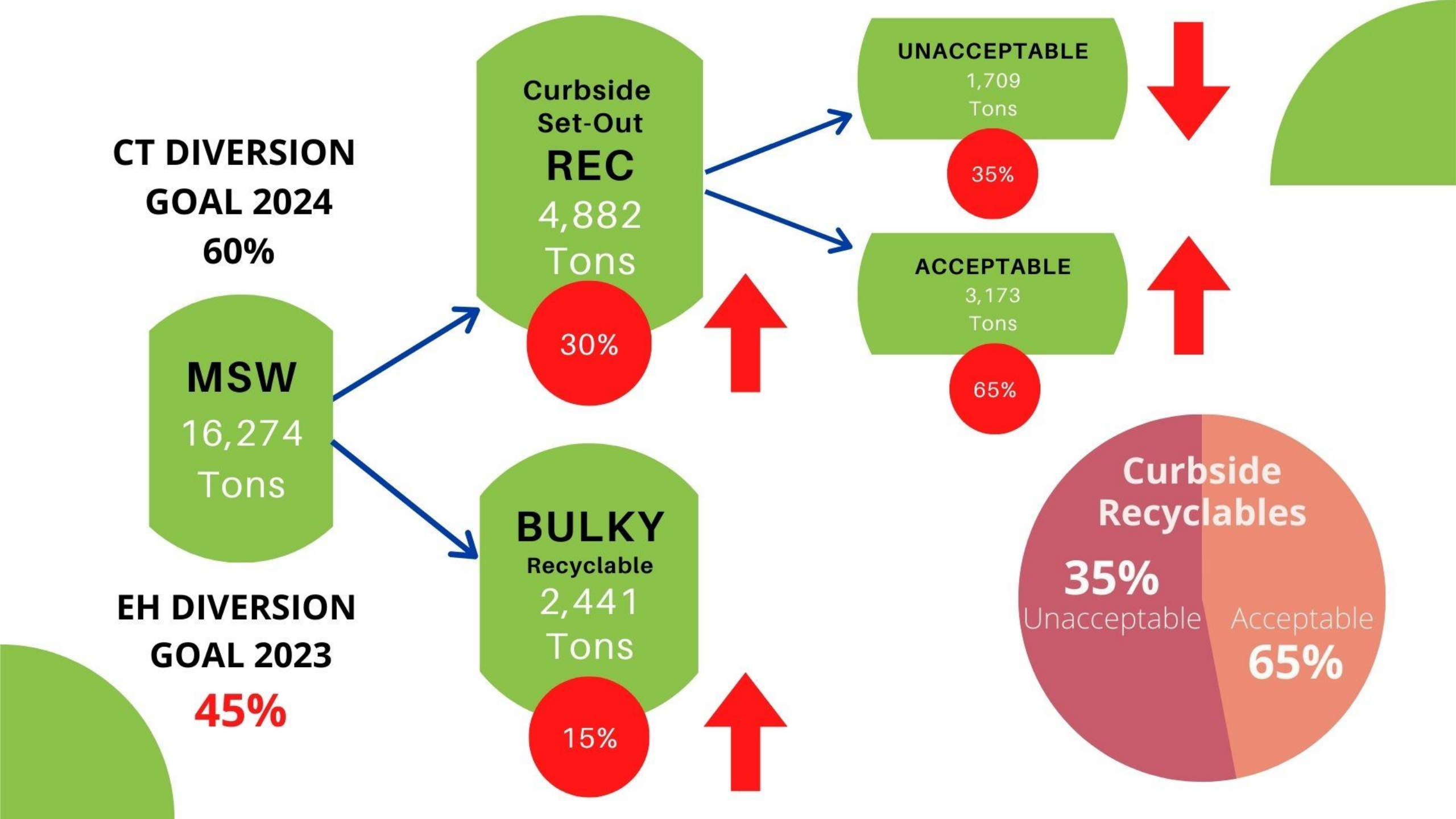
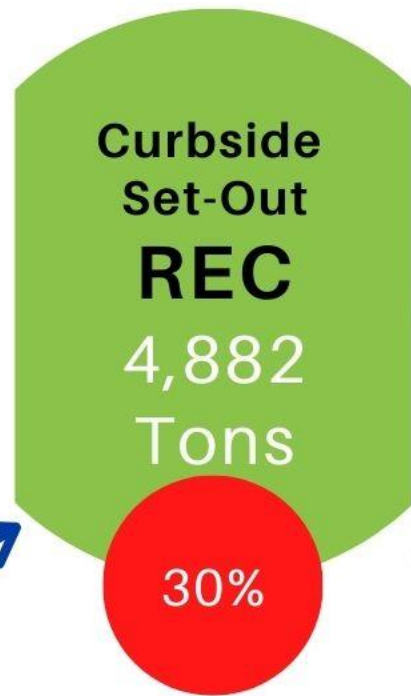
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RATE 2022
33%**



**CT DIVERSION
GOAL 2024
60%**



**EH DIVERSION
GOAL 2023
45%**



Barriers to recycling

(Results of the Pilot Inspection Plan)

Behavior

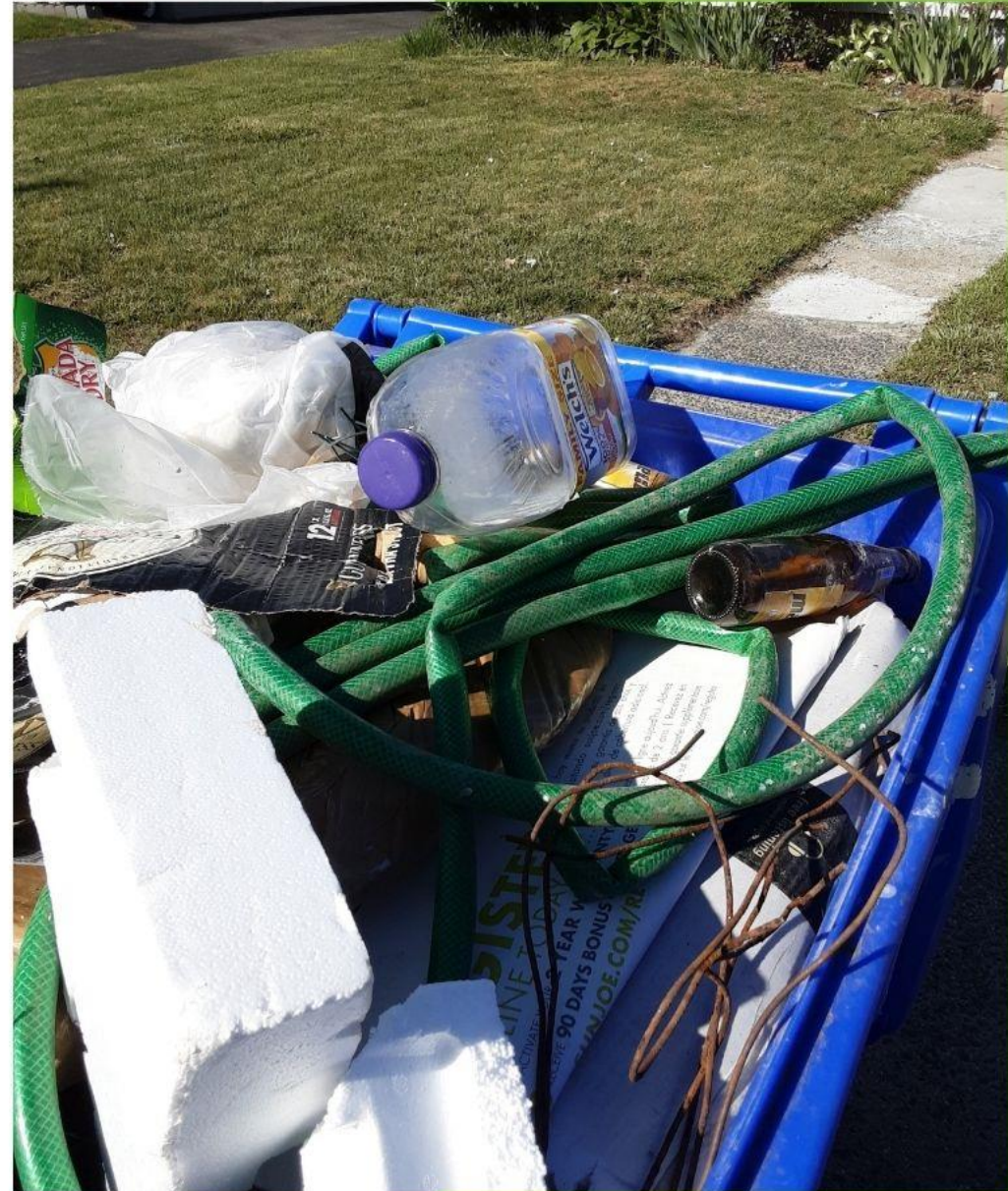
- Residents have not established recycling as a household priority.
- Difficulties in establishing routines for sorting recyclables.
- Set-out rates inconsistent.

