

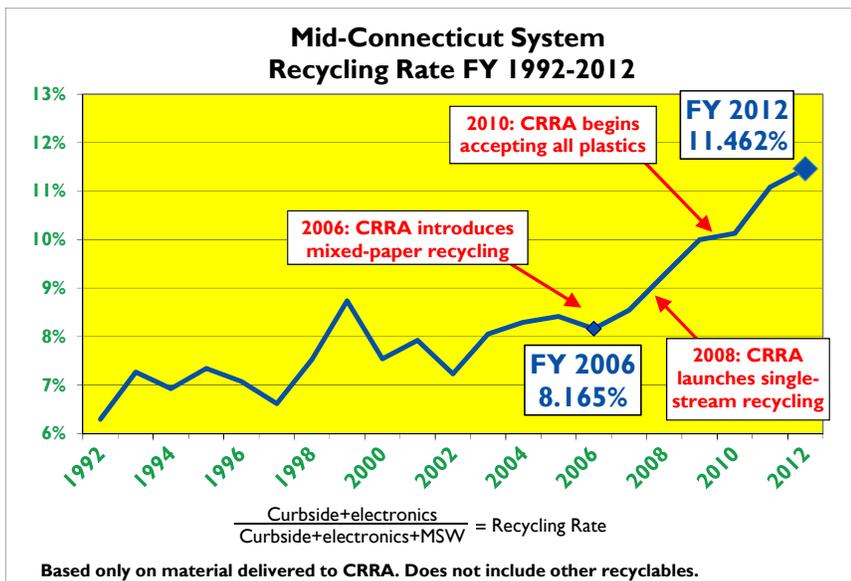
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## Recycling Rate Increases Again for 64 CRRA Municipalities Towns Recycle 91,779 Tons, Save \$6.3 Million in Trash Disposal Fees in Fiscal Year 2012

**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 sixth consecutive yearly increase in their recycling rate.



For the fiscal year running from July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2012, [Mid-Connecticut Project recycling towns](#) delivered 91,779 tons of paper, cardboard, cans, bottles and electronics to CRRA. Because towns pay nothing to deliver recyclables, but \$69 per ton in fiscal year 2012 to deliver trash, they avoided \$6.3 million in trash disposal fees just by recycling.

Since 2006, when those towns recycled 76,525 tons, the 2012 total represents an increase of more than 18 percent. And with trash from Mid-Connecticut recycling towns dropping from 860,752 tons in fiscal 2006 to 708,934 tons in

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

2012, their recycling rate (as shown in the chart at left) has jumped more than 31 percent.

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](#). And according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the tonnage of newspapers, magazines, glass and plastic bottles and jars, steel and aluminum cans and other common household recyclables generated in the United States [dropped by more than 8 percent between 2000 and 2010](#).

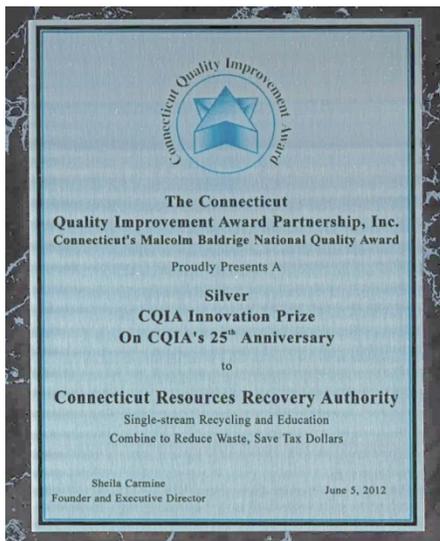
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“The fact that we’ve been able to increase our towns’ recycling rate for the sixth year in a row is great news, especially since it helped our towns avoid millions of dollars in trash disposal fees,” said Thomas D. Kirk, CRRA president. “But if we’re going to meet the [state Solid Waste Management Plan](#)’s ambitious goals for recycling, we need to do more. That’s why we’re working to develop a food-waste composting facility, which will help our state take the next big jump toward meeting its goals.”

