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Connecticut --- TIRE STEWARDSHIP

A New Approach to End-of-Life Tire Management

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A New Future for Connecticut's Tires: Powering the Circular Economy

- Hundreds of thousands of tires reach the end of their useful life in Connecticut each year.
- Improper disposal can lead to illegal dumping, fire risk, mosquito breeding, and costly cleanups, often paid for by municipalities.
- Those same tires are a valuable resource at the center of a thriving and profitable economic ecosystem: they can be retreaded, become roads that improve a state's infrastructure, be remade into tire-derived aggregate, and everyday commercial products like mats, garbage cans, flooring tiles, automotive parts, and more.
- **Connecticut passed** the first extended producer responsibility law for tires.
(2023 with amendments in 2024)

What is CTS?

Connecticut Tire Stewardship (CTS) is a nonprofit organization created in response to the state law and is an approved Tire Stewardship Organization by DEEP.

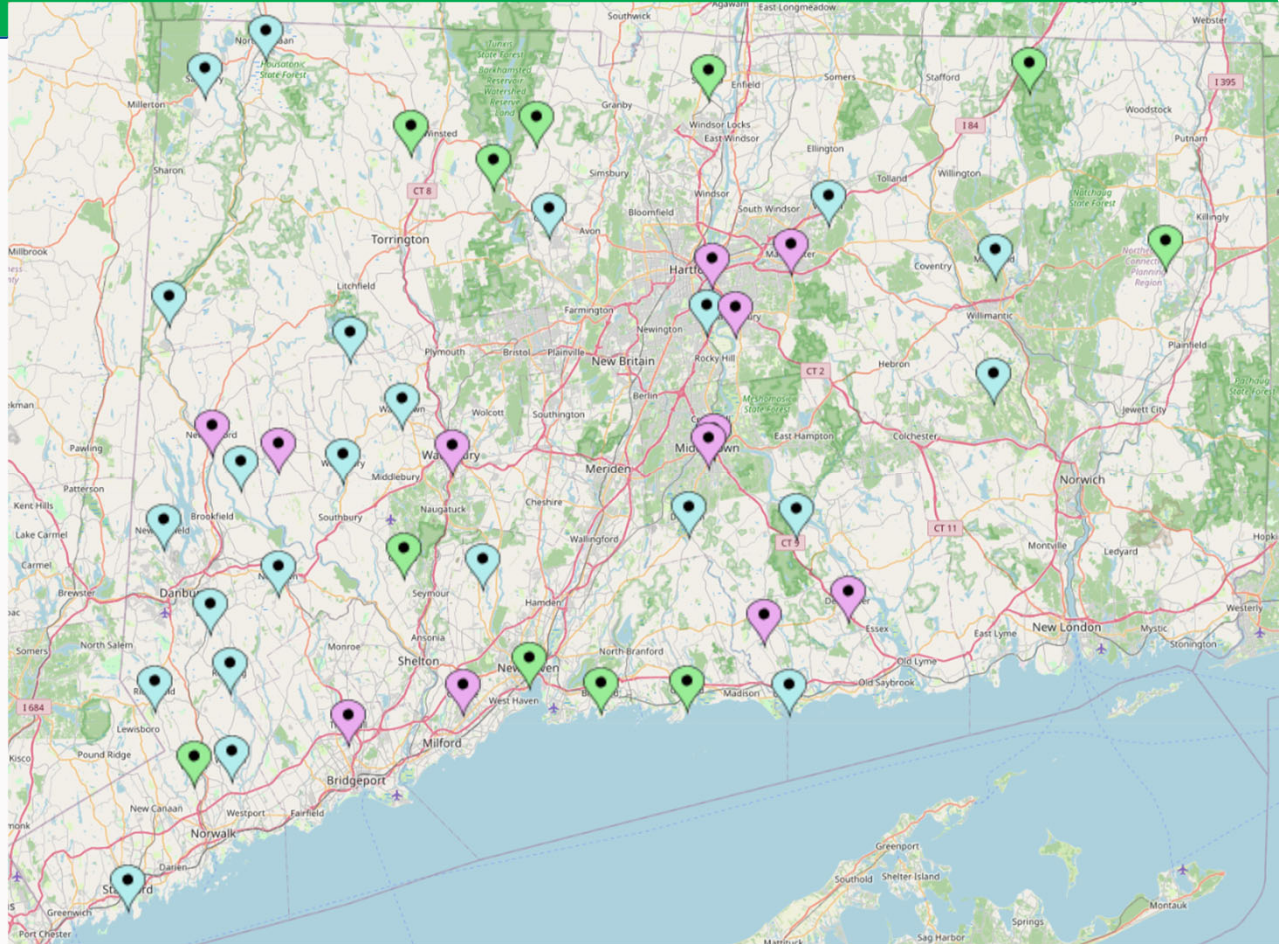
- **Plan approved:** September 22, 2025 ([LINK](#))
- **Program launch:** March 21, 2026 (**CTS is 3 months into our program**)

CTS is creating a system for CT Residents to have free disposal options for their tires. CTS covers the cost of collection/disposal/recycling and works to improve outcomes statewide.

Collection Network

For Municipal Transfer Stations:

- **23** Active Collection Sites
- **7** Receiving Hauler Assignment this week
- **3** Ready for next Assignment round
- **11** Finalizing their Agreement or Registration



Municipal Registration- Steps

- **Enrollment:** Enrollment portal for registering a site and is used for correctly tracking collected tires/tonnage (via RLG Gateway and ReverseFlow) and compensating our Haulers and Processors. **by Transfer Station management**
- **Agreement:** CTS requires Covered Entities sign an agreement to join the program, outlining requirements and obligations. **by Town Manager/Town Board/DPW/City Procurement**
- Hauling Assignment, CTS notifies sites of their onboarding in the program and how to request a collection.
- Reminder- Tires are an existing disposal market with a complex network of collections, value perception based on quality/type and CTS is not seeking to ideally not disrupt the market.

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- **Did the retailer bill delay the program?**

Benefits for Municipalities

- Reduces municipal costs for tire collection, hauling, and disposal, freeing up budgets for other priorities.
- Reduces staff time spent on logistics while improving service for residents.
- Expands free, convenient disposal options that reduce dumping incentives and improve site management.
- Improves recycling outcomes and reduces public health and environmental risks from improperly handled tires.
- Provides outreach materials and statewide reporting data to support local education, planning, and enforcement efforts. Including collection of illegal dumping occurrence details.

Q&A



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This program represents a major step forward for Connecticut's communities. Realizing its full potential will depend on your partnership, and your willingness to speak up in support when the time comes.

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For direct link and materials to enroll and review our agreement