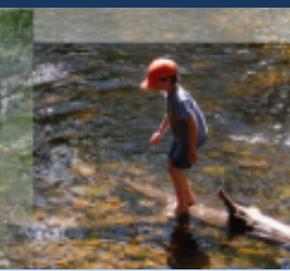
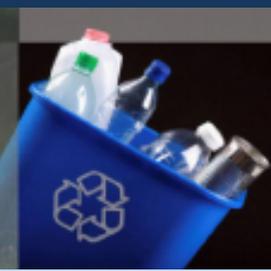




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# DEEP Response to Current Waste Disposal Capacity Crisis

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# Options pursued for additional MSW management capacity

- Consistency with the SW Hierarchy & CMMS is required
- DEEP continues to work with MIRA to assess current conditions & options
- Recognizing prolonged duration of the MIRA outage, DEEP initiated scoping and solicitation of short-term capacity from CT facilities, haulers & consultants
- Several facilities have increased MSW capacity, including:
  - (New) 350 TPD newly permitted, F&G - Waterbury
  - (New) 1,000 TPD newly permitted if “baled & bagged”, WCTI – Milford – RRF shortfall only
  - (Permit Condition) 250 TPD increased transfer & rail option, CWPM – Berlin
  - (A.6) 200 TPD plus 300 TPD increased transfer, Babylon – Suffield
  - (EA), increased hours/days & transfer volume, MIRA – Hartford
- Pending:
  - (EA), 300 TPD increased transfer Oakridge (fka Winters Brothers) – Danbury
  - (modification) add MSW transfer Frost Bridge, Watertown – RRF shortfall only
  - Ongoing



# Options pursued for additional MSW management capacity

- MIRA/DEEP assessments include:
  - Utilization of the State's Disaster/Debris MGMT plan & contractors. This is a contingency plan for CT/DEEP/MIRA/Towns, informal dialog with contractor identified on-call ready per the plan, fee schedule based on distance, would avoid waste in the streets.
  - Decentralization of waste aggregation. Stop or reduce MSW pick-up - development of interim emergency standards & authorizations
  - Assessing potential landfill capacities (e.g., Hartford, Manchester, others), complex regulatory and liability concerns
  - Dialog with facility operators and consultants about increasing throughput (waste streams, hours, capacities, etc.)
  - Outdoor storage of limited wastes at MIRA requested, but not being acted on
- “Open dialog” for additional short-term capacity options remains ongoing



# Actionable items for MSW management

- The potential for a MSW management crisis should be a call to action
- All municipalities must develop a 10% waste reduction plan
- Many viable, immediately implementable, and low cost options exist
- Reduce waste!
  - SMART (Save Money And Reduce Trash) programs work, create cost transparency
  - Promote & educate on Recycling – What’s In What’s Out, and more
  - Maximize EPR program participate (EWaste, Mattresses, Paint)
  - Donate don’t dispose, have a “swap shed”, or “put & take” area
  - Establish WRAP / plastics film collection programs
  - Establish or expand a Textile diversion program (curbside and T.S.)
  - Promote and incentivize/subsidize home composting program
    - develop/expand Transfer Station collection and composting
  - Special events options, West Hartford annual OCC/Ewaste late Dec.
    - Mansfield special event composting
  - Work with & through contract haulers (CGS Sec. 22a-220c)