Among the year’s top performers:

- Watertown increased its tonnage by more than 29 percent, from 1,278 tons in fiscal 2011 to 1,651.95 in fiscal 2012, and its recycling rate from 8.9 percent to 12.3 percent.
- Cornwall had the system’s best recycling rate at 26.36 percent.
- For the fifth straight year, Sharon and Salisbury, who combine their recyclables, led the towns by recycling 274.22 pounds per person.

These recycling rates are a comparison of recyclables delivered to CRRA with trash delivered to CRRA. They do not include tires, lead-acid batteries, waste oil, scrap metal and other materials that must be required by state law but are not commonly collected at curbside.



**CRRA received this 2012 CQIA Innovation Prize for its innovative pairing of recycling technology and public education.**

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.
- In 2009, CRRA supported the introduction of single-stream recycling with a public awareness campaign that featured radio advertisements, printed materials and press interviews, along with the sustainability education programs it offers at the [CRRA Trash Museum](#). The effectiveness of CRRA’s unique combination of education and single-stream technology [earned a 2012 CQIA Innovation Prize](#) from the [Connecticut Quality Improvement Award Partnership](#).
- In 2010, [CRRA began accepting plastics #3 through #7](#) from Mid-Connecticut Project cities and towns.

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

- They saved as much energy as more than 9,300 households use in a year, or as much as would be saved by taking 13,869 cars off the road for a year.
- They prevented the emitting of 190,428 tons of carbon dioxide, a greenhouse gas linked to climate change, or as much as almost 35,000 cars emit in one year.
- They obviated the mining of 3,345 tons of limestone, 3,432 tons of iron ore, 1,922 tons of coal, 3,431 tons of soda ash and 1,339 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. 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> and follow CRRA on Twitter at [@CRRA](#).

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# CRRA Mid-Connecticut System Trash and Recycling

