



Let's Talk Trash

(first, let me pre-apologize for all the 'trashy' puns in this email - it was too tempting to avoid.)

Don't worry - it's not *THAT* kind of trash talk!

Almost a year ago, we worked with our regional waste authority, the Housatonic Resource Recovery Authority (HRRRA), to submit a grant application to the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) to fund a one-year pilot for a food scrap collection/pay-as-you-throw program.

We were recently notified that we were awarded \$55,000 to fund this pilot. Very exciting news!

To provide information to the public on the pilot, why the town is doing this, and full details about the program, we are hosting a one-hour informational session this Friday at 6:30p. HRRRA Executive Director Jennifer Heaton-Jones will give a "Trash Talk" on the waste crisis in CT, and how this voluntary pilot program will help us manage our solid waste better, and even save some money along the way.

Come in person to town hall, or virtually over Zoom and bring your trash-y questions. However you chose to attend, click the image below to register so we know you're attending - we've even included a space to ask questions on the registration form (just in case you'd rather not talk trash in public). The session will also be recorded and available on the town website after the session.

We hope you'll join us to learn about this exciting opportunity!



**Join us for a
Trash Talk**

Connecticut is experiencing a waste crisis. More waste is generated than we have the capacity to manage in state. Learn about Kent's upcoming food scrap collection and pay-as-you-throw pilot project - funded by a \$55,000 Sustainable Materials Management grant from DEEP -and how this new model is an important step for our community to help battle the waste crisis.



**FRIDAY
MAY 12TH
6:00-7:30P**

Attend in-person at
Kent Town Hall or
virtually via  zoom

Jennifer Heaton-Jones, Executive Director of the regional governmental solid waste and recycling authority, HRRRA, will give a one hour presentation followed by a half hour Q & A. You're guaranteed to learn something new and be inspired to take the challenge!



What is "Save As You Throw"?

We'll break down this new model, and help understand how this will help solve the waste crisis in Connecticut.



Food Scrap Collection...huh?

We'll bust the myths of food scrap collection and detail how removing this heavy material from your garbage makes so much sense!



How will this save money?

Recycling and managing our garbage is getting confusing. Learn how this pilot program can save money and reduce waste.

**click below to
register:**

[HRRRA.org](https://www.hrrra.org)

Funding provided by the Sustainable Materials Management Grants Program administered by the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP)

As always, remember,
...take a breath,
...give folks a minute,
...assume some positive intent.

Stay well,



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