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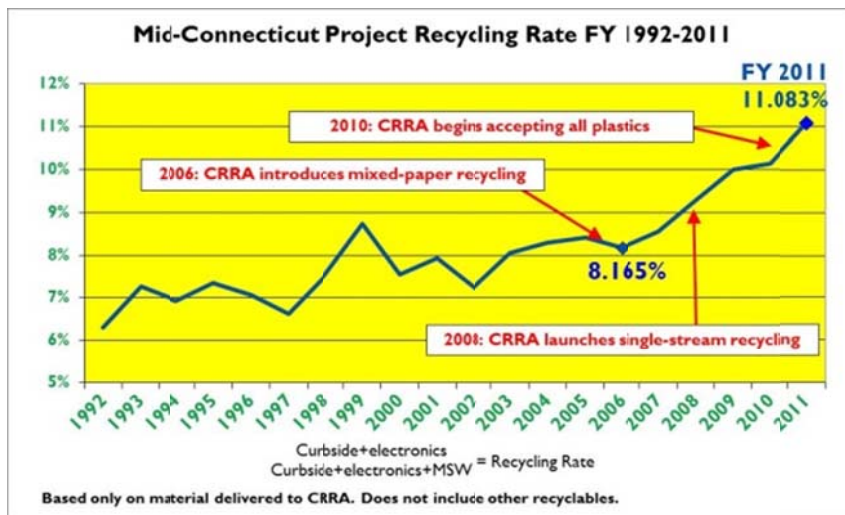
Recycling Hits All-Time High for 64 CRRA Municipalities

Towns Recycle 92,114 Tons, Save \$6.3 Million in Trash Disposal Fees in Fiscal Year 2011

HARTFORD, Conn. – While recycling has stagnated statewide for several years, the 64 cities and towns that recycle through the Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority's Mid-Connecticut Project just recorded their fifth consecutive yearly increase in tons recycled.

For the fiscal year running from July 1, 2010, through June 30, 2011, [Mid-Connecticut Project towns](#) delivered 92,114 tons of paper, cardboard, cans, bottles and electronics to CRRA, the highest total since those towns began recycling in 1991.

According to the most recent figures from the state Department of Energy & Environmental Protection, [Connecticut's overall recycling rate has been stagnant since the late 1990s.](#)



But since fiscal 2006, when those towns recycled 76,525 tons, the 2011 total represents an increase of more than 20 percent. And with trash from Mid-Connecticut towns dropping from 860,752 tons in fiscal 2006 to 730,250 tons in 2011, their recycling rate (as shown in the chart at left) has jumped more than 37 percent.

The recycling rate in the 64 Mid-Connecticut Project cities and towns has taken off since 2006.

“The [state Solid Waste Management Plan](#) sets ambitious goals for recycling, and at CRRA we’re doing everything we can to drive the state toward those goals,” said Thomas D. Kirk, CRRA president. “We’re

gratified that our hard work, in tandem with the efforts of local officials, is paying off.”

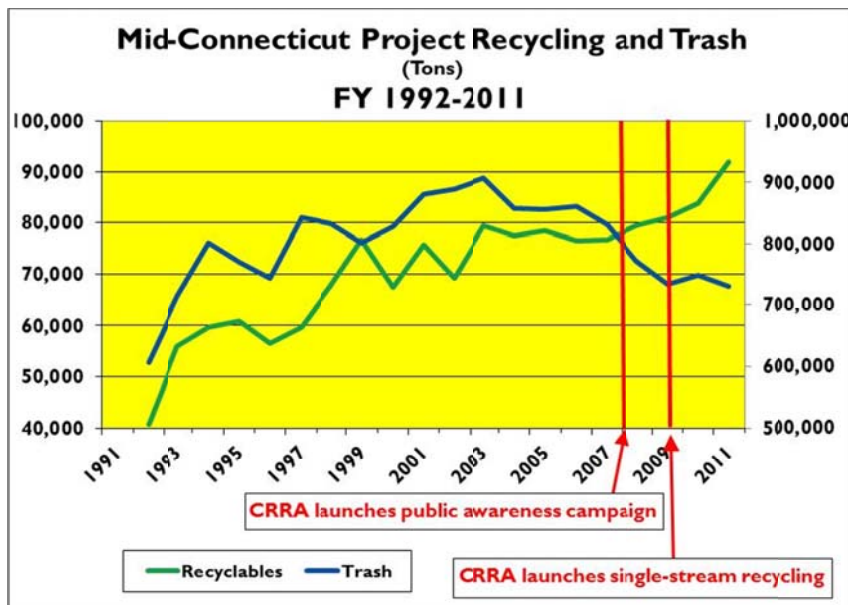
Among the year’s top performers:

- East Hartford increased its tonnage by nearly 72 percent, from 1,936 tons in fiscal 2010 to 3,326 in fiscal 2011.
- Wethersfield increased its tonnage more than 35 percent, from 2,074 to 2,811.
- For the fourth straight year, Sharon and Salisbury, who combine their recyclables, led the towns by recycling 291.89 pounds per person.

