

7. Strategic and Inclusive Public Services

7.7 Recycle Additional Materials and Compost Organics

1. Create infrastructure to recycle additional materials that Connecticut law has not designated as mandatory recyclable items. Such items include rigid non-HDPE and non-PETE plastic containers, textiles, and items covered under the Connecticut Product Stewardship program*. You may also include organics as non-mandated materials, through organics composting or organics biodigestion. In this case, you may send source-separated organics to a permitted food waste composting facility or you may operate an on-site composting program at a municipal facility.** You may target education and implementation to specific populations, such as residents or schools, for example. In all cases, be mindful of any potential barriers to participation. For each additional material recycled, you must provide educational materials to the population served. You will receive 10 points for each non-mandated material recycled, up to 40 points.
 - *The Connecticut Product Stewardship program makes producers responsible for end-of-life management (including recycling and/or disposal costs) of materials they originally produced, including mattresses, paint, plastic bags and plastic films, and electronics. The program incentivizes municipal and retail collection of these materials for proper management, at no cost to your residents.
 - **Recycling of leaves is mandatory in CT and grass clippings are banned from disposal, so programs for either of these items are not eligible for points. If your town actively promotes backyard composting by residents or composting at work, these activities are eligible for points under action 7.8 Develop a Food Waste Reduction Campaign (and not this action 7.7).

Submit: Evidence of implementation of each item-specific recycling initiative, which could be in the form of a municipal ordinance, contract, or approved meeting minutes of your legislative body. If you collaborated with a nonprofit or business to develop or implement the item-specific recycling program, you must also submit a partnership letter or alternative documentation of the partnership. Please also include examples of materials used to engage in public education, including flyers, articles, or letters that clearly describe the collection process for that item. Please note if your outreach targeted residents, schools or other specific populations.

- **Clothing and textile drive**

Greenwich High School Outreach, Stress Less and CODA Club held a Clothing and Textile Drive April 16 – April 27, 2018

<https://greenwichfreepress.com/around-town/ghs-clothing-and-textile-drive-will-reuse-re-purpose-recycle-old-clothes-bedding-etc-104884/>

GHS Outreach, Stress Less and CODA Club held a Clothing and Textile Drive in December 2017

<https://greenwichfreepress.com/around-town/giving/ghs-stress-less-and-outreach-clubs-look-for-clothing-textile-donations-98782/>

- The Town of Greenwich has a Book Swap program at the Holly Hill Recycling center that is open Friday and Saturday mornings from 7am - 12pm

<http://www.books4everyone.org/greenwich-book-swap-1/>

- Unserviceable American flags are collected at Holly Hill Recycling Center and recently at Greenwich Town Hall.

<https://www.greenwichct.gov/DocumentCenter/View/568/Unserviceable-American-flags-PDF>



Flag disposal box at Greenwich Town Hall 8/20/18.

- Residential Medical Waste (Holly Hill Recycling Center)
<https://www.greenwichct.gov/DocumentCenter/View/565/Residential-Medical-Waste-PDF>
- Dead animals (Holly Hill Recycling Center)
<https://www.greenwichct.gov/DocumentCenter/View/576/Dead-Animals-PDF>
- Annual Crayola Colorcycle (April) through public schools in Greenwich
<https://www.greenwichschools.org/north-mianus-school/pta/what-we-do/green-schools>