Lack of knowledge

- Confusion about What's IN / What's OUT.
- Wish-cycling.
- No understanding of the impact of contamination on commodity.
- No understanding of financial impacts to Town.

Attitudes and perceptions

- Not accepting, there is an impact on taxes.
- The environmental impact or other benefit.
- Not getting a personal motivational reward from recycling.



Communication Assessment

01

Town had stopped direct communication with recyclers (pandemic).

02

Limited communication vehicles.

03

Inconsistent informational materials (Branding/Message/Visual identity-Uniformity).

04

Flyers are not enough! Missing a diverse strategy with multiple approaches.

05

Enforcement & Rewards Lacking.



Resident Assessment

3 Types of Recyclers

Under Performers Recycling unaware or aware but inactive. Not engaged. Contamination rate above **25%.**

Learners Trying their best. Contamination rate between **15% and 25%.**

High Performers Broadly competent. Contamination rate below **15%.**



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02

**WHAT ARE WE DOING -
EDUCATION SATURATION
Relabeling Blue Carts &
Communication Plan Gets Going**



RECYCLING BLUE CARTS

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS COST MONEY!

BISSELL ST, LEWIS, ST, WELLS AVE, PHELPS ST, CENTRAL AVE & SAUNDERS ST

Public Works has been relabeling blue cart lids with stickers that list acceptable and unacceptable items. During DAY 1, the relabeling campaign, we found too many unacceptable items in the neighborhoods off of Burnside Ave. One of the Top Offenders is plastic bags! Please, refrain from putting any type of plastic bags or wrap in your recycling blue cart.



RELABELING BLUE CARTS



READ THE RULES



NO YARD WASTE



DO NOT USE THE BLUE CART AS A TRASH BIN



NO PLASTIC BAGS



NO PLASTIC WRAP

DO NOT PUT RECYCLABLES IN PLASTIC BAGS

BY CESAR ZAPATA, SOLID WASTE OFFICIAL

Plastic bags jam up sorting machines in recycling facilities.

The machines use gravity to sort different types of paper like newspaper, magazines, and office paper. However, plastic bags or wrap often get mixed in with other recyclables and get caught in the machines.

When the bags and other materials like them build up it can stop the machine from working altogether.



NO BAGS FOR RECYCLABLES. LOOSE IN CART!



PLASTIC BAGS SHOULD BE PUT IN THE TRASH

Approach Methods

Communication Activities

Direct marketing and education

- Door-to-door canvassing focused on Low Performers Recyclers

Mayor's monthly newsletter

- Monthly information about the East Hartford Recycling Program

Town Website & Social Media Mayor's Office

- Monthly information about the East Hartford Recycling Program

Printed materials (Decals)

- Retagging blue carts: Labels on covers (What's IN - What's OUT) 3

Newspaper Advertising

- The Gazette & La Vision.

Workshops/Roadshows
Public speaking/presentations

- Senior Center, Religious and cultural groups or local societies e.g. Women's organizations, youth groups, student groups, religious networks and communities such as churches, etc.

Branding and Messages

Visual identity



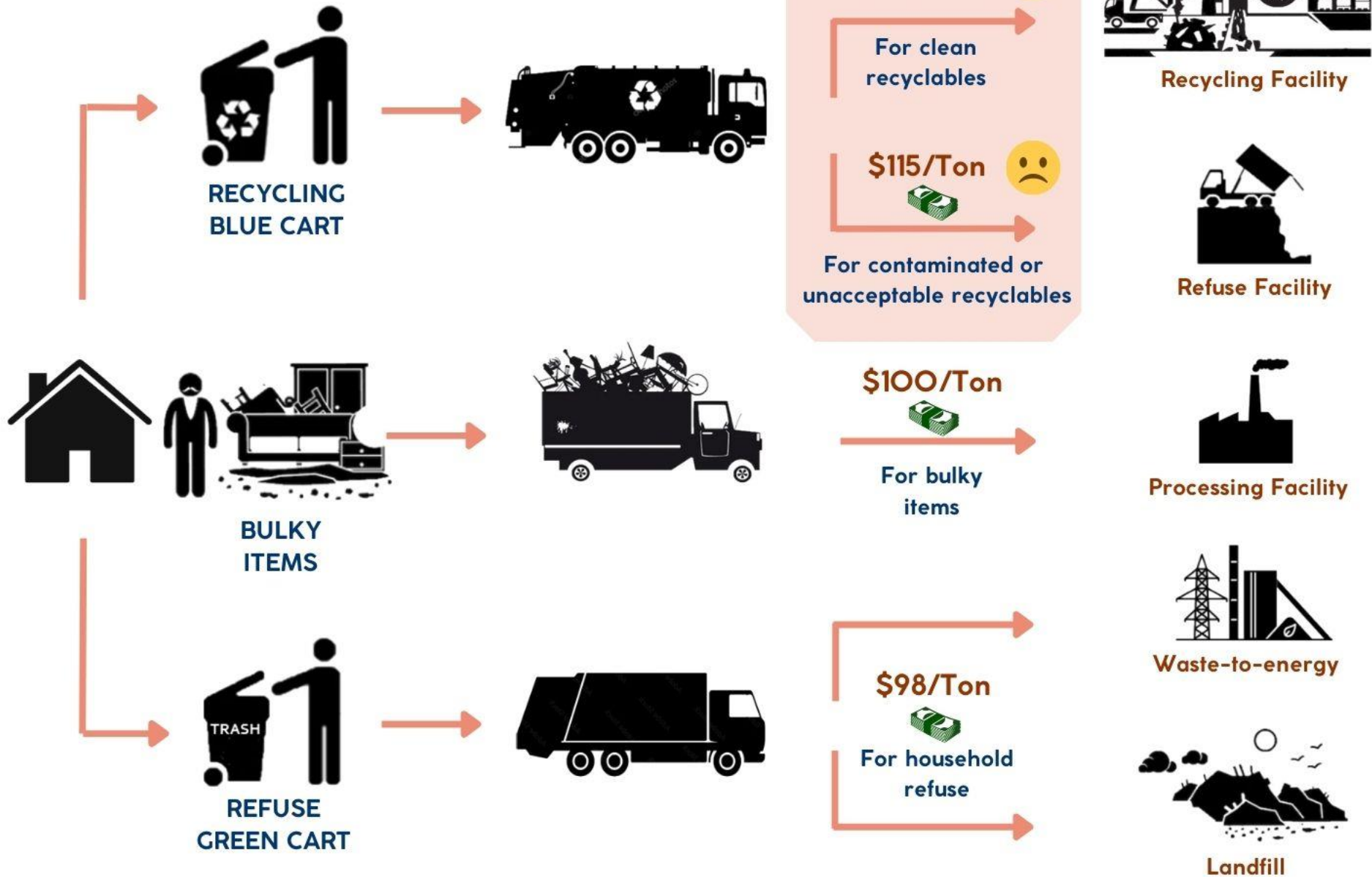
East Hartford
RECYCLES
CLEAN!

