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Updated Outreach Materials for Haulers & their Customers

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Background

- Follow-up to post-Comprehensive Materials Management Strategy (CMMS) adoption discussions with haulers in 2016/2017.
- Update to “Educational Materials” developed for haulers and their customers in 2011.



Solid Waste & Recycling Hauler Resources

- New materials include:
 - Letter to Haulers Regarding Recycling Responsibilities of Haulers and their Customers
 - Summary of Recycling Requirements and Best Management Practices (BMPs) for Haulers
 - Letter from DEEP to Commercial Customers and Summary of Recycling Requirements
- These materials can be found on DEEP's **Solid Waste & Recycling Hauler Resources** webpage:
www.ct.gov/deep/SolidWasteHaulerResources



Contracting Language

- CGS 22a-241I – contracts “must make provision for the collection of source-separated recyclables”
- Contract language like the following does not meet the intention of CGS 22a-241I:
 - “HAULER has advised the customer of mandatory recycling laws and the customer has declined recycling services at this time. _____
(Customer must initial)”



Contracting Language

- The following contract language would better meet the intention of CGS 22a-241l:
 - “I understand that my business must separate and recycle all designated recyclables pursuant to CGS 22a-241l.

I am declining the recycling services offered by this waste hauler as I have a separate contract in place for the collection of recyclables.

Our designated recyclables are being collected by _____.”



“Sufficient” Recycling Programs

- What is parallel or “equal” collection of recyclables? What is sufficient? This is not always a clear-cut answer...
- Many factors to consider, including:
 - Number of recycling bins provided
 - Size of those recycling bins
 - Location of those recycling bins
 - Frequency of collection of those recycling bins



“Sufficient” Recycling Programs

- DEEP expects haulers to work with their customers to develop sufficient programs by:
 - providing both trash & recycling bins and collection frequency (for both) that meet the generation rates of the customer
 - Providing instructions on what materials to place in the recycling bins
- **Bottom Line** – If more than an inadvertent amount of recyclables is ending up in the trash bins, there’s a good chance that program is not sufficient to comply with the law

