



Going Green Makes Sen\$e *Additional Resources*



Measurement and Assessment

- **EPA Waste Reduction Model (WARM)**
http://www.epa.gov/climatechange/wycd/waste/calculators/Warm_home.html
WARM is available both as a web based calculator and an Excel spreadsheet. It calculates and totals GHG emissions of baseline and alternative waste management practices—source reduction, recycling, combustion, and composting. The model calculates emissions in metric tons of carbon equivalent (MTCE), metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent (MTCO2E), and energy units (million BTU) across a wide range of material types commonly found in municipal solid waste (MSW).
- **ENERGY STAR Benchmarking**
http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=evaluate_performance.bus_portfoliomanager_benchmarking
Benchmarking your building's energy performance is a key first step to understanding and reducing energy consumption and your carbon footprint. All buildings can assess their energy performance, water efficiency, and carbon emissions using Portfolio Manager.
- **SCORE (Sustainability Competency Opportunity & Reporting Evaluation)**
http://www.axisperformance.com/SCORE_overview.html
- **WasteWise**
<http://www.epa.gov/wastes/partnerships/wastewise/index.htm>
WasteWise is a free, voluntary EPA program that helps organizations eliminate waste, benefiting their bottom line and the environment. WasteWise members can join as partners, endorsers, or both. WasteWise helps its partners meet goals to reduce and recycle municipal solid waste.

Landscaping and Native Gardens

- Read about CT DEEP's **native garden**, including plants used.
<http://www.ct.gov/dep/cwp/view.asp?A=2690&Q=322452>
- Find information on how to transition to **organic land care**, including the organic land care video; what other towns are doing; information on pesticide risks; and purchasing organic land care products.
<http://www.ct.gov/dep/cwp/view.asp?A=2708&Q=379676>

Managing Electronics

- Consider joining the **State Electronics Challenge (SEC)**. This is a voluntary program that encourages state, regional, and local governments, including schools and other public entities, to purchase greener electronic products, reduce the impacts of electronic products during use and manage obsolete electronics in an environmentally safe way. <http://www.stateelectronicschallenge.net/>

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