- East Hartford Recycles Clean!
- Top Offenders!
- Your Behavior Costs Money!
- Recycling Clean to Save Tax Dollars!!
- When in Doubt, Throw It Out!



YOUR BEHAVIOR COSTS MONEY

Recycling clean in your blue carts costs \$ 0/Ton.
We could save thousands of dollars every year.





BLUE CART INSPECTIONS: LESSONS LEARNED

TOP OFFENDERS



**Do NOT put
recyclables
in a bag**



**NO plastic wrap
No straws
NO paper bags
with handles**



**NO styrofoam
in the blue cart**



**Empty and rinse food &
beverage containers**



**NO food scraps
NO yard waste**

East Hartford emite un aviso sobre el virus de la viruela del mono

El departamento de salud de la ciudad de East Hartford emitió un aviso a mediados de agosto para alertar a los residentes sobre la creciente amenaza que representa el virus de la viruela del mono.

Los funcionarios de salud han descrito síntomas comunes que incluyen sarpullido o llagas que pueden parecer granos o ampollas. Estos pueden estar en todo el cuerpo o solo en ciertas partes, como la cara, las manos o los pies, así como en la boca o dentro de esta, los genitales o el ano.

Algunas personas también tienen síntomas similares a los de la gripe. Cualquier persona que tenga un sarpullido que se parezca a la viruela del mono debe comunicarse con su proveedor de atención médica, incluso si no está seguro de haber tenido contacto con alguien que tenga la viruela del mono.

“Es importante que las personas entiendan cómo se propaga la viruela del mono, cómo reducir el riesgo de exposición y si se recomienda recibir la vacuna JYNNEOS para reducir la probabilidad de contraer el virus”, dijo Laurence Burnes, Directora de Salud.

Hay un suministro limitado de vacunas para el virus de la viruela del mono disponible en Connecticut y las vacunas se priorizan para



East Hartford emitió un aviso sobre el virus de la viruela del mono y su amenaza para ciertas poblaciones de riesgo

aquellas personas que se consideran de alto riesgo. De acuerdo con el aviso, cualquier persona puede contraer y propagar la viruela del mono, pero los casos que detectados hasta la fecha se propagan principalmente a través del contacto sexual y de otro tipo de contactos íntimos entre hombres homosexuales, bisexuales y otros colectivos que tienen contacto sexual con hombres. Las personas que tienen parejas sexuales múltiples o anónimas corren un mayor riesgo de exposición a la viruela del mono.

La información y los recursos están disponibles en la página web oficial de la ciudad de East Hartford en www.easthartfordct.gov. Las personas también pueden comunicarse con el Departamento de Salud llamando al 860-291-7324 para hablar con una enfermera de salud pública.

A mediados de agosto, se registraron más de 10,768 casos de la viruela del mono en los Estados Unidos, con casos confirmados en casi todos los estados, incluidos 57 en Connecticut.

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Barbería local hace noticia

Exclusive Cuts Barbershop, ubicada en 182 Main Street en East Hartford, fue noticia por ofrecer cortes de cabello gratuitos para el regreso a la escuela a estudiantes locales durante tres días en agosto, incluido el 24, el primer día de clases.

La idea fue promovida por Francheska Betancourt, que trabaja como especialista en apoyo familiar en Synergy High School y cuyo esposo es peluquero en Exclusive Cuts Barbershop. Francheska le comentó a NBC Connecticut News que un nuevo corte de cabello hará que los estu-

diantes se sientan cómodos en las dases. Su esposo, Ángel Morales, señaló que no todos pueden pagar un corte de cabello en su vuelta a las dases.

Algunos estudiantes también recibieron mochilas gratis como parte de este evento comunitario. WEM

East Hartford contrata un gerente para la supervisión del reciclaje

Easthartfordct.org



César Zapata fue contratado recientemente como primer gerente para el reciclaje de East Hartford

Recientemente, la ciudad de East Hartford anunció la contratación de Cesar Zapata como el primer “Gerente de Reciclaje” de East Hartford para supervisar el programa de reciclaje de la comunidad.

Cesar Zapata es economista y especialista en gestión de calidad y auditoría ambiental, con una Maestría en Administración Estratégica de Empresas.

Zapata tiene una amplia experiencia en gobiernos locales en Perú, donde se desempeñó en una variedad de funciones gerenciales, administrativas, financieras, de planificación y presupuestarias. Su experiencia profesional también incluye la planificación del manejo de residuos sólidos, así como la investigación del comportamiento humano asociado a las prácticas de reciclaje. Zapata se desempeñó como jefe de proyectos en Santiago de Surco, Lima (Perú) una ciudad de 300,000 habitantes, donde implementó con éxito la primera instalación de reciclaje.

En su nuevo cargo como gerente para la supervisión del reciclaje de la ciudad de East Hartford, Zapata se centrará en la inspección, la sensibilización y el cumplimiento del programa de reciclaje de la comunidad, en un esfuerzo por eliminar los materiales inaceptables que aumentan los costos para los contribuyentes y reducen el éxito del reciclaje en la ciudad.

Como parte de sus nuevas funciones, fomentará mejoras relacionadas con el reciclaje en las vías peatonales a través de la educación pública y las campañas de divulgación.

“Estoy muy orgulloso de todo el trabajo que he realizado en beneficio de la protección del medio ambiente”, expresó Zapata. “Estoy muy agradecido con la ciudad de East Hartford por darme la oportunidad de hacer lo que más amo: servir a las personas. Además, quiero expresar mi compromiso de compartir mi conocimiento y experiencia para hacer de East Hartford una ciudad con un futuro sostenible para todos sus residentes”.

