



# Connecticut Shell Recycling Update

## 2025 Gatherings of the Shellfish Commissions







# What is Shell Recycling?

- The process of collecting, curing, and reusing shells to rebuild, reinforce and maintain natural oyster populations.
  - Also called "Shell Recovery"
- Connecticut Public Act 21-24 – Effective in 2021



# My Role: CT Sea Grant Shell Recycling Coordinator

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- Provide support and information to existing programs and those seeking to implement one
- Act as liaison between state and local officials
- Identify key players and monitor shell recycling locations throughout CT
  - [CT Shell Recycling Locations](#)
- Create public outreach materials
  - Recycling shells from beaches (mostly Slipper snails) has become a popular topic.
- Identify opportunities for the public to learn about food waste and environmental sustainability





# A bit on recycling shells from beaches...

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Beach raking/grading is a CT DEEP approved activity HOWEVER must adhere to proper protocols outlined in:

- **CT DEEP's General Permit for Coastal Maintenance**
- Connecticut Beach Association's Guide to Coastal Activities and Permitting

CORR may be consulted in these activities as a partner to remove already piled shell but DOES NOT perform the beach raking activities





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