

RECYCLING & SANITATION

2023/24 BUDGET SUMMARY

2141- Transfer Station

2142- Recycling

2143- Collections

2144- Haulaway

Dept. summary

The mission of the Recycling and Sanitation Department is to provide for the efficient and expedient collection and disposal of garbage and recyclables from designated areas within the City of Stamford. The Department manages the Transfer Station, Scale House, and Katrina Mygatt Recycling Center, Take it or Leave it and Book Swap along with the Scofield Public Works facility during leaf collections and special recycling events.

Dept. Challenges

In 22/23 FY the Department has managed to continue quality customer service including a 95% closure of Fix it request within 48 hours including missed collections, replacing toters, delivering and returning outside vendor truck repairs, and special requests **despite the daily staff headcount shortage of 10-35%** due to injuries, sick and vacation days.

Dept. budget impact

The overall Department budget increases are based on: Vendor contract price increases, Union contracts and an increase in tons of garbage and leaves hauled away. City collection of garbage has increased by total tonnage of MSW outgoing from 66k in 20/21FY to 69k 21/22, to 22/23 projection of 72k tons. Increases in overtime are a result of additional staff workload, age of staff, injuries to staff and equipment issues.

Dept. service improvements

The success of our new food waste composting program has given the incentive to pursue additional opportunities as the Department has worked with the Grants office in applying for an EAP grant for additional food waste compost centers. Additional compost collection centers and centralized food waste collection sites, similar to NYC, will result in less garbage hauled away and continue City efforts to be environmentally impactful while saving the City budget from hauling away garbage.

Food waste composted	21/22	43, 000 Lbs.	(21 tons)
	22/23 projected	70, 000 lbs.	(35 tons)