



FEES FROM THE SALE OF MINIATURE SPIRITS BOTTLES

Chris Nelson, CT DEEP

FOURTH ROUND OF PAYMENTS SENT OUT TO MUNICIPALITIES (BY END OF OCTOBER)

- As a reminder, municipalities receive \$0.05 per miniature bottle of spirits sold in their town pursuant to P.A. 21-58.

Period	Container Count	Total Fees Paid
Oct 21 – Mar 22	37,599,234	\$1,879,961.70
Apr 22 – Sept 22	46,569,131	\$2,328,456.55
Oct 22 – Mar 23	48,264,561	\$2,413,228.05
Apr 23 – Sept 23	47,297,793	\$2,364,889.65
TOTALS FOR PAST 12 MONTHS	95,562,354	\$4,778,118

MINI COLLECTION IN THOMPSON, CT – OCTOBER 2020 (48,244 CONTAINERS)



Thompson's Nips for Holiday Cheer
Keeping Thompson Green and Growing

Nearly 50,000 nips were collected on Thompson's roads from April to August in this nip "buy-back" program. For each nip collected, ten cents was paid to the participants in the form of gift cards to local establishments. The purpose of the program was to clear our roads of nips, encourage legislation to deal with the issue, and to put Thompson in the hands of participants to be used for holiday gift giving. Originally, the nip collection period was going to wrap up in November. Due to the greater than expected success of the program we ended the collection period in August. Thanks to Neil Patel, owner of Thompson Liquors, Bank Hometown, and Three Tins for Connecticut, Inc. for their generous support of this project.

Organized by Thompson Together, Inc. 1101 Main Street, Thompson, CT 06255

HOW ARE THESE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED?

- Public Act 21-58 specifies that “All payments received by any municipality... **shall be expended by such municipality on environmental measures intended to reduce the generation of solid waste in such municipality or reduce the impact of litter caused by such solid waste,** including, but not limited to, the hiring of a recycling coordinator, the installation of storm drain filters designed to block solid waste and beverage container debris or the purchase of mechanical street sweeper, vacuum or broom that removes litter, including, but not limited to, such beverage containers and other debris from streets, sidewalks and abutting lawn and turf areas.”



RELATED RESOURCES

- Recording from Jan 20, 2023 - [Sustainable CT Coffee Hour: Using the Mini Liquor Bottle Fund to Reduce Waste in your Community](#)
- In the works: **CT Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) survey** to municipalities on how they are using these funds.

PAYMENTS TO MUNICIPALITIES FROM FEES ON MINIATURE ALCOHOL BOTTLES

Payment summaries are posted on this DEEP webpage:

<https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Reduce-Reuse-Recycle/Bottles/Bottle-Bill-Stakeholder-Process>
(Scroll down to the “Payments to Municipalities from Fees on Miniature Alcohol Bottles” section of the page)

- [Payments to towns for 10/01/21-03/31/22](#)
- [Payments to towns for 04/01/22-09/30/22](#)
- [Payments to towns for 10/01/22-03/31/2023](#)
- [Payments to towns for 04/01/23- 09/30/23](#) - **NEW**

CONNECTICUT COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



BACKGROUND

- ▶ Public Act 21-58, Section 10 established a 5¢ surcharge on all miniature alcohol bottles of 50ml or less
 - ▶ The surcharge took effect in October 2021
 - ▶ Wholesalers collect the money and distribute it back to the municipality of sale every April and October
 - ▶ The Public Act is codified in CGS Sec. 22a-244b
-

USES

▶ CGS 22a-244b(d) states that the funds can be spent on environmental measures intended to:

1. Reduce the generation of solid waste

Example

a. hiring of a recycling coordinator

2. Reducing the impact of litter

Examples

a. Installation of storm drain filters

b. Purchasing a street sweeper, vacuum, or broom

THE COUNCIL'S ROLE

- ▶ Public Act 23-76 requires the Council to conduct a review of the program pursuant to **subsection (d) of section 22a-244b**
 - ▶ From Sept 19 through October 30, the Council will conduct a survey of all Connecticut municipalities who received funds through June 30, 2023
 - ▶ Email PDF form or alternatively online form on the Council's website
 - ▶ Surveys will be distributed to Chief Elected Official
 - ▶ Topics include funds spent, uses, and program feedback
-

HOW WILL THESE DATA BE USED?

- ▶ Survey results will be summarized in aggregate and appear in the 2023 edition of the Council's annual report, *"Environmental Quality in Connecticut"*
 - ▶ Results will help inform policymakers and may determine how the program might change in the future
 - ▶ Survey results will inform municipalities on funding options/best practices
-

QUESTIONS?

For questions regarding the survey, please contact our office at CEQ@ct.gov or by phone at 860-424-4000
