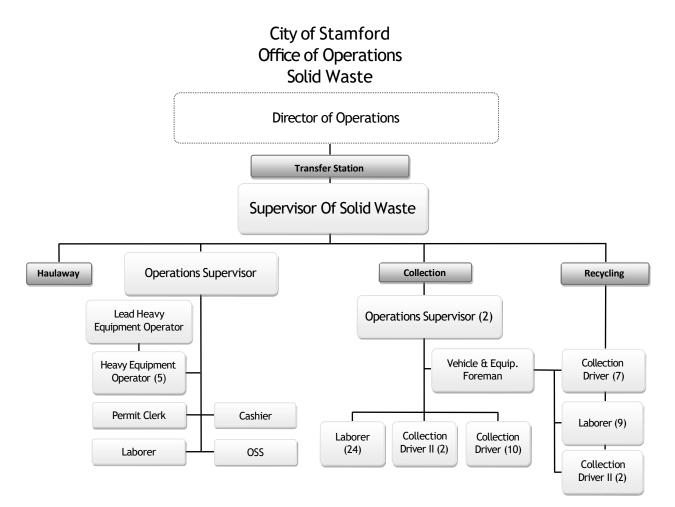
## CITY OF STAMFORD

# Recycling & Sanitation

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## Department Introduction & Brief History

#### **Recycling & Sanitation Department Overview:**

The mission of the Recycling and Sanitation Department is to provide for the efficient and expedient collection and disposal of waste 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. Provides services including providing dumpsters to neighborhoods as requested. Department also manages the Scofield facility during leaf collection and holds monthly special recycling collection events.



## New & Expanded "Services"

- Route Optimization Study: Implementation and on-going monitoring of the Fleet to create efficient and equitable routes, leading to department efficiencies, cost savings and green house gas emissions.
- Food Waste Composting The success of the food waste composting program at the Recycling Center and Fairgate Farms has promoted eliminating food waste from our waste stream. Implementation of the EPA three-year grant for \$2.016M to increase our food waste compost program providing additional compost collection centers and centralized food waste collection sites. The anticipated result is in less garbage hauled away and continue City efforts to be environmentally impactful.



### Strategic Initiatives for FY2024-2025

#### **Strategic Initiatives for FY2024-2025:**

- Further the fleet maintenance program to minimize downtime and reduce unnecessary breakdowns and repairs.
- Expand Food Waste compost program through implementation of EPA three-year SWIFR Grant .
- Route Optimization study for the Collections Department.
- Assess Transfer Station for new improvements and services to reduce Scale House waiting time.
- Continue Daily Collections review to improve efficiencies and report collection data.



## Challenges & Improvements for FY2023-2024

Below are the most significant accomplishments made & challenges faced by the Recycling & Sanitation Department in the last FY 2023-2024.

#### **Challenges**

- Improving vehicle/equipment daily availability with an increasingly aging fleet well beyond its useful life.
- Daily staff shortfall due to injuries.

#### **Significant accomplishments**

- Provide excellent customer satisfaction with 98% staff responses to Fix It Requests completed within 48 hours.
- Received three-year EPA SWIFR Food Waste Grant for \$2.016M.
- Provided services at Westhill High School to create a food waste compost program with Westhill Environmental Club for food waste collected at school.
- Added second drop off food waste compost site at Fairgate Farms to easier drop off location for food waste drop off.
- Increased food waste drop off from 43K lbs. to 85K lbs.