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Enforcement Actions for Violations of Recycling Laws

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Purpose of Presentation

- CT must... increase compliance with mandatory recycling provisions...
- DEEP will step up enforcement targeted at high-impact sectors (multi-unit dwellings, franchised businesses, etc.)...
- Today : Quick update on current enforcement actions associated with Recycling Activities.



The Law: CGS § 22a-241b

Provide for Separation of Designated Recyclable Items

Any entity (residential or non-residential) generating designated recyclable items must separate or cause the separation of those items from other solid waste by using one or more separate collection containers for those items. (i.e. **cannot collect designated recyclable items and trash in the same container**)



No Mixing Allowed

- CGS § 22a-241b(e): No one shall combine previously segregated designated recyclable items with trash.
- CGS § 22a-220a(f): Any collector who knowingly mixes other solid waste with items designated for recycling shall be liable for a civil penalty of up to \$2,500 for each violation and up to \$10,000 for a subsequent violation.



APPLICABILITY

- Residential Properties
- Multi-Unit Dwellings
- Property Managers
- Commercial Businesses
- Collectors (Haulers)



Previous Enforcement Actions

Previous SWAC:

- CTDEEP issued a NON: Hauler mixing MSW w/ recyclables at curbside...
- CTDEEP issued a NOV: Property Management Company for providing inadequate recycling containers at a multi-unit dwelling...



Recent Enforcement Action

- In December, we received a complaint from a tenant at a multi-unit dwelling.
- Dwelling is run by a Property Manager, with multiple facilities in and outside of CT.
- Inspection identified apparent signs of comingling MSW with designated recyclables.



Current Action Cont'd

- Preparing a NOV for the Property Management company.
 - Request a formal response.
 - Implementation of Corrective Measures.
- Assess Need to Escalate... Including Penalties
 - Based on response received.
 - Based on Chronic Violations (NOVs: 2011 & 2015).



Recycling Initiative

CTDEEP : Embarking on a Recycling Initiative

- Roll-out in 2016
- Three-Pronged Approach
 - Public Outreach
 - Compliance Assistance
 - Continued Enforcement Efforts



DEEP Website

Search Words:

- Recycling Laws (annotated list)
- Reduce Reuse (recycling main page)
- DEEP Hauler (recycling resources)
- SWAC (solid waste advisory committee – agendas)
- Solid Waste Management Plan

www.ct.gov/deep/site



Questions?



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