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

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

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

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!

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

891 pounds per person*

That's equivalent to almost $2\frac{1}{2}$ pounds of household trash a day per person.

*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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