

Curious how much trash  
the average Old Lyme  
resident generates  
in one year?

891 pounds per person\*

That's equivalent to  
almost 2½ pounds  
of household trash  
a day per person



1

Reduce waste by buying items with less packaging. Avoid single use water bottles, straws, and to-go cups.

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Reuse items by repairing or repurposing; swap goods with friends and neighbors; consign clothes; donate to thrift sale fundraisers.

3

Recycle correctly, ensuring items are clean and appropriate. Inspectors divert to trash any dirty recyclables along with other items contaminated by them.

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Reconsider Composting! It's often possible to reduce 20 percent or more of household trash by composting food waste. Special containers are designed to exclude critters. And your garden will love you for it!

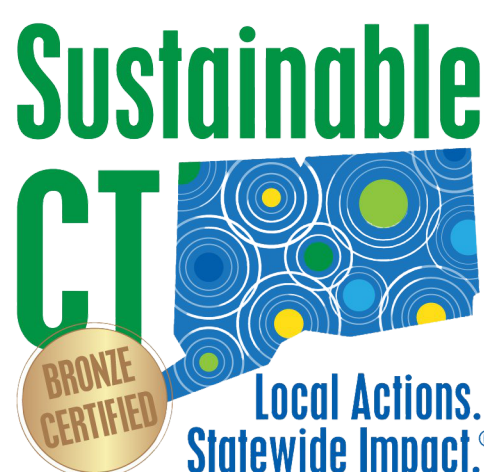
How can your household  
make a difference?

Help us reduce  
Old Lyme trash by 10% and  
keep taxpayer costs low



\***Old Lyme Residential** Solid Waste  
based on data provided by  
Materials Innovation & Recycling Authority  
(MIRA)

July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019: 813 pounds per capita  
July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020: 830 pounds per capita  
July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021: 891 pounds per capita



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