## July 1, 2011-June 30, 2012

FY 2012 Mid-Connecticut System Recycling												
Town	Population (2010 U.S. Census)	Recyclables delivered (tons)	Electronics recycled through CRRA	Total recycling system-wide (tons)	Trash delivered from recycling towns (tons)	Total recycling towns' waste stream (tons)	% Recycled	Per capita recycling (pounds)	Increase (decrease) in recycling tons	Increase (decrease) in recycling %	Trash disposal fees saved	Town
Avon	18,098	2,166.22			11,025.96	13,192.18	16.42%	239.39	-6.50%	-8.00%	\$149,469.18	Avon
Beacon Falls	6,049	287.24			2,463.00	2,750.24	10.44%	94.97	-10.36%	4.55%	\$19,819.56	Beacon Falls
Bethlehem	3,607	374.08			1,644.08	2,018.16	18.54%	207.42	9.87%	10.19%	\$25,811.52	Bethlehem
Bloomfield	20,486	1,826.18			15,702.43	17,528.61	10.42%	178.29	7.34%	1.31%	\$126,006.42	Bloomfield
Bolton	4,980	600.88			2,026.13	2,627.01	22.87%	241.32	-2.77%	-3.31%	\$41,460.72	Bolton
Canton	10,292	1,024.63			4,737.26	5,761.89	17.78%	199.11	-0.61%	2.62%	\$70,699.47	Canton
Chester	3,994	334.22			1,495.30	1,829.52	16.73%	167.36	11.29%	-4.57%	\$23,061.18	Chester
Clinton	13,260	870.98			6,731.07	7,602.05	11.46%	131.37	3.41%	11.81%	\$60,097.62	Clinton
Colebrook	1,485	185.46			650.09	835.55	22.20%	249.78	6.34%	5.45%	\$12,796.74	Colebrook
Cornwall	1,420	144.29			403.02	547.31	26.36%	203.23	-16.61%	-7.81%	\$9,956.01	Cornwall
Coventry	12,345	1,411.29			4,578.75	5,990.04	23.56%	228.64	1.57%	-5.75%	\$97,379.01	Coventry
Cromwell	14,005	896.88			8,655.96	9,552.84	9.39%	128.08	-8.90%	-5.91%	\$61,884.72	Cromwell
Deep River	4,629	313.15			3,139.84	3,452.99	9.07%	135.30	-8.10%	-2.89%	\$21,607.35	Deep River
East Granby	5,148	508.54			3,208.37	3,716.91	13.68%	197.57	-0.48%	4.79%	\$35,089.26	East Granby
East Hampton	12,959	979.24			6,987.65	7,966.89	12.29%	151.13	-9.17%	-11.29%	\$67,567.56	East Hampton
East Hartford	51,252	3,407.44			28,702.22	32,109.66	10.61%	132.97	2.45%	0.28%	\$235,113.36	East Hartford
East Windsor	11,162	956.20			4,536.51	5,492.71	17.41%	171.33	-0.10%	-0.64%	\$65,977.80	East Windsor
Ellington	15,602	1,425.98			5,452.17	6,878.15	20.73%	182.79	-0.93%	-4.98%	\$98,392.62	Ellington
Enfield	44,654	3,631.39			25,576.84	29,208.23	12.43%	162.65	7.40%	9.11%	\$250,565.91	Enfield
Essex	6,683	747.83			3,472.53	4,220.36	17.72%	223.80	8.18%	-2.48%	\$51,600.27	Essex
Farmington	25,340	2,290.91			16,822.05	19,112.96	11.99%	180.81	10.48%	9.55%	\$158,072.79	Farmington
Glastonbury	34,427	3,671.00			20,734.70	24,405.70	15.04%	213.26	-1.76%	-4.09%	\$253,299.00	Glastonbury
Goshen	2,976	309.52			1,362.62	1,672.14	18.51%	208.01	2.87%	5.36%	\$21,356.88	Goshen
Granby	11,282	1,535.58			5,589.80	7,125.38	21.55%	272.22	-3.64%	-7.83%	\$105,955.02	Granby
Guilford	22,375	1,651.90			14,787.73	16,439.63	10.05%	147.66	-1.86%	-6.11%	\$113,981.10	Guilford
Haddam	8,346	466.01			3,331.60	3,797.61	12.27%	111.67	-8.93%	-9.29%	\$32,154.69	Haddam
Hartford	124,775	4,867.45			91,548.80	96,416.25	5.05%	78.02	2.65%	6.15%	\$335,854.05	Hartford
Harwinton	5,642	615.47			2,107.93	2,723.40	22.60%	218.17	12.40%	15.87%	\$42,467.43	Harwinton
Hebron	9,686	850.20			3,383.20	4,233.40	20.08%	175.55	-1.71%	-1.30%	\$58,663.80	Hebron
Killingworth	6,525	577.58			2,350.83	2,928.41	19.72%	177.04	-2.28%	6.23%	\$39,853.02	Killingworth
Litchfield	8,466	700.84			5,410.98	6,111.82	11.47%	165.57	0.83%	4.16%	\$48,357.96	Litchfield