“Estoy encantado de que el Sr. Zapata se una a nuestro equipo con el objetivo de mejorar el programa de reciclaje de la ciudad”, dijo el alcalde Michael P. Walsh. “El señor Zapata aporta una gran experiencia y nos sentimos honrados de tenerlo a bordo”, añadió.

Podrá encontrar más información relacionada con el programa de reciclaje de East Hartford y con el modo de deshacerse de ciertos desechos sólidos, a través del siguiente portal web: <https://www.easthartfordct.gov/recycling>. WEM



Town of East Hartford. Department of Public Works



Oficial de Reciclaje
Cesar Zapata



INSPECCIÓN DE CARRITOS AZULES: LECCIONES APRENDIDAS
PRINCIPALES CONTAMINANTES



**NO use bolsas
Coloque sus
reciclables
suetos**



**NO envoltorios de
plástico
NO sorbetes
NO bolsas de papel
con asas**



**NO poliestireno
(styrofoam) de
ningún tipo
(contenedores de
comidas y bebidas o
embalajes)**



**NO restos de comida
NO desechos de jardín**



**Vacíe y enjuague sus
contenedores de
comidas y bebidas**

Inspección de Carritos Azules: Lecciones Aprendidas

El Departamento de Obras Públicas de East Hartford llevó a cabo un programa de inspección de reciclaje entre el 25 de abril y el 25 de mayo. El objetivo del programa era evaluar los esfuerzos de reciclaje de East Hartford, así como sensibilizar y educar a los residentes sobre un reciclaje adecuado y correcto. Como Oficial de Reciclaje, realicé una inspección visual del contenido de los carritos azules en varios vecindarios e identifiqué una variedad de contaminantes. Los contaminantes más comunes se describen a continuación.


Por favor, estos artículos NO son reciclables. ¡Recuerde que East Hartford Recicla Limpio!

La atención especializada que se mueve por ti

¿El dolor le está impidiendo hacer lo que más te gusta?
Esto no debería ser un impedimento.

Ahora puede contar con nuestro equipo de expertos, que le brindarán una variedad de tratamientos personalizados para resolver sus problemas ortopédicos (tanto quirúrgicos, como no quirúrgicos). Desde el corazón de su comunidad ofrecemos lo mejor en medicina deportiva, reemplazo de articulaciones, cirugía artroscópica, atención de los senos paranasales, manejo del dolor, podología, cuidado de manos, fracturas, fisioterapia y rehabilitación, así como todo lo relacionado con la ortopedia general.

**Dé el primer paso para volver a hacer eso que tanto disfruta.
¡Pida su cita hoy mismo!**



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Medical Group**

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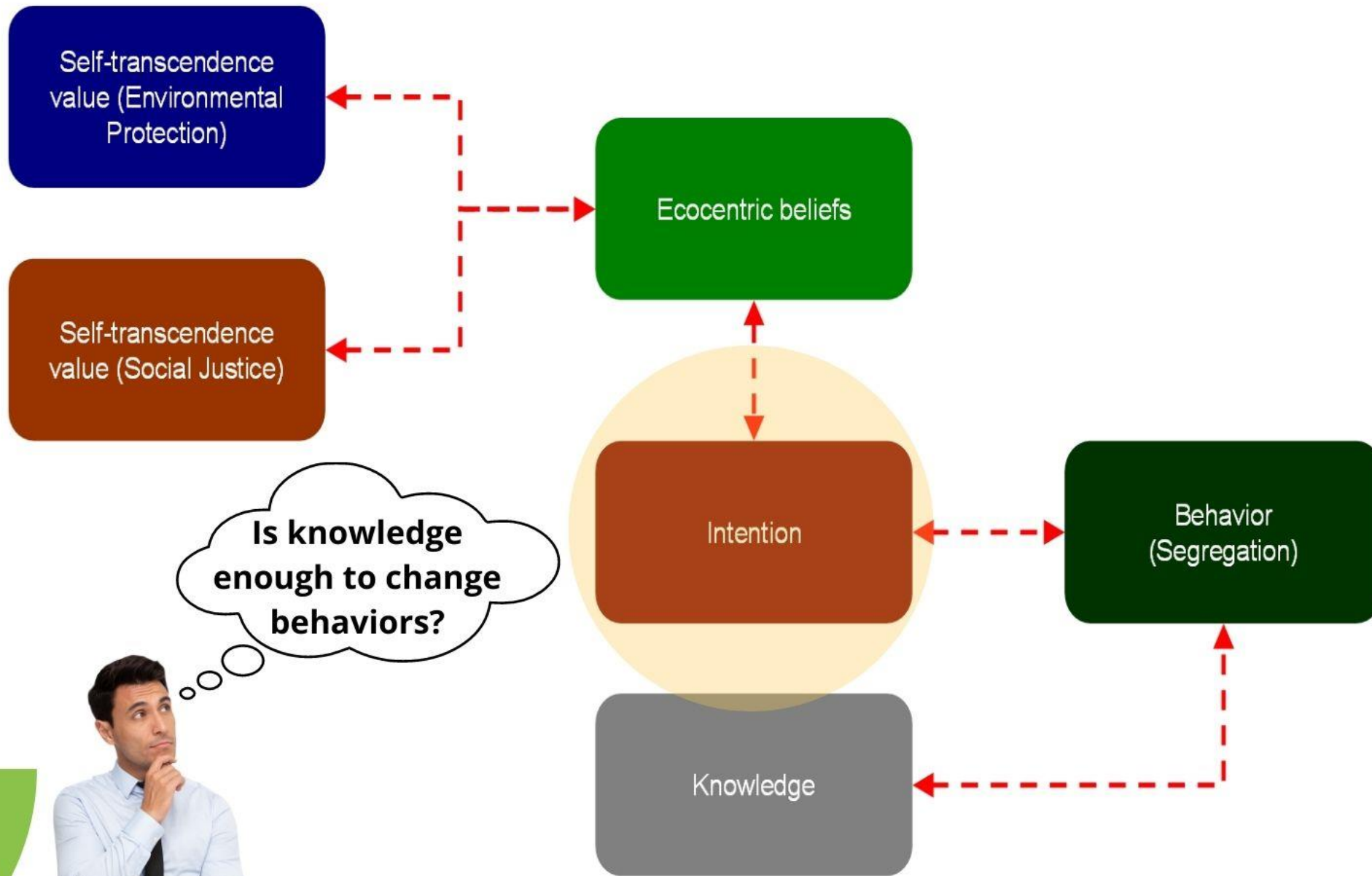




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WHAT IS COMING

Rewards Program & Enforcement Protocol



Source: "Determination of the main variables associated to the segregation of urban solid waste in Lima, Peru". Cesar Zapata, Alejandro Madrid and Miguel Ferrando

Timeline



Rewards Program (DRAFT)

Electronic Application



The East Hartford Recycling STAR program recognizes the best community recyclers for learning recycling rules, placing the correct items in the blue cart, and eliminating the contamination caused by unacceptable items in the blue cart.