Editors and news directors: data for all 64 Mid-Connecticut Project recycling cities and towns follows.

In recent years CRRA has launched several initiative designed to increase recycling in Mid-Connecticut communities:

- In 2005 CRRA [expanded its menu of acceptable items](#) to include junk mail, magazines, computer printer paper and other types of mixed paper.
- In 2008, CRRA introduced to Connecticut [single-stream recycling](#), the next generation of recycling, while adding oversized jars and bottles, aerosol cans and more types of cardboard to its list of acceptable items. (Starting July 1, CRRA has offered single-stream recycling to its [Southwest Division](#) towns.)



CRRA Mid-Connecticut Project communities are recycling more and throwing away less.

- In 2009, CRRA supported the introduction of single-stream recycling with a public awareness campaign that featured radio advertisements, printed materials and press interviews.
- In 2010, [CRRA began accepting plastics #3 through #7](#) from Mid-Connecticut Project cities and towns.
- CRRA has also paid rebates to Mid-Connecticut cities and towns for recyclables delivered in fiscal years [2008](#), [2009](#) and [2010](#). The [CRRA Board of Directors](#) will determine whether to pay rebates for fiscal year 2011 after it reviews yet-to-be-completed financial statements for the year.

Even if no rebates are paid, those towns still have a strong financial incentive to recycle. Because they pay \$69 per ton to dispose of trash and nothing for delivering recyclables, they saved a total of \$6.3 million in trash disposal fees in fiscal 2011.

Residents of those towns also produced these environmental benefits just by recycling:

- They saved as much energy as almost 11,000 households use in a year, or as much as would be saved by taking 16,201 cars off the road for a year.
- They prevented the emitting of 51,955 tons of greenhouse gases.
- They obviated the mining of 3,396 tons of limestone, 3,315 tons of iron ore, 1,856 tons of coal, 3,492 tons of soda ash and 1,363 tons of feldspar.
- They saved more than 1 million trees.

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 [board of directors](#) and [management team](#) develop and implement environmentally sound solutions and best practices for solid waste disposal and recycling management on behalf of municipalities. CRRA serves 93 Connecticut cities and towns. CRRA also runs [award-winning sustainability education](#) programs through the [CRRA Trash Museum](#) in Hartford and [CRRA Garbage Museum](#) in Stratford. For more information about CRRA and its activities, visit <http://www.crra.org>. Computer users can also discuss CRRA on its blog, <http://crra-blog.blogspot.com>.

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Mid-Connecticut Project Trash and Recycling

