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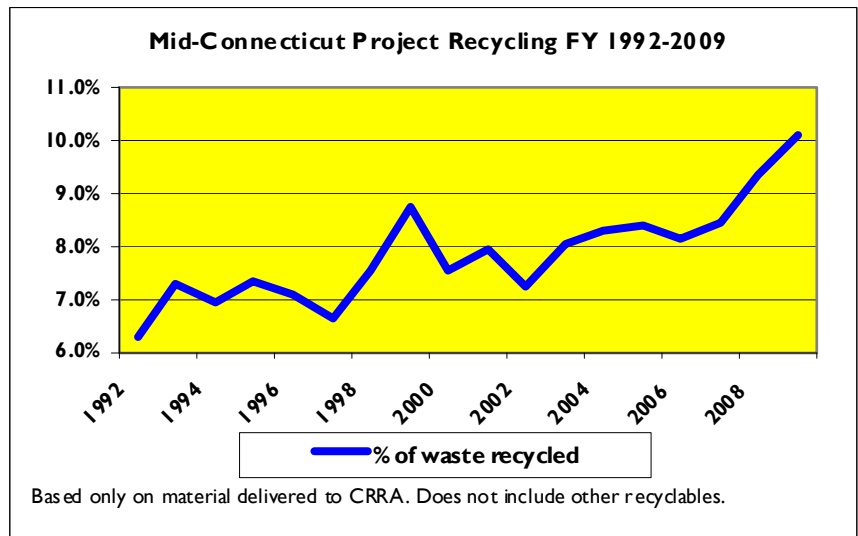
CRRA to Reward Towns for Recycling with Over \$400,000; West Hartford, Sharon, Salisbury, Portland Stand Out CRRA's Efforts Lead to Best Recycling Year Ever; Towns Save Additional \$5.3 Million

HARTFORD, Conn. – For years, the Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority has been reminding people that it pays to recycle. Soon, 63 cities and towns will get checks to prove it.

In fact, they'll be collecting a total of more than \$400,000 – \$5 for every qualifying ton of recyclables they delivered to CRRA during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2009. The CRRA Board of Directors today voted to authorize the rebates, which will be distributed after tonnage figures are finalized.

The \$5-a-ton rebate is just one of a number of CRRA initiatives to increase recycling:

- In 2008, CRRA introduced to Connecticut single-stream recycling, the next generation of recycling.
- In 2009, CRRA supported the introduction of single-stream recycling with a public awareness campaign that featured radio advertisements, printed materials and press interviews.
- CRRA's education programs, offered through the Trash Museum in Hartford and Garbage Museum in Stratford, had record participation in 2008 for the third straight year.



As a result of these efforts, residents of Mid-Connecticut Project towns recycled 80,953 tons of material in fiscal 2008. Add in 301 tons of electronics (not part of the rebate program) collected at CRRA recycling events, and those towns recycled 81,254 tons of waste, an all-time Project record.

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And when compared to trash deliveries of 722,642 tons during the same period (a reduction of almost 50,000 tons from the previous year), Project towns recycled 10.1 percent of their solid waste, another Project record. Percentages are based on the ratio of recyclables to trash delivered to Mid-Connecticut Project facilities from Project towns.

“Reducing trash and increasing recycling are the best ways to manage the state’s solid waste problem, and we’re delighted that our initiatives are making that happen,” said Thomas D. Kirk, CRRA president.

Some noteworthy accomplishments:

- West Hartford led the Project by recycling 6,091.98 tons.
- On a per-resident basis, the best recyclers were the towns of Sharon and Salisbury, which, through their shared transfer station recycled 1,024.72 tons, or 287.24 pounds per resident.
- Portland recycled 823.69 tons an increase of more than 133 percent over its FY 2008 total, while increasing its recycling rate (the ratio of recyclables to garbage delivered to the Mid-Connecticut Project) by more than 122 percent.

Money for the rebates comes from revenues CRRA receives from the sale of recycled commodities. But the rebates aren’t the only financial incentive for towns to recycle. By not sending that waste to the Mid-Connecticut Project trash-to-energy plant, those towns saved more than \$5.3 million in disposal fees.

