

>>> RECYCLING NEWSLETTER <<<

TRACKING CONTAMINATION

"East Hartford Recycles Clean"

**JULY 2023:
108
UNACCEPTABLE
TONS**

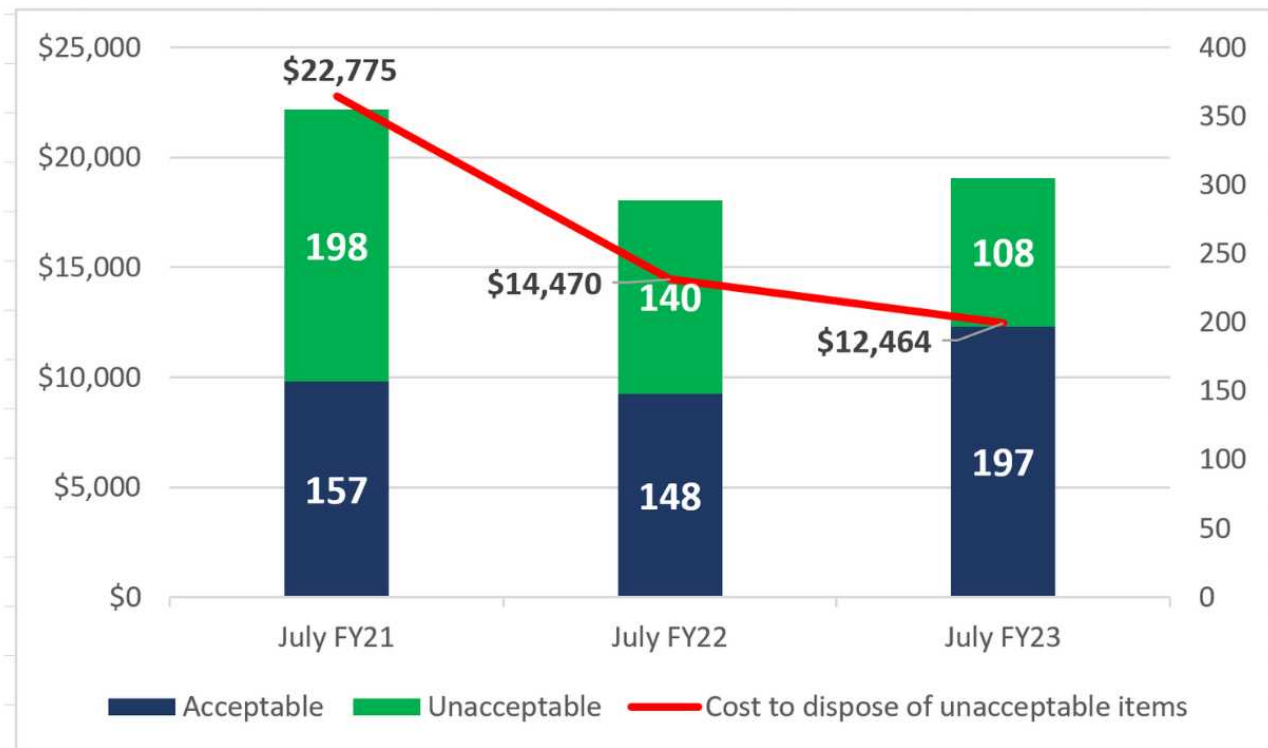


- The graph below, which compares recycling data for July for the last three years, indicates a reduction in unacceptable materials and an increase in clean recyclables.
- However, the amount of unacceptable materials is still very high. Disposing of clean recyclables costs the city, nothing, but the recycling facility (Murphy Road Recycling – MRR) charges \$115 for each ton of contaminated recyclables.

- MRR deems a load contaminated when it contains 20% or more non-recyclables that they cannot separate from the acceptable part of the load.
- On July 2023, MRR graded just 27 contaminated tons that were mixed with 81 tons of clean recyclables so the town had to pay \$12,464 to dispose of 108 tons of mixed materials instead of paying just \$ 3,105 for the contaminated tons.



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DISPOSE OF THESE
MATERIALS**



MONITORING OF UNDERPERFORMING RECYCLERS

Who is an underperformer recycler? It is an unaware or aware recycler but inactive and not engaged. The contamination rate in blue carts is above 20%.

See below a table with the days of highest contamination rates according to the recycling calendar. On the four Wednesdays of July 2023, we found eleven (11) tons of unacceptable or contaminated recyclable items in neighborhoods off Burnside Ave and Tolland St. Please be thoughtful about what you place in the blue cart: When in doubt, throw it out in your trash cart.

>>> CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the neighbors whose recyclable collection day is on Thursdays. We found only 2 tons of unacceptable items.

DAY	A - WEEK	B - WEEK	TOTAL
MON	0	4	4
TUE	4	2	6
WED	7	4	11
THU	2	0	2
FRI	1	3	4
TOTAL	14	13	27

July '23						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
						1
2	3	H	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

A
Week

Recycling
Shaded Weeks are "A"

B
Week

Recycling
Unshaded Weeks are "B"