



## SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Fiscal Year July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014

### Single Stream Recycling Program

We continue to improve our single stream recycling program.

- The **diversion rate increased to 28%** (10,963 tons)
- The City saved **\$802,000** in garbage hauling expenses by removing the recycling from the waste stream
- The City earned **\$36,000** from the sale of recycled materials



Over the past five years, we have saved over \$3 million and collected over \$550,000 from sales.

Stamford-based City Carting & Recycling Co. is our new recycling vendor. Based on the terms of our contract and the continued increase in recycling, we should generate approximately **\$250,000** in City revenue annually from the sale of recycled materials.

### Recycling at School

We worked with the Board of Education to improve recycling at our schools, increasing it from 267 to 419 tons.

### Two Recycling Centers

The two centers took in 3 tons each of fluorescent bulbs and batteries, 2,279 gallons of yellow cooking oil, and 3,075 gallons of motor oil to be recycled. Plus, Stamford received 296 tons of electronics, making us the largest electronics recycler in the State. The centers also collected and donated clothing to the Goodwill and Big Brother/Sister organizations.

### Revenue from Private Collection

The Department collected over **\$1.5 million** from the processing private and commercial garbage and recycling, and leaves and brush.

### Transfer Station

The Transfer Station oversees the operation of the State-licensed transfer station, scale house and the Katrina Mygatt Recycling center as well as the Scofield Town Rd transfer station and recycling center. It processes 51,863 tons of municipal solid waste (an 8% increase from last year), 11,344 tons of leaves, 7,313 tons of brush and yard waste, 11,932 tons of household recycling, and 666 tons of mixed metal that generated **\$106,000** in revenue.

**For more information on City of Stamford recycling,  
call (203) 977-4117 or visit us online at [stamfordrecycles.org](http://stamfordrecycles.org)**

## BOOK EXCHANGE AT KATRINA MYGATT RECYCLING CENTER

Now open at the Katrina Mygatt Recycling Center is a Book Exchange. Residents are invited to donate their used books any time during Center hours, peruse the ones that are there and take home for their reading pleasure any that pique their interest.

Want to help us keep the exchange clean and orderly? Please contact Dan Colleluori **203-977-4117**.

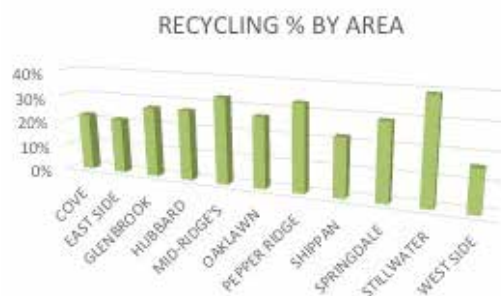
## DID YOU KNOW?

- The Recycling Education program offers an age-appropriate educational site tour of the transfer station and/or a truck demonstration of the new toter system to residents. Last year, we had 12 school and organization trips with over 800 residents learning about what we do.
- We also sponsor annually eight Hazardous Waste Recycling events throughout southeast Fairfield County. Over 600 residents participated last year.
- The Solid Waste & Recycling Department also responds to emergency storm situations by assisting the Highways Department with the cleanup of debris, as well as providing snow plow drivers and supervisors during snow storms and other emergency events.

## HOW TO KEEP YOUR TOTERS CLEAN

The garbage and recycling toters that the City issues are City property, but the maintenance and cleanliness of them are the resident's responsibility. If your toter has become dirty, the best way to clean it is with hot water and bleach or ammonia (NEVER mix the two).

## HOW MUCH IS YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD RECYCLING?



## ASK DAN...

This column provides answers to some of the most common questions regarding Stamford's recycling.

**Q: What do I do if my garbage or recycling toter is broken?**

A: If you have a broken toter, call 203-977-4117, and we will replace it ASAP.

Recycling questions? Ask Dan at [dcolleluori@ci.stamford.ct.us](mailto:dcolleluori@ci.stamford.ct.us) or **203-977-4117**.