

# Connecticut Business Recycling Assistance Update

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# Free Waste Assistance for Connecticut Businesses

CET is under contract with the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) to provide business recycling assistance

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CET provides waste reduction solutions for Connecticut businesses.

**Save Money | Make Your Business More Sustainable | Receive Free Personalized Support**

CET provides comprehensive recycling assistance to Connecticut businesses.

Find resources specific to wasted food [here](#).

**Easy, Practical Solutions**

Consult with an expert at no cost to you



**Greenwich Food Matters Challenge | A Collaboration Between Waste Free Greenwich and CET.**

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## Sustainable Partners | Connecticut Recycling Assistance

### NEW: Sustainable Partners Web Page:

# Sustainable Partners | Connecticut Recycling Assistance - Center for EcoTechnology

[www.centerforecotechnology.com/ctsustainablepartners/](http://www.centerforecotechnology.com/ctsustainablepartners/)

### Newsletter or Website Content

Are you looking for ways to save money, improve employee job satisfaction, and integrate sustainable practices into your business? The Center for EcoTechnology (CET) is here to help! With support from Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, CET offers easy, practical solutions to businesses and institutions across Connecticut at no-cost. With this support, a CET waste reduction expert will meet with you and provide custom recommendations to help you identify more



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**No-Cost Waste Assistance for CT Businesses**

Sign up to have a CET expert provide on-the-spot, no-cost waste assessments and identify opportunities for improved recycling, solutions to surplus food and loss, and deconstruction resources.

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## Success Stories and Resources to Share

# NEW: Business Spotlight – Kneads Bakery

## Kneads Bakery, Café, and Mill's Perfect Recipe for Waste Reduction

Right off Interstate 95, moments from the Saugatuck River, in Westport, Connecticut, sits [Kneads Bakery, Café, and Mill](#). Kneads is all about local ingredients, quality food, and community. They began their own recycling efforts to reduce and divert waste wherever possible, but knew they wanted to do more. [Sustainable Westport](#) connected Kneads with the Center for EcoTechnology (CET) to receive technical assistance, with the goal of creating even more sustainable practices and utilizing donation networks. As a result, the café was able to partner with a local food bank and divert 90 lbs of food waste weekly from disposal.



Photo courtesy of Kneads Bakery, Café, and Mill

- [Case study document](#)
- [Video](#)



# Helpful Connecticut Resources



This food waste reduction guidance document is part of a series aimed at helping commercial food service providers in Connecticut – e.g. restaurants, hotels, corporate cafeterias, and institutions – reduce the volume of organic waste they send to landfills.

Source reduction (prevention) is the top strategy on the US EPA's Food Recovery Hierarchy. This guidance document provides practical tips and best management practices for implementing reduction strategies in commercial and institutional kitchens. Businesses can optimize their waste management by practicing strategies across the hierarchy. See CTE's corresponding guidance documents on food donation and separating food scraps for animal feed, anaerobic digestion, and composting.



This food waste separation guidance document is part of a series aimed at helping commercial food service providers – e.g. restaurants, hotels, corporate cafeterias, and institutions – reduce the volume of organic waste they send to waste facilities. In Connecticut, the Comprehensive Organic Recycling Law requires covered businesses that generate 25 tons or more per year of source-separated organic materials (SSOM) including food scraps and spoiled food, and are located within 20 miles from an authorized source-separated organic material composting facility to recycle their organics. Guidance within this document can support these entities with establishing an organics recycling program.

There are a number of options for diverting food waste from disposal. All of these strategies are more effective when generators have systems in place for separating out organic material from other wastes.

Prevention should always be the top priority but the most successful diversion programs employ strategies across the hierarchy. See the other tip sheets in this series for guidance on food waste reduction and food donation.



This food rescue guidance document is part of a series aimed at helping commercial food service providers – e.g. restaurants, hotels, corporate cafeterias, and supermarkets – reduce the volume of organic waste they dispose.

The US EPA's Food Recovery Hierarchy ranks feeding hungry people near the top of its priorities as a strategy to reduce wasted food. Businesses and institutions should consider how each strategy on the EPA Hierarchy can contribute to a comprehensive food waste reduction plan.

This document is intended to provide guidance to organizations interested in establishing food donation programs by offering a broad overview of how successful food donation programs should be structured. In order to have a successful food donation program there are four key steps that must be taken:

1. Identify the types and amounts of food to be donated.
2. Identify partner organizations in your area with which to work.
3. Determine packaging, storage, and labeling requirements to ensure food safety.
4. Determine how food will be transported as well as pick-up frequency and quantities.



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Latest resource publication:

## Textile Recycling

[CT-Business-Assistance-Textiles.pdf](#) ([centerforecotechnology.org](http://centerforecotechnology.org))



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### The Complexities and Opportunities of Film Plastics Recycling Across Industries

Certain types of plastic film are generated in large quantities by specific industries. For example, agricultural film, boat shrink wrap, dry cleaning, plastic bags from retailers, and pallet wrap. This type of plastic (plastic film) is a low-density polyethylene

# CT Business Recycling Newsletter





# Thank You

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