The reward for participation is a Certificate of Appreciation awarded to who reside in or own a 1-6 family property and have completed the Recycling STAR self-education program which includes a recycling cart inspection. This Certificate comes with:

- The Recycling GREEN STAR to adhere to the blue carts which identifies high performance recyclers.
- Gift cards, discount coupons and/or tickets for amusement parks, sport events, museums, etc.

Instructions for Recycling STAR Application:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Read the six action items below.• Open each link and read completely.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">East Hartford Recycling BrochureOops! Recycling Needs ImprovementWRAP recyclingRecycleCT WizardEast Hartford website
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Check off each action item completed.• Fill in your name, address, and phone number.• Hit Submit button below to send to East Hartford Public Works Administration. This is an electronic application. No printing required! Please save the paper. We will call or email you to review your Recycling STAR application, and to arrange for delivery of your STAR. <p style="text-align: center;">CONGRATULATIONS!</p>

I am a Recycling STAR because I completed the action items below:

I read the [East Hartford Recycling Brochure](#).

I read the [Oops! Recycling Needs Improvement](#) checklist that lists common mistakes people make with their blue cart and I'm careful not to put wrong things in my cart.

I promise never to put plastic bags in my blue recycling cart, including plastic bags with recyclables in them because I understand they tangle up the equipment, cost us money, and don't get recycled that way.

I read about the plastic [WRAP recycling](#) so I know different places and ways I CAN get plastic bags and wraps recycled.

I have used the online [RecycleCT Wizard](#) to learn about how to properly recycle all sorts of items or if they must be discarded instead.

I know how to find the [East Hartford website](#) for schedules, and to answer questions about other solid waste and recycling programs and collections including for bulky waste and leaves.

I request a Green STAR to place on my blue recycling cart. I believe I'm a role model for my neighborhood, because I know what belongs in my blue cart and how it increases recycling and reduces taxpayer costs.

Name: _____

Address: _____


Email: _____

Phone: _____

Submit

Contaminated cart rejection and fines procedures (DRAFT)

1. Two (2) rejections Oops! Red tags leads to preliminary service suspension which means refusing to pick up any such owner or tenant's contaminated carts.
2. The bin will be turned around, which signals the recycling truck driver to pass by the bin without servicing it.
3. Warning letter goes out.
4. Call to SWO to talk about the incident.
5. Education. Face time, virtual or phone training session is provided by the SWO to violators before they could get their carts back into service.
6. Resumption of service.
7. Fines. In addition to the above procedure, a special waste collection fee for picking up the contaminated recycling cart will be applied to the customer's bill. That fee is fifty dollars (\$50).



Town of East Hartford

Oops!!!


Your recycling needs improvement.

The following items (check below) are unacceptable. It must be removed before recycling is collected. Please call the Solid Waste Official at (860) 291-7332 to discuss this matter.

Do not put these items in your blue recycling cart

NO Paint, motor oil or antifreeze (Transfer Station FREE disposal)
NO Household chemicals (Check for FREE hazwaste disposal days)
NO Plastic bags of any kind. NO recycling in plastic bags.
NO Plastic toys, storage bins, 5 gal buckets, etc.
NO Black plastic of any kind: food trays, bags, etc. (Put in trash)
NO Bulky waste of any kind. (Use Transfer Station – Bulky Permit required)
NO Building debris. (Private hauling arrangements/Manchester Landfill fees apply)
NO Brush. (Use Transfer Station – Bulky permit required)
NO Leaves. (Deliver for FREE to Transfer Station in paper bags or loose)
NO Styrofoam of any kind: eggs crates, packaging material. (Put in trash)
NO Electronics: nothing with a cord. (Transfer Station FREE disposal)
NO Shredded paper. (Put in trash)
NO Things that tangle: garden hoses, Christmas lights, ropes, wires, cords. (Put in trash)
NO Needles/sharps. (Collect in plastic container, tape shut, label "SHARPS" and put in trash)
NO Regular household trash. (It goes in the green cart)

Other _____



Town of East Hartford

Oh no!!!

Su reciclaje necesita mejorar.

Los siguientes artículos no son aceptables (revisar abajo). Debe retirarlos del carrito de reciclaje antes de que sean recogidos. Por favor llame al Oficial de Reciclaje al (860) 291-7332 para conversar sobre este asunto.

No ponga estos artículos en su carrito azul de reciclaje

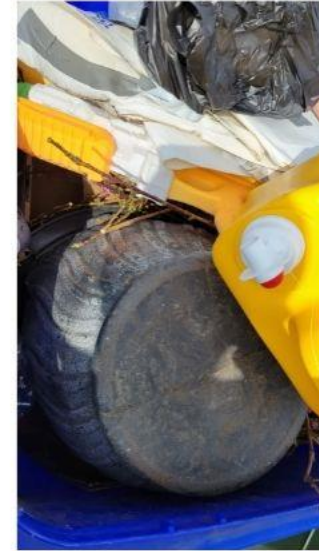
NO Pintura, aceite de motor o anticongelante (Deséchelo GRATIS en la estación de transferencia)
NO Productos químicos domésticos (Deséchelo GRATIS. Consulte los días de eliminación de residuos peligrosos)
NO Bolsas de plástico de ningún tipo. NO reciclar en bolsas de plástico. Coloque sus materiales sueltos en el carrito azul.
NO Juguetes de plástico, contenedores de almacenamiento, baldes de 5 galones, etc.
NO Plásticos negros de ningún tipo: bandejas de comida, bolsas, etc. (Bótelos en el carrito verde)
NO Desechos voluminosos de ningún tipo (Se requiere un permiso para desechar objetos voluminosos)
NO Escombros de construcción (Se requiere agendar un transporte privado. Se aplican tarifas en el vertedero)
NO Ramas de árboles ni arbustos (Se requiere un permiso para desechar objetos voluminosos)
NO Hojas de plantas o árboles (Entréguelos GRATIS en la estación de transferencia en bolsas de papel o sueltas)
NO Espuma de poliestireno de ningún tipo: cajas de huevos, material de embalaje (Bótelos en el carrito verde)
NO Objetos electrónicos: nada con cables (Deséchelo GRATIS en la estación de transferencia)
NO Papel triturado (Bótelos en el carrito verde)
NO cosas que se enreden: mangueras, luces navideñas, cuerdas, alambres, cordones (Bótelos en el carrito verde)
NO agujas/objetos punzantes. (Colóquelos en recipiente de plástico, ciérrrelo con cinta adhesiva, etiquételo "PUNZOCORTANTES" y tírelos a la basura)
NO Basura doméstica regular. Va en el carro verde

Other _____

Cart confiscation procedures (DRAFT)

The DPW will confiscate the blue carts in extreme situations, regarding serious infractions and repeated offenses of this protocol.

1. If a resident receives three "Oops" red tags it will be considered repeated offenses.
2. A second written warning will be sent to the owner and/or tenant notifying the confiscation of blue and refuse carts for a period of ninety (90) days.
3. In this event the owner and/or tenant will have to manage the disposal of their waste with a private hauler duly authorized by the Town.
4. Following the three-month period, a resident may request to have a recycling cart re-delivered.
5. If the homeowner or tenant requests the confiscated carts back, the resident must then: Take a new class. Once the class is completed, they must; Pay the reinstatement fee of the blue bin. That fee is fifty dollars (\$50).