July 1, 2010-June 30, 2011

FY 2011 Mid-Connecticut Project Recycling												
Town	Population (2010 U.S. Census)	Recycling (tons)	Electronics recycled Project-wide	Total recycling Project-wide (tons)	Total trash disposed	Trash and recycling total	% Recycled	Per capita recycling (pounds)	Increase (decrease) in recycling tons	Increase (decrease) in recycling %	Trash disposal fees saved (@\$69/ton)	Town
Avon	18,098	2,316.81			10,663.78	12,980.59	17.85%	256.03	0.34%	-1.98%	\$ 159,859.89	Avon
Beacon Falls	6,049	320.45			2,887.35	3,207.80	9.99%	105.95	7.30%	0.39%	\$ 22,111.05	Beacon Falls
Bethlehem	3,607	340.47			1,683.48	2,023.95	16.82%	188.78	3.08%	4.69%	\$ 23,492.43	Bethlehem
Bloomfield	20,486	1,701.35			14,843.19	16,544.54	10.28%	166.10	22.85%	29.18%	\$ 117,393.15	Bloomfield
Bolton	4,980	618.02			1,994.50	2,612.52	23.66%	248.20	21.98%	19.71%	\$ 42,643.38	Bolton
Canton	10,292	1,030.88			4,917.94	5,948.82	17.33%	200.33	17.00%	14.63%	\$ 71,130.72	Canton
Chester	3,994	300.32			1,268.47	1,568.79	19.14%	150.39	-7.70%	-1.84%	\$ 20,722.08	Chester
Clinton	13,260	842.23			7,376.90	8,219.13	10.25%	127.03	6.03%	23.79%	\$ 58,113.87	Clinton
Colebrook	1,485	174.41			654.21	828.62	21.05%	234.90	14.95%	24.12%	\$ 12,034.29	Colebrook
Cornwall	1,420	173.04			432.05	605.09	28.60%	243.72	8.88%	21.17%	\$ 11,939.76	Cornwall
Coventry	12,345	1,389.42			4,168.55	5,557.97	25.00%	225.10	14.85%	3.05%	\$ 95,869.98	Coventry
Cromwell	14,005	984.48			8,881.80	9,866.28	9.98%	140.59	-6.14%	-1.97%	\$ 67,929.12	Cromwell
Deep River	4,629	340.75			3,308.08	3,648.83	9.34%	147.22	21.07%	11.18%	\$ 23,511.75	Deep River
East Granby	5,148	510.99			3,958.24	3,402.82	15.02%	198.52	7.64%	40.22%	\$ 35,258.31	East Granby
East Hampton	12,959	1,078.12			5,511.20	6,703.37	16.08%	166.39	-2.19%	-3.50%	\$ 74,390.28	East Hampton
East Hartford	51,252	3,326.01			31,724.45	28,105.50	11.83%	129.79	71.77%	105.72%	\$ 229,494.69	East Hartford
East Windsor	11,162	957.18			4,533.77	4,505.81	21.24%	171.51	9.27%	31.19%	\$ 66,045.42	East Windsor
Ellington	15,602	1,439.42			5,325.74	5,157.51	27.91%	184.52	-0.86%	30.29%	\$ 99,319.98	Ellington
Enfield	44,654	3,381.04			27,964.65	26,290.69	12.86%	151.43	12.89%	32.93%	\$ 233,291.76	Enfield
Essex	6,683	691.31			3,432.45	3,113.27	22.21%	206.89	-9.88%	21.57%	\$ 47,700.39	Essex
Farmington	25,340	2,073.69			17,400.24	16,878.55	12.29%	163.67	-10.39%	4.67%	\$ 143,084.61	Farmington
Glastonbury	34,427	3,736.95			19,509.97	20,091.64	18.60%	217.09	1.02%	16.70%	\$ 257,849.55	Glastonbury
Goshen	2,976	300.88			1,405.25	1,411.68	21.31%	202.20	2.55%	23.40%	\$ 20,760.72	Goshen
Granby	11,282	1,593.56			4,657.03	5,222.03	30.52%	282.50	6.03%	25.07%	\$ 109,955.64	Granby
Guilford	22,375	1,683.28			13,461.20	14,045.42	11.98%	150.46	2.25%	9.98%	\$ 116,146.08	Guilford
Haddam	8,346	511.69			3,282.66	3,270.60	15.65%	122.62	4.00%	20.03%	\$ 35,306.61	Haddam
Hartford	124,775	4,741.90			98,201.98	94,961.35	4.99%	76.01	10.73%	19.50%	\$ 327,191.10	Hartford
Harwinton	5,642	547.56			2,236.69	2,259.81	24.23%	194.10	14.49%	37.55%	\$ 37,781.64	Harwinton
Hebron	9,686	865.01			3,265.94	3,386.04	25.55%	178.61	0.61%	22.59%	\$ 59,685.69	Hebron
Killingworth	6,525	591.04			2,624.95	2,592.26	22.80%	181.16	-6.32%	17.66%	\$ 40,781.76	Killingworth
Litchfield	8,466	695.10			5,413.54	5,618.85	12.37%	164.21	5.48%	14.00%	\$ 47,961.90	Litchfield