Madison	18,269	1,371.29			8,432.83	9,804.12	13.99%	150.12	5.66%	0.70%	\$94,619.01	Madison
Manchester	58,241	5,064.15			35,900.81	40,964.96	12.36%	173.90	-1.34%	0.34%	\$349,426.35	Manchester
Marlborough	6,404	635.10			2,217.12	2,852.22	22.27%	198.34	19.09%	27.45%	\$43,821.90	Marlborough
Middlebury	7,575	848.39			2,825.28	3,673.67	23.09%	224.00	-4.02%	-10.26%	\$58,538.91	Middlebury
Naugatuck	31,862	1,828.80			15,277.35	17,106.15	10.69%	114.80	10.00%	7.56%	\$126,187.20	Naugatuck
Newington	30,562	2,809.49			21,190.65	24,000.14	11.71%	183.86	-3.26%	-3.98%	\$193,854.81	Newington
Norfolk	1,709	167.34			704.13	871.47	19.20%	195.83	-5.18%	5.42%	\$11,546.46	Norfolk
North Branford	14,407	658.50			7,490.45	8,148.95	8.08%	91.41	-20.45%	-16.08%	\$45,436.50	North Branford
North Canaan	3,315	204.82			2,413.41	2,618.23	7.82%	123.57	-14.86%	-11.47%	\$14,132.58	North Canaan
Old Saybrook	10,242	984.71			9,931.34	10,916.05	9.02%	192.29	-19.74%	-16.72%	\$67,944.99	Old Saybrook
Oxford	12,683	728.78			4,511.27	5,240.05	13.91%	114.92	-12.69%	4.12%	\$50,285.82	Oxford
Portland	9,508	607.74			3,938.32	4,546.06	13.37%	127.84	-4.59%	-6.40%	\$41,934.06	Portland
Rocky Hill	19,709	1,541.48			11,203.47	12,744.95	12.09%	156.42	7.38%	3.55%	\$106,362.12	Rocky Hill
Roxbury	2,262	208.73			789.42	998.15	20.91%	184.55	3.30%	2.97%	\$14,402.37	Roxbury
RRDD#1 (1)	21,234	2,015.88			12,534.38	14,550.26	13.85%	189.87	-2.68%	-2.20%	\$139,095.72	RRDD#1 (1)
Sharon/Salisbury (2)	7,015	961.81			3,336.67	4,298.48	22.38%	274.22	-6.06%	-3.86%	\$66,364.89	Sharon/Salisbury (2)
Simsbury	23,511	2,725.44			14,926.47	17,651.91	15.44%	231.84	-3.87%	-3.52%	\$188,055.36	Simsbury
South Windsor	25,709	2,780.77			16,125.18	18,905.95	14.71%	216.33	-0.05%	-3.02%	\$191,873.13	South Windsor
Southbury	19,904	1,609.44			9,860.68	11,470.12	14.03%	161.72	-0.23%	5.40%	\$111,051.36	Southbury
Suffield	15,735	1,430.90			6,852.56	8,283.46	17.27%	181.87	-1.53%	-4.28%	\$98,732.10	Suffield
Thomaston	7,887	498.31			3,816.66	4,314.97	11.55%	126.36	-2.33%	7.21%	\$34,383.39	Thomaston
Torrington	36,383	2,998.14			25,564.94	28,563.08	10.50%	164.81	0.46%	0.61%	\$206,871.66	Torrington
Vernon	29,179	2,569.62			14,633.70	17,203.32	14.94%	176.13	2.20%	0.76%	\$177,303.78	Vernon
Waterbury	110,366	2,890.66			80,872.05	83,762.71	3.45%	52.38	-2.08%	-0.51%	\$199,455.54	Waterbury
Watertown	22,514	1,651.95			11,813.71	13,465.66	12.27%	146.75	29.18%	38.42%	\$113,984.55	Watertown
West Hartford	63,268	7,195.37			38,638.68	45,834.05	15.70%	227.46	-0.54%	-2.65%	\$496,480.53	West Hartford
Westbrook	6,938	373.42			4,365.65	4,739.07	7.88%	107.64	5.47%	-7.65%	\$25,765.98	Westbrook
Wethersfield	26,668	2,819.27			16,433.90	19,253.17	14.64%	211.43	0.28%	-8.80%	\$194,529.63	Wethersfield
Windsor Locks	12,498	1,095.12			8,930.66	10,025.78	10.92%	175.25	-0.08%	0.35%	\$75,563.28	Windsor Locks
Woodbury	9,975	811.52			4,782.41	5,593.93	14.51%	162.71	-0.95%	2.00%	\$55,994.88	Woodbury
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1,225,503</b>	<b>91,715.52</b>	<b>63.12</b>	<b>91,778.64</b>	<b>708,933.57</b>	<b>782,914.94</b>	<b>11.72%</b>	<b>149.68</b>	<b>0.14%</b>	<b>0.37%</b>	<b>\$6,328,370.88</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>
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(1)—RRDD #1 includes Barkhamsted, New Hartford and Winchester  
(2)—Salisbury and Sharon manage their trash and recyclables jointly