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Gas Station and Convenience Store Recycling and Food Scrap Compliance Assistance Project

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Project Goals

- Confirm waste haulers are providing for the collection of designated recyclable materials and that these services are documented in waste contracts between the hauler and the gas station or convenience store
- Assure gas stations and convenience stores are providing receptacles for the collection of designated recyclable materials
- Provide gas stations and convenience stores with both staff and consumer-facing materials and resources to support or develop recycling programs and;
- Expand or develop opportunities for reduction of wasted food, soon-to-expire food and food scrap collection to remove this material from the waste stream and towards the next best-use.





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Applicable Recycling Laws

The ultimate goal of this project is to assure that all gas stations and convenience stores in the state come into compliance with the following recycling laws/ regulations:

- **Connecticut's Recycling Law (Sections 22a-220(f), 22a-229, 22a-241b of the Connecticut General Statutes)**
- **CT Gen Stat § 22a-241l**
- **PA 10-87 Sec. 22a-241b.**
- **PA 10-87 Sec. 22a-241k.**



Applicable Recycling Laws

- **Sec. 22a-241b. Regulations designating items required to be recycled. Separation of items designated for recycling. Prohibition on combining previously segregated designated recyclable items.**
- (d) Every person who generates solid waste from a property other than a residential property shall, in accordance with subsection (f) of section 22a-220, make provision for and cause the separation from other solid waste of the items designated for recycling pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this section through the use of one or more collection containers for designated recyclable items that are separate from the collection containers for other solid waste.



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Educational Materials and Support

- Factsheet for owners/ managers of gas stations/ convenience stores reminding them of their requirements and sharing best practices
- Recycling bins with separate liquid containment for bottles and cans
- Customizable signage for recycling bins – ideally multi-lingual and picture-based
- Twinning the bin in multiple locations per site
- Training on food waste and soon-to-expire food handling best practices and food donation laws



Educational Materials and Support

- Advise on food scrap collection and hauling options
- Webinars to train managers and staff
- Waste bin audits
- "Award" or celebratory signage to share the successes of the program, whether online or at the store
- Update to DEEP's business recycling webpages
- Review of waste contracts



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