Recycling figures do not include electronics (recycled through CRRA, manufacturers or retailers) and do not include other forms of recycling, such as deposit container redemption, composting of grass clippings, yard waste and food, and recycling of other commodities including scrap metal, waste oil, lead-acid batteries. After taking all these other materials into consideration, the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection estimates that Connecticut recycles about 30 percent of its solid waste.

The Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority is a quasi-public agency whose mission is to work for – and in – the best interests of the municipalities of the state of Connecticut. CRRA’s new board of directors and new management team develop and implement environmentally sound solutions and best practices for solid waste disposal and recycling management on behalf of municipalities. CRRA serves 110 Connecticut cities and towns. CRRA also runs environmental and recycling educational programs through the [Trash Museum](#) in Hartford and [Garbage Museum](#) in Stratford. For more information about CRRA and its activities, visit <http://www.crra.org>. Computer users can also discuss CRRA at its blog, <http://crra-blog.blogspot.com>.

(EDITORS AND NEWS DIRECTORS: A complete list of towns and the rebates they are to receive pending finalization of tonnage reports is attached.)

FY 2009 Mid-Connecticut Project Recycling Statistics

Town	Recycling (tons)	MSW (w/NPW) (tons)	% Recycled	Per capita recycling (pounds)	Increase (decrease) in recycling tons	Increase (decrease) in recycling %	Rebate @ \$/ton
Avon	2,123.23	10699.69	16.56%	249.19	20.45%	29.66%	\$ 10,616.15
Beacon Falls	320.32	2743.41	10.46%	121.79	4.63%	0.17%	\$ 1,601.60
Bethlehem	329.48	1746.47	15.87%	192.57	-6.65%	-0.35%	\$ 1,647.40
Bloomfield	1,366.12	8910.10	13.29%	132.76	-9.13%	-5.97%	\$ 6,830.60
Bolton	487.96	1819.48	21.15%	188.77	-8.67%	4.31%	\$ 2,439.80
Canton	940.41	5170.93	15.39%	189.37	-8.96%	-2.38%	\$ 4,702.05
Chester	301.27	1802.21	14.32%	157.24	-10.58%	-12.35%	\$ 1,506.35
Clinton	748.77	8505.85	8.09%	110.02	2.02%	14.92%	\$ 3,743.85
Colebrook	158.44	700.24	18.45%	205.77	-3.61%	4.44%	\$ 792.20
Cornwall	178.05	466.17	27.64%	239.15	1.69%	15.09%	\$ 890.25
Coventry	1,267.53	3841.08	24.81%	207.96	-7.71%	-4.10%	\$ 6,337.65
Cromwell	1,320.95	9708.54	11.98%	194.34	89.56%	97.68%	\$ 6,604.75
Deep River	282.44	2830.40	9.07%	119.83	-13.55%	-7.39%	\$ 1,412.20
East Granby	250.87	3187.04	7.30%	99.20	-52.49%	-40.13%	\$ 1,254.35
East Hampton	1,023.56	5492.00	15.71%	167.88	23.23%	23.06%	\$ 5,117.80
East Hartford	1,993.22	29377.45	6.35%	81.07	-7.31%	0.13%	\$ 9,966.10
East Windsor	728.43	4078.19	15.15%	139.45	-6.00%	14.66%	\$ 3,642.15
Ellington	1,240.64	5013.91	19.84%	174.53	2.57%	23.07%	\$ 6,203.20
Enfield	3,017.00	23777.54	11.26%	132.79	7.73%	19.41%	\$ 15,085.00
Essex	664.79	3654.68	15.39%	196.02	4.62%	9.56%	\$ 3,323.95
Farmington	2,221.20	17625.69	11.19%	178.12	9.70%	11.64%	\$ 11,106.00
Glastonbury	4,342.31	19867.17	17.94%	262.46	31.58%	32.41%	\$ 21,711.55
Goshen	277.22	1452.76	16.02%	179.31	-6.43%	-7.28%	\$ 1,386.10
Granby	1,170.97	5214.46	18.34%	211.21	1.52%	3.59%	\$ 5,854.85
Guilford	1,442.38	13267.95	9.81%	129.32	10.63%	2.35%	\$ 7,211.90
Haddam	493.01	3408.67	12.64%	129.14	-0.78%	4.46%	\$ 2,465.05
Hartford	3,583.10	96956.15	3.56%	57.61	44.38%	50.92%	\$ 17,915.50
Harwinton	451.84	2314.39	16.33%	162.21	-1.71%	0.02%	\$ 2,259.20
Hebron	884.76	3394.91	20.67%	192.38	-4.67%	7.51%	\$ 4,423.80
Killingworth	592.76	2657.79	18.24%	185.15	-11.65%	-6.56%	\$ 2,963.80
Litchfield	660.92	5251.20	11.18%	152.22	-1.35%	4.10%	\$ 3,304.60