THANK YOU!

**Cesar Zapata
Solid Waste Official
Town of East Hartford
Office 860-291-7332
czapata@easthartfordct.gov**

Borough of Naugatuck, CT

Borough of Naugatuck

- Recycling Enforcement
- Speaker: James Stewart PE & LS
Director of Public Works



Borough of Naugatuck, CT

Background

- Population: 31.2k residents
- Number of Households: 12,000
- Collection from 9,500 Households
- 9,200 tons trash
- 2,200 tons recycling
- Contracted Hauler: USA Hauling & Recycling
 - 1-4 Family Homes
 - Residents provided with one 96 gallon trash Cart, No Items out side of cart are collected and one 96 gallon Recycling Cart.
 - No bulk pick up and fees for transfer station
 - No active recycling coordinator

Borough of Naugatuck, CT

Board of Mayor and Burgesses - **Issues Identified with recycling:**

- Increased rates of Recycling Contamination
- 15% Contamination -Rejected recycling loads
- Costs associated with contaminated and rejected loads of recycling
- Recycling Education
- Residents constant requests of additional recycling bins to dispose of non-recyclable waste

Borough of Naugatuck, CT

Identified Opportunities

- Revise the current Municipal Trash & Recycling Policy for Waste Collection
- Increase of fees- Maintain \$0 cost Recycling carts
- Encourage and educate residents on how to recycle
- Enforcement and Penalties

Borough of Naugatuck, CT

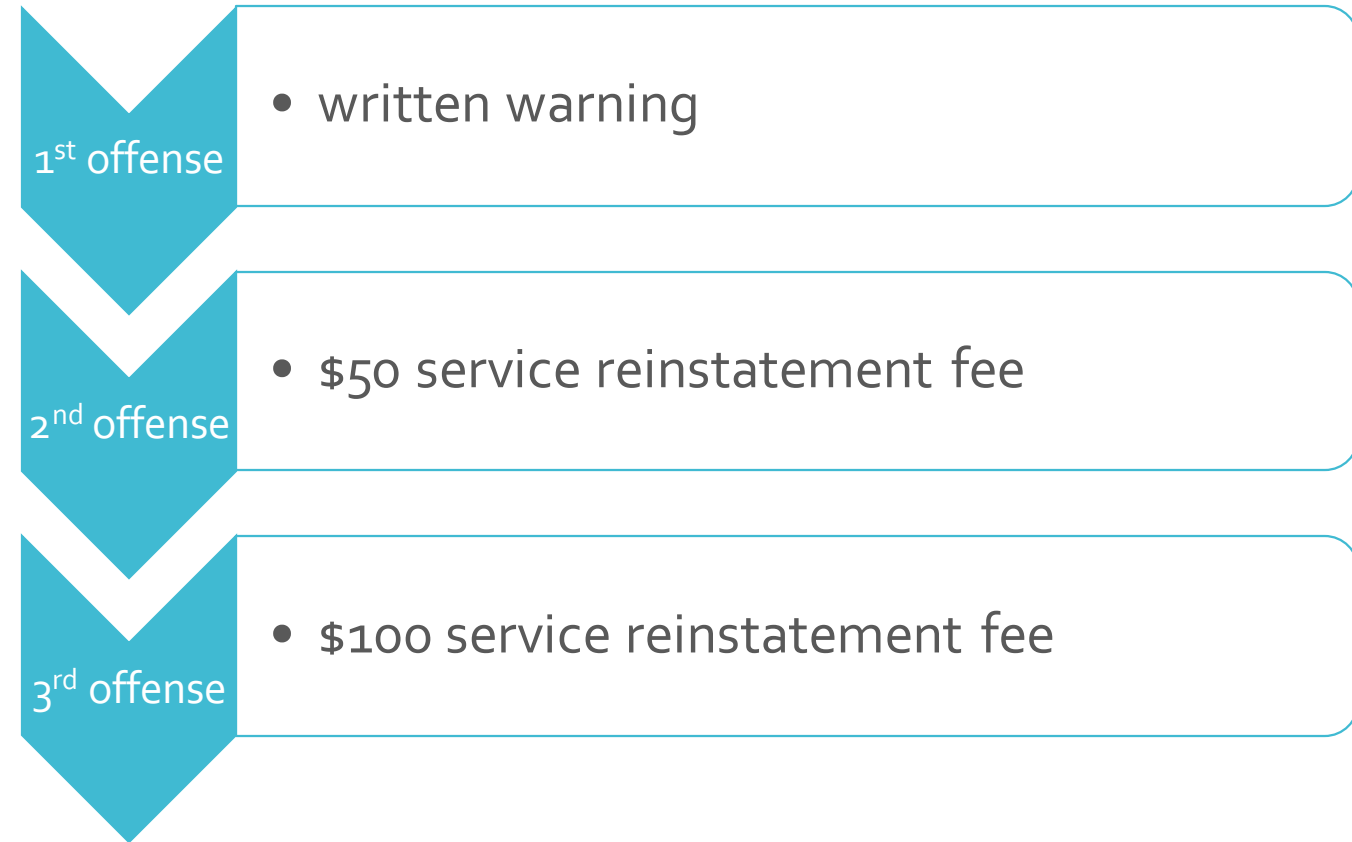
Board of Mayor and Burgesses – List of Actions taken:

- Replacement/Additional of Waste Cart from \$60 and \$70
- Annual Service fee for additional Trash Cart \$150 to \$175
 - Currently 40 subscribers
- Replacement of Recycling Bin is Free
- Additional Recycling Cart is Free
 - Following a recycling inspection by USA
- Increased Enforcement

Borough of
Naugatuck, CT

“How does it
Work?”

Enforcement and Penalties: Three-Tier Penalty for Violations



Borough of Naugatuck, CT

“How does it
Work?”

How it works

- USA provide weekly list of list of trash and recycling Issues
- DPW Sends out letters and notices ~10/month
- 5-10% of recipients call the office
 - “I know how to recycle”
 - “I pay my taxes”
 - “It was not my cart”
 - “I didn’t put that in the cart”
 - “Where is the proof?”

Borough of Naugatuck, CT

What is the Borough of Naugatuck doing to help residents to recycle appropriately?

