



# Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection



# Recycling Enforcement Initiative (REI) Update – Compliance Assistance / Outreach Efforts

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# Multi-Tenant Housing (MTH)

- DEEP has been working with property owners & managers and haulers to address a lack of recycling at MTH buildings & complexes
- An increased level of compliance noted in 2017 for this sector, but further improvement still needed



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- What is parallel or “equal” collection of recyclables? What is sufficient? This is not always a clear-cut answer...
- Many factors to consider, including:
  - Number of recycling bins provided
  - Size of those recycling bins
  - Location of those recycling bins
  - Frequency of collection of those recycling bins



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- **Bottom Line** – If more than an inadvertent amount of recyclables is ending up in the trash bins at MTHs, there's a good chance that program is not sufficient to comply with the law
- DEEP currently developing/revising guidance materials for property owners & managers to help them develop better recycling programs for their residents.



# Gas Stations / Mini-Marts

- DEEP reached out to this sector in 2012 after requirements of P.A. 10-87 were codified in the CT General Statutes, but it's clear that further outreach is still needed in this sector.
- Often seen: No recycling in stores or between gas pump islands. If any recycling at all, maybe a cardboard-only bin located in the back of the premises.
- DEEP also working on outreach materials for this sector.



# Municipal Properties

- In parallel with recent DEEP outreach to municipalities regarding their obligations pursuant to the Comprehensive Materials Management Strategy (CMMS), DEEP will once again be reminding munis of their legal requirements to provide for recycling at all municipal buildings, all school buildings and town-owned or controlled public spaces.