Madison	18,269	1,297.79			8,046.19	9,343.98	13.89%	142.08	-6.67%	-0.62%	\$ 89,547.17	Madison
Manchester	58,241	5,132.90			36,531.44	41,664.34	12.32%	176.26	2.53%	35.17%	\$ 354,170.10	Manchester
Marlborough	6,404	533.28			2,519.08	3,052.36	17.47%	166.55	0.81%	12.76%	\$ 36,796.32	Marlborough
Middlebury	7,575	883.96			2,551.20	3,435.16	25.73%	233.39	5.52%	-0.44%	\$ 60,993.24	Middlebury
Naugatuck	31,862	1,662.53			15,064.16	16,726.69	9.94%	104.36	12.58%	16.97%	\$ 114,714.57	Naugatuck
Newington	30,562	2,904.04			20,915.86	23,819.90	12.19%	190.04	33.10%	37.41%	\$ 200,378.76	Newington
Norfolk	1,709	176.49			792.43	968.92	18.22%	206.54	6.46%	5.89%	\$ 12,177.81	Norfolk
North Branford	14,407	827.82			7,768.89	8,596.71	9.63%	114.92	-5.78%	-5.36%	\$ 57,119.58	North Branford
North Canaan	3,315	240.56			2,481.95	2,722.51	8.84%	145.13	-0.09%	9.21%	\$ 16,598.64	North Canaan
Old Saybrook	10,242	1,226.92			10,099.67	11,326.59	10.83%	239.59	20.84%	26.30%	\$ 84,657.48	Old Saybrook
Oxford	12,683	834.68			5,414.05	6,248.73	13.36%	131.62	7.52%	-2.42%	\$ 57,592.92	Oxford
Portland	9,508	636.95			3,822.64	4,459.59	14.28%	133.98	14.61%	16.30%	\$ 43,949.55	Portland
Rocky Hill	19,709	1,435.60			10,854.87	12,290.47	11.68%	145.68	1.02%	2.68%	\$ 99,056.40	Rocky Hill
Roxbury	2,262	202.07			792.96	995.03	20.31%	178.66	1.78%	-1.07%	\$ 13,942.83	Roxbury
RRDD#1 (1)	21,234	2,071.33			12,550.80	14,622.13	14.17%	195.10	7.52%	8.29%	\$ 142,921.77	RRDD#1 (1)
Sharon/Salisbury (2)	7,015	1,023.82			3,375.11	4,398.93	23.27%	291.89	5.65%	2.74%	\$ 70,643.58	Sharon/Salisbury (2)
Simsbury	23,511	2,835.28			14,881.50	17,716.78	16.00%	241.19	12.19%	13.08%	\$ 195,634.32	Simsbury
South Windsor	25,709	2,782.23			15,563.10	18,345.33	15.17%	216.44	2.09%	2.09%	\$ 191,973.87	South Windsor
Southbury	19,904	1,613.18			10,504.79	12,117.97	13.31%	162.10	2.47%	-1.10%	\$ 111,309.42	Southbury
Suffield	15,735	1,453.06			6,598.77	8,051.83	18.05%	184.69	4.11%	0.20%	\$ 100,261.14	Suffield
Thomaston	7,887	510.20			4,226.46	4,736.66	10.77%	129.38	9.65%	9.94%	\$ 35,203.80	Thomaston
Torrington	36,383	2,984.48			25,621.23	28,605.71	10.43%	164.06	0.90%	2.59%	\$ 205,929.12	Torrington
Vernon	29,179	2,514.21			14,445.71	16,959.92	14.82%	172.33	30.56%	31.78%	\$ 173,480.49	Vernon
Waterbury	110,366	2,952.00			82,149.14	85,101.14	3.47%	53.49	-0.31%	-1.81%	\$ 203,688.00	Waterbury
Watertown	22,514	1,278.80			13,149.90	14,428.70	8.86%	113.60	3.29%	5.79%	\$ 88,237.20	Watertown
West Hartford	63,268	7,234.36			37,625.38	44,859.74	16.13%	228.69	20.51%	18.30%	\$ 499,170.84	West Hartford
Westbrook	6,938	3,795.39			3,795.39	4,149.45	8.53%	102.06	-14.50%	7.46%	\$ 24,429.80	Westbrook
Wethersfield	26,668	2,811.35			16,234.07	19,045.42	14.76%	210.84	35.56%	41.74%	\$ 193,983.15	Wethersfield
Windsor Locks	12,498	1,096.02			8,972.91	10,068.93	10.89%	175.39	0.06%	2.24%	\$ 75,625.38	Windsor Locks
Woodbury	9,975	819.33			4,941.29	5,760.62	14.22%	164.28	8.21%	10.22%	\$ 56,533.77	Woodbury
TOTALS	1,225,503	91,586.65	256.69	91,843.34	736,826.92	828,670.26	11.08%	149.47	9.22%	9.36%	\$ 6,319,478.61	TOTALS
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Tonnage figures not available town-by-town

(1) -- RRDD #1 includes Barkhamsted, New Hartford and Winchester
(2) -- Sharon and Salisbury jointly manage their trash and recyclables