

**Housatonic Resources Recovery Authority****2025-26 Annual Permit and Municipal Registration Application (Effective August 1, 2025-July 31, 2026)****HRRRA RECYCABLE MATERIAL GUIDELINES.**

In an effort to enhance the quality of the recycling stream in the HRRRA region and to defray increased processing cost, Oak Ridge Waste and Recycling (OR) will be implementing contamination fees on loads with more than 6% contamination.

Contamination means that portion of Recyclable Materials delivered to the Danbury Recycling Facility or the MRF that consists of material that is not specified as Recyclable Material in Appendix B-2, of the Regional Solid Waste and Recycling Agreement between the HRRRA and Oak Ridge.

Appendix B-2 Recyclable Materials/Facility Delivery Standards: Recyclable Materials means all items designated from time to time by the Commissioner of DEEP pursuant to the provisions of Section 22a - 241 b(a) of the General Statutes as suitable for recycling and such other items as are designated from time to time by HRRRA.

Mixed Recyclables means all Recyclable Material delivered to the Danbury Recycling Facility or the MRF from generators within the applicable Participating Municipalities in commingled single or dual stream. If any load of Mixed Recyclables contains more than 6 percent (6%) weight or volume of Nonrecyclable or Contaminants, Article IV of the Agreement shall apply.

Recyclable Material delivered to the Danbury Recycling Facility or the MRF Facility shall be free of dirt, food, and other liquid or solid residue material. Mixed glass bottles and cans may be delivered with labels, neck rings and caps.

**Excerpts from ARTICLE IV – Regional Solid Waste and Recycling Agreement**

Oak Ridge Waste and Recycling will accept at the Danbury Recycling Facility or the MRF and either transfer to the MRF, as applicable, or otherwise process and sell all Products derived from HRRRA Recyclable Material delivered to the Danbury Recycling Facility or the MRF by or on behalf of HRRRA and the applicable Participating Municipalities, which acceptance, processing and sale shall be undertaken at Oak Ridge Waste and Recycling's sole cost and expense in accordance with the terms of the Agreement. Oak Ridge Waste and Recycling will accept such deliveries of HRRRA Recyclable Material at the Danbury Recycling Facility and the MRF on an equal, non-discriminatory basis, as among the various Collectors, including any Collector that is an Affiliate of Oak Ridge Waste and Recycling, with respect to hours of access, waiting times, tip fees and other conditions applicable to Collectors making such deliveries.

**Identification, Rejection, or Processing of Non-Recyclable Material or Recyclable Material Not Conforming to Facility Delivery Standards.** Oak Ridge Waste and Recycling shall be responsible to inspect vehicles delivering Recyclable Material to the Danbury Recycling Facility and the MRF. Oak Ridge Waste and Recycling's obligation to accept and process HRRRA Recyclable Material from Collectors shall not restrict or limit OR's obligation to inspect all vehicles delivering Recyclable Material to the Danbury Recycling Facility or the OR to determine whether such vehicle contains Hazardous Waste, Non-Recyclable Material in excess of Facility Delivery Standards or Recyclable Material not conforming to Facility Delivery Standards set forth in Appendix B-2. If during any such vehicle inspection, OR determines that the vehicle is delivering Recyclable Material not conforming to said Facility Delivery Standards, **OR shall require the Collector to remove the vehicle from the Site.** OR shall immediately notify HRRRA of any such rejection stating the date and time of rejection, the Collector and driver's name, the Participating Municipality of origin, and the reason(s) for rejection and shall follow this with a report in writing of the same information within two (2) calendar days delivered to HRRRA.

If a load of Recyclable Material is unloaded onto the Danbury Recycling Facility or MRF tipping floor, and OR determines that said load contains Hazardous Waste, Non-Recyclable Material in excess of Facility Delivery Standards or Recyclable Material not conforming to Facility Delivery Standards set forth in Appendix B-2, OR shall immediately notify HRRRA. The load shall be processed, if reasonably possible, and any costs, in addition to normal operating costs associated with processing a load of conforming Recyclable Materials, **shall be charged to the Collector**, provided however, if the Collector cannot be determined or if the non-conforming materials were delivered by someone other than a Collector, shall be the responsibility of OR.

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If a load of Recyclable Material described above cannot be processed because it is contaminated with Hazardous Waste, OR will promptly notify HRRA and follow the guidelines in accordance with its DEEP permit, as follows: "Ensure that any unacceptable solid waste inadvertently received, or solid waste which is unsuitable for processing at the [Facility] is: (i) promptly sorted, separated, isolated and temporarily stored in a safe manner prior to off-site transport; (ii) recorded in the daily log and reported in the quarterly report required by this document; and (iii) disposed at a facility lawfully authorized to accept such waste. A spare container shall be available for any storage emergency."

**Public Education & Outreach**

It is the responsibility of each hauler to know the Connecticut recycling laws. Haulers are encouraged to read the complete text of the laws by using the links posted on the HRRA website or the CT General Assembly website.

[https://www.cga.ct.gov/current/pub/chap\\_446d.htm#Sec\\_22a-207](https://www.cga.ct.gov/current/pub/chap_446d.htm#Sec_22a-207)

It is also the responsibility of each hauler to educate their customers to recycle right.

The HRRA is dedicated to providing public education and outreach to all residents, businesses, and municipalities. HRRA has adopted the State of Connecticut universal guide *What's In What's Out*. This guide of what residents should and should not recycle should be used by all haulers to reduce contamination. Registered haulers may request copies of any education material listed on the HRRA website [www.hrra.org](http://www.hrra.org) for distribution at no charge.

**Haulers should email the request to [Info@HRRRA.org](mailto:Info@HRRRA.org).**

For more information on recycling in CT visit the DEEP website at [www.ct.gov/dep/recycle](http://www.ct.gov/dep/recycle) or call 860.424.3365 or [www.hrra.org](http://www.hrra.org) and call 203.775.4539