



**CHITTENDEN SOLID WASTE DISTRICT**  
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Dear Town/City/Village Clerk; Planning Commission; Conservation Commission, Community Energy/Sustainability/Garden Groups, and other official Community Groups:

Chittenden Solid Waste District (CSWD) plans to award a total of \$2,000 in Community Waste Reduction Grants for projects that result in less trash headed to the landfill. A 25% match from the community is required. Examples of projects that would be eligible for funds include:

- Purchase and set up community compost bins and/or solar cone digesters, available for use by community members.
- Promote backyard composting.
- Promote environmentally-preferable purchasing.
- Develop a local on-farm composting site for food and yard waste.
- Promote reduce-reuse-recycle all you can at home, work, school, in your community.
- Purchase containers for community special event recycling/composting.

CSWD will accept proposals from each community through noon, Friday, January 29, 2010. Each proposal should include:

1. Project coordinator name, title, phone number, and email address.
2. Description of project, including public education component.
3. Estimate of how much waste reduction will be achieved.
4. Project budget.
5. Source of matching funds (in-kind contributions OK).
6. Timeline.

Projects must be completed by June 30, 2010. More than one proposal may be submitted by a community, though no more than one project will be awarded per community. Selection criteria include:

- Amount of waste to be diverted.
- Likelihood of success.
- Transferability of project to other communities.
- Creativity of project.
- Availability of funds.

Please feel free to contact me with questions. I am available to assist with the development of projects. Also, please pass along this letter to community groups in your town that may have an interest in submitting a proposal.

Sincerely,

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