Connecticut’s Waste Crisis: Challenges & Opportunities for Businesses

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Connecticut’s Waste Crisis
Setting the course and deciding on a direction
The unwanted & discarded...

The waste stream is a complex system of generators, transporters, transfer stations, processors and disposal facilities.
Solid waste management is a universal issue
Do businesses worry where their waste will go or just when will it go?
Waste & Recycling Challenges
Limited In-State Disposal Capacity

Hartford WTE Plant Closure
Choosing and partnering with the right Hauler
Addressing Human Behavior & Bad Business Habits
LINEAR ECONOMY

Materials in a Linear Economy create waste after use.

CIRCULAR ECONOMY

Materials in a Circular Economy are collected and reused after each use.
Waste Reduction - Waste that never gets created and doesn’t have waste management costs. Or...
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Material Management Solutions

Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)
Paint, Mattresses, Thermostats, E-waste, Certain Gas Cylinders

Source Separation Programs
Cardboard recycling
Organic Collection (*Local, easy and convenient*)
Bag bans (*change human behavior*)
Plastic Film Return to Retail (*System solutions*)
Deposit Systems (*Financial incentives*)

Unit Base Pricing
Pay as you throw not one set fee

Recycling Right
Reduces cost, increases value
Think outside the box
New England Compost - Danbury, CT
WINDROW COMPOSTING
Municipal Onsite Composting - Ridgefield, CT
SOLAR POWERED ASP COMPOSTING
It all starts with the generator
WHY
NOT
START
NOW
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