

**CTDEP Solid Waste Management Advisory Committee
Subcommittee Meeting – Meeting Notes from May 22, 2007:
Increasing Source Reduction & Recycling Rates of the MSW Stream**

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Subcommittee members discussed the following:

- Purpose of subcommittee: identify work plan for the next 12-18 months to implement strategies in SWM Plan related to increasing recycling.
- Goal: to identify tasks that the State can implement to shift people and businesses from flat rates for garbage removal to base cost on amount generated offset by amount recycled; just as utilities are metered, people need to feel control of cost before they have incentive to reduce waste and increase recycling.
- Recap of last meeting--emphasis on how to move toward a more transparent understanding of the true costs of disposal and recycling and need to shift the subsidy of disposal to provide more incentives to recycle [i.e., focus on increasing the differential in cost of disposal and cost of recycling].
- Overview of Pay As You Throw (PAYT) by DEP staff-concept was marketed to Towns several years ago with limited success.
- PAYT Throw-future ways to advocate the pros of the program to Towns who do not participate; identify incentives to Towns and residents through programs such as recycle bank-coupon mechanism, different size containers.
- Education a critical component of any PAYT; future Presentation on PAYT needed from Towns who have successfully moved to the program.
- Discussed cons of PAYT—concern on cost to residents; political will to implement program; do not have consistent system set up; cost of equipment; disbelief in residents (not a “choice” if imposed); need incentives for haulers.
- Examples of Towns who did not do PAYT –alternatives-changed process at transfer station to increase recycling stream (Town of Salisbury/Sharon).
- CRRA-Pete Egan, discussed incentive developed by CRRA -- to start on July 1 - mid-Conn Project to offer \$10 rebate to towns to go back to the Towns General Fund to rebate towns for recyclables; disposal will not be subsidized; disposal tip fee is \$69.
- Impacts of Single Stream-analysis of other states depicting effectiveness.
- Recycling rate data needed from DEP.