

The Sustainable Materials Management Grant Program

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Grant funds and technical assistance available to help municipalities and regional waste authorities initiate and scale up Unit-Based Pricing (UBP) and/ or food scrap collection programs, pursuant to Public Act, Spec. Sess., June 2021, No. 21-2, § 308.

Waste Crisis in CT & across the Region

- CT and the New England region are running out of cost-effective options for getting rid of our waste.
- CT's policy is self-reliance - trying to rely on our own ability to manage our trash and not ship it out-of-state.
- **Disposal costs are increasing.**
- 41% of what residents throw away is organic material—e.g., food scraps, and yard waste—that can be composted, converted to energy through anaerobic digestion or processed into animal feed.
- Food scraps alone represent 22% of residential trash

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Background

- 55 “Expressions of Interest” received
 - 31 UBP + food scrap collection programs
 - 16 FS-only programs (transfer station drop-off or curbside collection)
- **35 applicants invited to Phase 2 (to apply for funding)**
 - 18 CT cities and towns notified of funding decision
 - 3 regional groups notified of funding decision

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First Awardees

Grants have been approved by DEEP for the following towns and regional groups: Ansonia, Bethany, Deep River, Guilford, Madison, Meriden, Middletown, Newtown, Seymour, Stonington, Rocky Hill, West Hartford, West Haven, Woodbridge, and Woodbury.

South Central Regional Council of Governments (SCRCOG)

Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments (NVCOG)

Housatonic Resources Regional Authority (HRRA)

- Curbside Food Scrap **Co-Collection** w/ Unit-Based Pricing
- Curbside Food Scrap **Separate Collection** w/ Unit-Based Pricing
- Transfer Station Drop-Off Food Scrap Collection w/ Unit-Based Pricing
- Transfer Station or Curbside Food Scrap Collection Only

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Pilot Overview

- Residents will receive free bags for trash and free bags for food scraps and can buy more if needed.
- Co- Collection Program:
 - The food scraps will be bagged separately from trash and put in the same bin that you use for trash now
 - The two types of bags will be collected on the same day you usually have trash pick-up
- Separate Collection or Transfer Station Program:
 - The food scraps will be bagged separately from trash and put in a different bin for curbside collection or placed in a food-scrap-only bin at the transfer station
 - Residents will be asked to only use the provided trash bags to encourage folks to consider what they are disposing of
- There will be no additional costs to the town during this pilot. It is expected that the pilot will result in cost savings.
- Data collected will help evaluate effectiveness of the program.

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COG/ Regional Support

- Provide education, administration and outreach support for grantee towns within the region/ authority
- Work to prepare towns not currently awarded to consider these efforts for the future
- Meet with stakeholders to provide additional support for the pilots
- Help with applying, planning, reporting and data collection

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Program Flyer

**WEST HAVEN'S
CURBSIDE TRASH AND FOOD SCRAP
PILOT PROGRAM BEGINS
NOVEMBER 7TH**

Get your **FREE orange** and **green** bags:

 **Trash** Sat 10/29-Sun 11/6, 8am-8pm
FamilyDollar, ShopRite, Stop & Shop

 **Food Scraps** Thu 11/3-Sun 11/6, 8am-8pm
Nazar Hala Meat Market, Greatway Food Store

Check your mail for 2 **FREE** bags and more information about the program!

Put your trash in the **orange bag**

Put all your food scraps in the **green bag**: fruits, veggies, bread, grains, pasta, meat, coffee grounds, uneaten leftovers, and more!

Learn more about the program
ReduceTheTrashCT.com/WestHaven
OR scan the QR Code



Questions?

Please email DEEP.RecyclingProgram@ct.gov with questions or for more information.