



# MATTRESS, PAINT AND TIRE EPR IN CONNECTICUT

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# EPR PROGRAMS IN CONNECTICUT



Ewaste - 2011

Gas Cylinders - 2025



Paint - 2013

Tires - 2026



Thermostats - 2014



Mattresses - 2015



# PAINT - 2011

Paint is one of the highest cost materials at HHW collections

Connecticut participated in PSI dialogues with American Coatings Association in 2003

Legislation passed in 2011

- **Same legislative champion as ewaste**

Implemented in 2013

Convenient collections

Funded by fee at point of sale

Retailers volunteer as collection points and noticed increased foot traffic



# PAINT EPR RESULTS - 2023

371,000 gallons collected

- 85% latex- 82% is recycled into paint
- 15% oil based

Retail collection sites - 102

Municipal collection sites - 55

HHW collection events – 62

Large Volume pickups - 63

# MATTRESSES - 2013

Closure of Hartford landfill results in \$40 per mattress processing fee for towns disposing of mattresses there

City of Hartford, looking at \$400,000 bill for managing mattresses, leads the charge on mattresses EPR

Same legislative advocate as paint and ewaste

# MATTRESS EPR RESULTS - 2023

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200,000 mattresses collected

\$3.25 million - estimated annual savings for municipalities

157 municipalities participated

Collected

- **34,000 mattresses from retailers**
- **8,400 mattresses from haulers**
- **4,050 mattresses from educational institutions**
- **3,300 mattresses from lodging**



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## DRIVERS FOR PURSUING TIRE EPR IN CONNECTICUT

- ▶ Address illegal tire dumping
- ▶ Save municipalities money
- ▶ Promote higher end markets



# Recent Illegal Dumping Cases in Connecticut

**DEEP dealing with truckload of used tires illegally dumped at Indian Well State Park in Shelton**

Police: Two men accused of illegally dumping nearly 100 tires - Naugatuck

**Trumbull took 8 months and spent nearly \$50,000 to remove illegally dumped tires at Old Mine Park**

Illegal tire dumping costing Hamden, cluttering neighborhoods





## TIRES

Successful in virtually eliminating illegal tire dumping where implemented in Canada

Eliminates primary incentive for illegal dumping – end of life fee

Supported by one major tire processor in Connecticut, opposed by the other





# HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES

Bill introduced in 2024

Same legislative sponsor as  
cylinders and tires

Covers single use and  
rechargeable batteries

Similar to what other states are  
proposing



# PARTING THOUGHTS

Identify a strong legislative proponent

Start with paint – industry will support and proven track record

Participate in Product Stewardship Institute stakeholder dialogues to understand what other states are doing. Open to state and local government

Need state and municipal leaders to provide useful data and counter misinformation