

# CCSMM: Increased Recycling Working Group

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**CCSMM**

# CCSMM Housekeeping

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- Non-municipal participants: Please share your questions, comments & ideas through the ZOOM Chat feature. There will also be opportunity for public comment at the end of the meeting.
- Feedback can also be sent by email to: [DEEP.RecyclingProgram@ct.gov](mailto:DEEP.RecyclingProgram@ct.gov)

# Today's Agenda

- **Welcome and Introductory Remarks**
  - Co-Chairs: Ben Florsheim and Denise Raap
- **Miniature Liquor Bottles – P.A. 21-58**
  - Chris Nelson, CT DEEP
  - Rep. Joseph Gresko
- **Hear from Municipalities**
  - Dwight Ryniewicz, Vernon
  - Laura Francis, Durham
  - Kim O'Rourke, Middletown
- **Discussion/Questions**
- **A Poll for Future Topics**
- **Public Comment**
- **Closing Remarks**

# Bottle Bill Updates :

## \$0.05 Fee on "Miniatures"

### Overview

- Effective Oct. 1, 2021
- Wholesalers must assess a \$0.05 fee on all miniature alcohol bottles sold to retailers
- Revenues from the \$0.05 fee are disbursed by the Wine & Spirits Wholesalers of CT (WSWC) on behalf of wholesalers to municipalities each April and October (starting April 2022)

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### **A reminder:**

- Miniatures are not part of the deposit redemption system
- No state involvement aside from receiving semiannual report from wholesalers/WSWC

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### Initial payments

- Summary of payments made to municipalities by WSWC for the first 6-month period can be found online at:

[https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/DEEP/reduce\\_reuse\\_recycle/bottles/WSWC\\_payments\\_to\\_towns\\_for\\_minis\\_Oct21\\_Mar22.pdf](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/DEEP/reduce_reuse_recycle/bottles/WSWC_payments_to_towns_for_minis_Oct21_Mar22.pdf)

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- **How can these funds be used by municipalities?**
  - Public Act 21-58 specifies that "All payments received by any municipality... shall be expended by such municipality on environmental measures intended to reduce the generation of solid waste in such municipality or reduce the impact of litter caused by such solid waste, including, but not limited to, the hiring of a recycling coordinator, the installation of storm drain filters designed to block solid waste and beverage container debris or the purchase of mechanical street sweeper, vacuum or broom that removes litter, including, but not limited to, such beverage containers and other debris from streets, sidewalks and abutting lawn and turf areas."

## Discussion or Questions

- What are other municipalities doing or plan to do with the funds?



Poll – seeking  
input for future  
"Increase  
Recycling  
Working  
Group" topics

- Zero Waste Communities
- Reusables/Washables
- Schools - 3Rs
- Schools – Cafeteria Waste
- Business/Commercial - 3R1Cs
- Textiles/Fast Fashion

# Public Comments

- Attendees can post questions in the chat box or raise hand to request to speak.

## 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](mailto:sherill.baldwin@ct.gov) for more details

Thank you!

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Working Group Members

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