



## CORL Reporting Requirements FAQ

Connecticut's Commercial Organics Recycling Law (CORL) requires applicable businesses and institutions generating more than 26 tons of food waste a year to source-separate and recycle food waste, and to begin reporting on those efforts to CT DEEP on or before March 1<sup>st</sup> 2025.

If you are a business or institution subject to this law, you will report your wasted food diversion efforts for 2024 electronically via this [CT DEEP reporting form](#). The form is 18 questions, and summarizes the amount of edible food donated, the amount of food scraps recycled and the organics recycler or recyclers and associated collectors used. [See here for a pdf summary of all questions](#), so you can prepare your answers in advance.

To assist businesses in determining their obligations and completing their reporting requirements, CET has compiled the following resources as an FAQ:

- Why is this data being collected?
  - DEEP is required by Public Act No. 23-170 to collect this data. Pursuant to Public Act No. 23-170, on or before March 1, 2025, and annually thereafter, each wholesaler, distributor, manufacturer, processor, supermarket, resort, conference center or institution that is subject to the provisions of section 22a-226e of the general statutes shall submit a report to the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection in electronic format. The data will help DEEP confirm a baseline of the Organics generated, collected and processed by the sectors within this law and can be used to estimate the environmental impact this law has on waste management in CT.
- How do I know if my business/institution is subject to this law?
  - If your operations produce wasted food in large quantities (over 26 tons a year or .5 ton a week) you may be subject to the requirements of this law. Check out [this resource from CT DEEP](#) to learn more.
- What data is being collected?
  - The total annual tonnage of excess food generated by your organization during calendar year 2024.
  - The method used for estimating excess food generated.
  - Does your organization donate edible food for human consumption?
  
  - The tons of edible food donated by your organization in Calendar Year 2024.



- All food donation and recovery organizations that you partnered with in 2024.
- Optional: Provide any additional comments regarding edible food donation.
- Does your organization recycle food scraps?
- The tons of food scraps recycled in 2024.
- The name(s) of the hauler(s) or collector(s) used to recycle food scraps from your organization in 2024.
- The name(s) of the recycler(s) receiving the food scraps for recycling from your organization in 2024.
- How do I assess how much wasted food my business/institution is generating?
  - You may utilize CET's [Food Waste Estimation Guide](#) to estimate your wasted food by sector or you may work with your hauler to estimate tonnage. If you had collection carts or services throughout the year, then estimating a base weight of food waste for each cart and multiplying by the number of service collections is also acceptable.
- How do I assess how much wasted food my business/institution is donating?
  - You may need to work with your donation partner(s) to determine the tonnage of donated food from calendar year 2024. If routine donations were made throughout the year estimating a base weight for each donation and then multiplying by the number of donations is also acceptable.
- What is meant by recycling food scraps?
  - This includes food waste and food scraps that are diverted from disposal and recycled via composting, anaerobic digestion, or use as animal feed.
- How do I know where my food scraps are getting recycled?
  - You'll need to work with your waste hauler to determine where your food scraps were recycled each calendar year.

CET is available to help you estimate your business or institution's tonnage at no cost to you, please contact us at (888)-410-3827 or [reducewastect@cetonline.org](mailto:reducewastect@cetonline.org) for further assistance.