- Attaching the **“Dos and Don’ts”** with letters send out to residents
- Offering drop-off at the Transfer Station for certain items
- Promoting “Recycle CT” as an educational recycling resource

Borough of Naugatuck, CT

What **not** to put in your recycling bin

For a complete YES & NO list of what can be recycled, visit usarecycle.com/single-stream-recycling

800.998.2984 | USARECYCLE.COM



PLASTIC BAGS



BAGGED MATERIALS



HOSES/WIRES



SYRINGES



FOOD WASTE



HAZARDOUS MATERIALS



STYROFOAM



SHREDDED PAPER



LIGHT BULBS



POTS, PANS, SCRAP METAL



DISHES



ELECTRONICS

Town of Ellington

Town of Ellington

- Recycling Enforcement
- Speaker: Sam Saunders

Recycling & Refuse Coordinator



Recycling Enforcement

Ellington Connecticut

- 17,000 Residents
- 5,200 Curbside service
- Disposal costs included in taxes (2021)
- All American Waste (2008)
- Bulky waste
- Transfer station
- Recycle monitoring (2021)



Recycle Monitoring

Obstacles

- “Go”
- Program awareness
- Route schedule
- Route timing
- Cart records
- Communication
- Director retired
- Limited hours

Process

- Postcards
- Warning tags
- Document contamination
- Recheck contaminators
- Public outreach
- Increase communication
- Additional disposal options

TOWN OF ELLINGTON
2022 TRASH & RECYCLING
COLLECTION CALENDAR

Town of Ellington
 Department of Public Works
 21 Main Street
 P.O. Box 157
 Ellington, CT 06029

PRESENTED BY
 US POSTAGE
 PERMIT NO. 2282

ATTENTION
 The Public Works Department will be conducting outside cart inspections. These inspections will help increase the quantity and quality of our recycling.

Search for recyclable items by visiting our town website www.ellington-ct.gov/recycle or download the RecycleCT app.

Google Play  Apple Store 

Visit us at www.ellington-ct.gov/alerts to sign up for the latest news, alerts, and monthly newsletters.

TOWN OF ELLINGTON
2022 TRASH & RECYCLING
COLLECTION CALENDAR

Recyclables are collected every other week. Shaded Weeks = Pickup Weeks

Common Recycling Contaminants
 • Plastic bags • Plastic wrap • Shredded paper
 • Bubble wrap • Styrofoam • Packing peanuts
 • Petst Bags • Flower pots • Mailer envelope

Bagged recyclables go straight to the landfill. Please empty recyclables from plastic bags and dispose bag in trash.

Before You Call Bulky Waste – Consider Donating
 Donate clothing, furniture, appliances, and other household goods. Some charitable organizations offer free pickup.

Bulky Waste – Call 860-289-7850
 • Furniture • Bathroom fixtures
 • Appliances • Tires and rims
 • Scrap (small) quantities and bundles
 • Carpeting (small quantities and bundles)

Construction Waste – Call Vender
 Demolition, construction and debris should be removed through a contracted dumpster from a vendor of your choice.

Household Hazardous Waste – Call 860-955-9210

Electronics & Textiles – Town Garage
 21 Main Street, Ellington

Yard Waste – Brush Center (seasonal)
 Located on Hoffman Road across from Franke Lane.

Questions? – Call the Public Works Department at (860) 870-3140

• one-day delay in pickup (New Year's Day, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas Day)
 *When a holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday, there is no delay in collection.
 All items must be placed outside by 6:00 am on pick-up day for outside collection.

Check Date	P/U Day	Street#	Street	Full Address	2 Bins?	Tag	Warnings	Service Not Performed	Item Category	Item Detail	Photo Link	
160	2/2/2022	Wed	7	Greenwich St	160 Greenwich St	N	Warning	1	0	Plastic	Plastic Bag	
161	2/2/2022	Wed	5	Greenwich St	161 Greenwich St	N	Warning	1	0	Trash	Trash, Signs, FB	
162	2/2/2022	Wed	8	Greenwich St	162 Greenwich St	Y	Warning	1	1	Trash	Trash, Signs, FB	
163	2/2/2022	Wed	3	Willingham Cir	163 Willingham Cir	Y	Warning	2	0	Plastic	Plastic Bag	
164	2/2/2022	Wed	1	Ryder Dr	164 Ryder Dr	N	Warning	1	0	Plastic	Plastic Bag	
165	2/2/2022	Wed	3	Ryder Dr	165 Ryder Dr	N	Warning	1	0	Plastic	Plastic Bag	
166	2/2/2022	Wed	6	Ryder Dr	166 Ryder Dr	Y	Warning	1	0	Trash	Trash	
167	2/2/2022	Wed	15	Ryder Dr	167 Ryder Dr	N	Warning	1	0	Trash	Signs	
168	2/2/2022	Wed	19	Ryder Dr	168 Ryder Dr	N	Warning	1	0	Trash	Trash	
169	2/3/2022	Thur	40	Willingham Cir	169 Willingham Cir	N	Service Not Performed	2	1	Plastic	Plastic Bag	50 Photos on 1-3-2022 (Plastic Bag)
170	2/3/2022	Thur	41	Willingham Cir	170 Willingham Cir	Y	Service Not Performed	1	2	Plastic	Plastic Bag	51 Photos on 1-3-2022 (Plastic Bag)
171	2/3/2022	Thur	43	Willingham Cir	171 Willingham Cir	Y	Service Not Performed	2	2	Plastic	Plastic Bag	52 Photos on 1-3-2022 (Plastic Bag)
172	2/3/2022	Thur	39	Willingham Cir	172 Willingham Cir	N	Service Not Performed	1	2	Plastic	Plastic Bag	53 Photos on 1-3-2022 (Plastic Bag)
173	2/3/2022	Thur	7	Willingham Cir	173 Willingham Cir	N	Service Not Performed	1	3	Plastic	Plastic Bag	54 Photos on 1-3-2022 (Plastic Bag)
174	2/3/2022	Thur	6	Willingham Cir	174 Willingham Cir	N	Warning	1	1	Plastic	Plastic Bag/Trash	
175	2/3/2022	Thur	8	Willingham Cir	175 Willingham Cir	N	Warning	1	1	Plastic	Plastic Bag	
176	2/3/2022	Thur	12	Willingham Cir	176 Willingham Cir	N	Warning	1	1	Plastic	Plastic Bag	
177	2/3/2022	Thur	40	Willingham Cir	177 Willingham Cir	N	Warning	2	4	Plastic	Plastic Bag	
178	2/3/2022	Thur	33	Willingham Cir	178 Willingham Cir	N	Warning	1	0	Plastic	Plastic Bag	
179	2/3/2022	Thur	14	Willingham Cir	179 Willingham Cir	N	Warning	1	1	Plastic	Plastic Bag-Mailer	
180	2/3/2022	Thur	9	Willingham Cir	180 Willingham Cir	Y	Warning	1	0	Plastic	Plastic Bag-Tyro	
181	2/3/2022	Thur	11	Willingham Cir	181 Willingham Cir	N	Warning	1	0	Plastic	Plastic Bag	
182	2/3/2022	Thur	28	Willingham Cir	182 Willingham Cir	N	Warning	1	0	Plastic	Plastic Bag	
183	2/3/2022	Thur	25	Willingham Cir	183 Willingham Cir	N	Warning	1	0	Plastic	Plastic Bag	
184	2/3/2022	Thur	29	Willingham Cir	184 Willingham Cir	N	Warning	1	0	Plastic	Plastic Bag	
185	2/3/2022	Thur	24	Willingham Cir	185 Willingham Cir	N	Warning	1	1	Plastic	Plastic Bag	
186	2/3/2022	Thur	26	Willingham Cir	186 Willingham Cir	N	Warning	1	0	Plastic	Plastic Bag	
187	2/3/2022	Thur	23	Willingham Cir	187 Willingham Cir	N	Warning	1	0	Plastic	Plastic Bag	
188	2/3/2022	Thur	6	Willingham Cir	188 Willingham Cir	Y	Warning	1	0	Plastic	Plastic Bag	
189	2/3/2022	Thur	48	Willingham Cir	189 Willingham Cir	N	Warning	1	0	Plastic	Plastic Bag	
190	2/3/2022	Thur	3	Willingham Cir	190 Willingham Cir	N	Warning	1	1	Plastic	Plastic Bag	
191	2/3/2022	Thur	8	Willingham Cir	191 Willingham Cir	N	Warning	1	0	Trash	Trash	
192	2/3/2022	Thur	15	Willingham Cir	192 Willingham Cir	N	Warning	1	0	Plastic	Mailer	
193	2/3/2022	Thur	31	Willingham Cir	193 Willingham Cir	Y	Warning	1	0	Plastic	Mailer	
194	2/3/2022	Thur	19	Willingham Cir	194 Willingham Cir	N	Warning	1	0	Plastic	Plastic Bag	
195	2/3/2022	Thur	28	Willingham Cir	195 Willingham Cir	N	Warning	2	0	Plastic	Plastic Bag	
196	2/3/2022	Thur	30	Willingham Cir	196 Willingham Cir	Y	Warning	1	2	Trash	Signs	
197	2/4/2022	Fri	7	Willingham Cir	197 Willingham Cir	Y	Service Not Performed	1	1	Plastic	Plastic Bag	7 Photos on 2-4-2022 (Plastic Bag)
198	2/4/2022	Fri	16	Willingham Cir	198 Willingham Cir	N	Service Not Performed	1	1	Plastic	Plastic Bag	16 Photos on 2-4-2022 (Plastic Bag)
199	2/4/2022	Fri	32	Willingham Cir	199 Willingham Cir	N	Service Not Performed	1	1	Plastic	Plastic Bag	25 Photos on 2-4-2022 (Plastic Bag)
200	2/4/2022	Fri	14	Willingham Cir	200 Willingham Cir	N	Service Not Performed	1	1	Plastic	Plastic Bag	14 Photos on 2-4-2022 (Plastic Bag)
201	2/10/2022	Mon	24	Willingham Cir	201 Willingham Cir	N	Warning	1	1	Plastic	Plastic Bag	32 Photos on 2-10-2022 (Plastic Bag)
202	2/10/2022	Mon	51	Willingham Cir	202 Willingham Cir	Y	Warning	2	1	Plastic	Plastic Bag	51 Photos on 2-10-2022 (Plastic Bag)
203	2/14/2022	Mon	20	Willingham Cir	203 Willingham Cir	N	Service Not Performed	0	1	Trash	Signs	22 Photos on 2-14-2022 (Trash)
204	2/14/2022	Mon	36	Willingham Cir	204 Willingham Cir	N	Service Not Performed	0	1	Plastic	Plastic Bag	16 Photos on 2-14-2022 (Plastic Bag)

