



NOTIFICATION OF ONGOING INSPECTIONS FOR THE CT COMMERCIAL ORGANICS RECYCLING LAW

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THE COMMERCIAL ORGANICS RECYCLING LAW STATES:

- Each commercial food wholesaler or distributor, industrial food manufacturer or processor, supermarket, resort, conference center or institution that generates an average projected volume of 26 tons of source separated organic material (SSOM) annually must source separate the organic material and ensure recycling “at any authorized SSOM composting facility” that has available capacity and can accept food scraps.

Institutions include:

- Hospitality
- Entertainment
- Rehabilitation
- Health care services
- Public or independent institution of higher education building or facility
- Correctional facilities

Public and Private (K-12) Schools

- subject to the law starting **July 1, 2026** (pending tonnage and mileage thresholds)
- **More details, webinars and support forthcoming!**



SITE INSPECTIONS

- DEEP staff are inspecting commercial food scrap/ waste generators for compliance with the law using the EPA estimated generator lists (as seen on the [CT DEEP Organics Mapping Project webpage](#))
- We also review recycling and waste management practices during these inspections.
- Inspections can potentially result in enforcement action for failure to comply with the Commercial Organics Recycling Law or for incorrect recycling/ waste management practices.
- These inspections can lead to a referral to work with **CET** to:
 - **set up efficiencies to reduce waste generation**
 - **increase or establish food donation practices**
 - **establish collection/ recycling of all food scraps/ waste**

OUTREACH EFFORTS

- Technical support offered by CET to businesses
- Mail campaigns sent to 200+ grocery stores / supermarkets
- Mail campaign for all new and existing sectors
- Discussion with CT Restaurant Association
- Previous and future webinars

FOOD SCRAPS

Please keep **NON**-food scrap items out of your food scraps.

Yes Acceptable Food Scraps



These **ARE** food scraps.

No Food Packaging or Trash



These **ARE NOT** food scraps.

CONTACT CET FOR SUPPORT AT ANYTIME!

No-Cost Waste Assistance for CT Businesses

Sign up to have a CET expert provide on-the-spot, no-cost waste assessments and identify opportunities for improved food waste reduction and recycling.

[888-410-3827](tel:888-410-3827)

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Get started with measuring food waste, today!

Share the calculator tools: [Connecticut Food Waste Estimation Guidance • CET](#)