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Madison	1,655.70	9954.30	14.26%	176.03	-2.96%	1.72%	\$ 8,278.50
Manchester	3,792.34	34727.45001	9.85%	136.48	0.94%	7.06%	\$ 18,961.70
Marlborough	499.71	3100.98	13.88%	159.47	5.58%	12.25%	\$ 2,498.55
Middlebury	870.62	3120.81	21.81%	249.68	1.39%	8.46%	\$ 4,353.10
Naugatuck	1,534.74	17213.72	8.19%	96.33	-0.91%	3.33%	\$ 7,673.70
Newington	2,206.60	22566.48	8.91%	148.71	4.15%	12.74%	\$ 11,033.00
Norfolk	184.55	835.52	18.09%	220.23	3.53%	7.61%	\$ 922.75
North Branford	829.61	8119.54	9.27%	115.24	-5.67%	-13.25%	\$ 4,148.05
North Canaan	230.70	2365.90	8.88%	136.03	-0.21%	15.80%	\$ 1,153.50
Old Saybrook	1,169.25	10933.03	9.66%	222.46	-11.99%	15.78%	\$ 5,846.25
Oxford	734.81	4334.78	14.49%	125.51	11.66%	10.64%	\$ 3,674.05
Portland	823.69	4179.90	16.46%	172.63	133.60%	122.44%	\$ 4,118.45
Rocky Hill	1,390.27	11401.64	10.87%	148.22	-6.39%	7.42%	\$ 6,951.35
Roxbury	220.31	814.31	21.29%	189.35	-4.98%	5.61%	\$ 1,101.55
RRDD#1 *	1,930.84	13160.20	12.79%	181.18	2.56%	6.71%	\$ 9,654.20
Sharon/Salisbury **	1,024.72	3564.11	22.33%	287.24	-8.55%	1.45%	\$ 5,123.60
Simsbury	2,686.29	15072.26	15.13%	227.11	-8.29%	-1.65%	\$ 13,431.45
South Windsor	2,341.48	13535.60	14.75%	180.22	-6.43%	9.35%	\$ 11,707.40
Southbury	1,718.69	9419.34	15.43%	174.69	-3.81%	-2.42%	\$ 8,593.45
Suffield	1,084.57	5290.37	17.01%	147.52	-11.65%	-0.97%	\$ 5,422.85
Thomaston	422.28	4723.97	8.21%	106.39	-2.26%	2.43%	\$ 2,111.40
Torrington	1,986.73	27639.01	6.71%	110.39	-1.61%	3.56%	\$ 9,933.65
Vernon	2,040.95	14006.96	12.72%	166.67	-0.07%	11.08%	\$ 10,204.75
Waterbury	3,180.06	72656.95	4.19%	58.94	-1.05%	2.16%	\$ 15,900.30
Watertown	1,279.26	14940.49	7.89%	114.58	-9.61%	-7.06%	\$ 6,396.30
West Hartford	6,091.98	38001.97	13.82%	199.17	-7.79%	-3.94%	\$ 30,459.90
Westbrook	372.73	4702.52	7.34%	112.97	27.61%	35.48%	\$ 1,863.65
Wethersfield	2,120.38	17118.72	11.02%	161.74	-8.42%	-6.40%	\$ 10,601.90
Windsor Locks	921.85	6992.25	11.65%	148.55	-8.39%	-10.68%	\$ 4,609.25
Woodbury	743.64	5311.01	12.28%	152.79	-9.27%	-0.86%	\$ 3,718.20
TOTALS	80,953.30	301.57	81,254.87	722,641.94	1.91%	7.92%	\$ 404,766.50

Cells highlighted in yellow indicate best performance in that particular category.

* RRDD #1 includes Winchester, Barkhamsted and New Hartford.

** Sharon and Salisbury send their trash and recyclables to CRRRA through a shared transfer station.