Cart Inspection

- 20% of carts were contaminated
- 80% of contamination was plastic packaging/bag
- 47% of additional carts contaminated
- 40 undocumented recycling carts
- Altered and unauthorized carts
- Non-Ellington addresses
- Warning tags have a 78% success rate

ATTENTION!

The blue cart is for recyclable items only. Unacceptable recyclables in this cart could result in suspended service.

Unacceptable Recyclable Categories:

- **Plastic/Polybag Bag:** Made of a thin flexible plastic film. Unacceptable plastic bags include trash bags, produce bags, newspaper bags, and bags with recyclables inside.
- **Plastic Film/Wrap:** Flexible plastic used to secure and protect items. Commonly used to secure bottles, cans, paper towels, toilet paper, and food packaging.
- **Polystyrene/Styrofoam:** Often used for protective packaging, take-out food containers, and insulation.
- **Construction and Demolition Debris:** Waste generated during the construction, renovation, and demolition. Wood, metal, roofing, drywall, landscape, etc.
- **Household Waste:** Waste generated in a household that cannot be recycled. Commonly referred to as trash.
- **Textiles:** Any kind of woven, knitted, knotted, tufted cloth, or a non-woven fabric. Commonly used in towels, furnishing, window shades, table covers, bedsheets, stuffed animals, and cleaning devices.
- **Recyclable Labeling:** Not all items labeled "Recyclable" are accepted in curbside recycling. Most misunderstood items include plastic mailer envelopes, pellet bags, and shipping insulation.
- **Compostable and Biodegradable Labeling:** These items are not accepted in curbside recycling.

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COMMON SOURCE

Mail Delivery and Item Packaging

Pellet Bags	Plastic Straps	Packing Peanuts
Air Pillows	Shrink Film	Plastic Can Packaging
Cling Film	Coffee Cups	Plastic Food Packaging
Styrofoam	Foam Wrap	Plastic Packaging Film
Foam	Dry Ice Bags	Plastic Mailer Envelopes
Gel Packs	Bubble Wrap	Plastic Bottle Packaging

Around the House

Wax Paper	Appliances	Broken Glass
Batteries	Light Bulbs	Tissue Paper
Gift Bags	Electronics	Wrapping Paper
Ceramics	Kitchenware	Shredded Paper
Mirrors	Plastic Bags	Toxic Fluid Containers
Textiles	Coat Hangers	Non-Food Aerosol Cans

Around the Yard

Blocks	Tarps	Gardening Tools
Bricks	Scrap Wood	Plastic Buckets
Rocks	Scrap Metal	Plastic Pots
Hoses	Yard Waste	Yard Machines

Construction and Demolition Debris

ABS	Siding	Foam Padding
CPVC	Roofing	Scrap Metal
PEX	Insulation	Scrap Wood
PVC	Paint Cans	Sheetrock
Asphalt	Fiberglass	Flooring/Carpet
Concrete	Plaster	Wallboard
Drywall	Porcelain	Wire Mesh

Questioning if it can be recycled?
Visit www.ellington-ct.gov/recycle and type in the item!



Contact us
recycle@ellington-ct.gov
860-870-3140



REJECTED

Drop-Off Recycling Center

- Cardboard
- Batteries
- E-Waste
- Fluorescent bulbs
- Waste Oil
- Textiles
- Propane tanks
- Appliances
- Scrap metal
- Mattresses
- Paint (coming soon)

Discussion or Questions

Cesar Zapata

Solid Waste Official

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Refuse & Recycling Coordinator

Ellington



Public Comments

- Please post questions in the chat box or raise your hand to request to comment.

Save the Date

- Next IRRWG meeting **January 10, 2023**
- Topic – Presentations and Discussion on School Cafeterias Programs

Additional ways to stay informed

- Sign up for **CCSMM updates** [HERE](#).
- Participate in **Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) meetings**:
 - SWAC meeting agendas & materials are posted [HERE](#)
 - Instructions for self-subscription to the SWAC email listserv are posted [HERE](#)
- Municipal representatives should sign up for the **CTRecyclers listserve** and the **CT Municipal Recycling Coordinator Newsletter**
 - Contact sherill.baldwin@ct.gov for more details

Increased Reuse and Recycling Working Group

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