

2026 Household Waste Management RFP Questions and Answers

August 10, 2026

1. In attachment 9 Household Hazardous Waste Event Tabulation: can you provide any current or recent information? Town of Darien is the only one listed with 2026 detail - others are as far back as 2019. *Attachment 9 of the RFP contains the most recent waste event tabulation data available to WestCOG from the municipalities.*
2. This procurement is being conducted by WestCOG on behalf of the six participating municipalities. The municipalities will then contract individually with the selected vendor.
3. Please advise whether WestCOG will provide a forklift. *The Contractor is required to furnish a forklift to lift any materials that must be managed during the HHW collection events. See Part 2, p. 8: "Be required to provide a working operational forklift at all events."*
4. Please advise whether WestCOG will provide a Roll on/Roll off for trash. *See Part 2, p. 4: "At each event, CONTRACTOR must provide equipment needed for the temporary storage and transport of collected household hazardous waste, including pallets, pallet jack, Gaylord bulk boxes, tractor trailer with lift gate, covered back-up truck or roll-off containers, shrink wrap/sealing tape, traffic cones, and other equipment as may be desirable. Scales are not available at any of the TOWNS sites. CONTRACTOR must provide a scale or scales at each event, if needed." The Contractor must also provide for the collection and disposal of trash generated at the events.*
5. Please advise whether WestCOG will provide rest rooms. *Would recommend that all proponents include a provision for a portable restroom on-site; this can be negotiated between an individual municipality and the selected vendor depending upon needs at a specific event site.*

August 18, 2026:

- 1) Please clarify who will be responsible for the disposal of empty resident cardboard boxes and containers used to transport HHW material to the event, and empty containers from poured off materials. *The selected Contractor shall be responsible for disposal of these materials.*
- 2) The RFP lists mattresses as being an acceptable material in Stamford. Please confirm if the selected HHW vendor will be responsible for disposing of this material, or if the council plans on disposing of this material, or any other non-HHW material separately. *Stamford accepts mattresses as bulky waste or through specialized recycling drop-offs and periodic residential recycling events (such as at Scofieldtown Yard), provided they are not excessively soiled, wet, or infested. [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]*

Disposal Options in Stamford

- **Scofield Recycling Events:** The city accepts bulky waste items including mattresses (up to a 200 lbs limit) from residents during designated recycling events at the Scofieldtown Yard. [1, 2]
- **Transfer Station:** Oversized municipal solid waste like furniture and mattresses is handled via local commercial transfer stations (such as Win Waste Innovations). [1, 2]
- **State Recycling Program:** Connecticut participates in the Bye Bye Mattress program overseen by the Mattress Recycling Council, meaning intact mattresses can often be recycled rather than landfilled. [1, 2]

Rules & Restrictions

- Must not be heavily soiled, wet, or bed-bug infested.
- City residential drop-offs usually require proof of residency and exclude commercial vehicles or rental trailers.
- Check the City of Stamford Recycling and Sanitation portal

Mattresses will be accepted at the Household Hazardous Waste collection event through the Mattress Recycling Council's Bye Bye Mattress Program; therefore, the selected Contractor for Household Hazardous Waste will not be responsible for disposal of this material.