



Trash & Recycling Updates, etc...

APRIL THROUGH JUNE 2015

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www.mansfieldct.gov/trash

E-MAIL NOTIFICATION

The quarterly updates will be going paperless. Please sign-up for e-mail notification to continue to receive these updates and be informed of trash service changes due to storms or other emergencies. Go to www.mansfieldct.gov. To the right, click on the e-mail notification tab. After typing in your e-mail address, select the “Trash Service” box.

TRASH & RECYCLING COLLECTION SERVICE

The week of **Memorial Day** - all trash & recycling collection will be one day later. You will find the 2015 trash service calendar by going to www.mansfieldct.gov/trash.

TRANSFER STATION USERS

HELP! The transfer station attendants could use your small bills when you pay by cash.

MATTRESS/BOX SPRING RECYCLING BEGINS IN MAY

In May, a new state mattress recycling law will go into effect. Once it begins residents will no longer be charged for the mattresses and box springs they bring to the transfer station.

REPAIR CAFÉ APRIL 18, 2015

Come to the Repair Café on Saturday, April 18, 2015, from 10 am to 2 pm at the First Congregational Church’s Arnold Auditorium, 199 Valley Street, Willimantic. Skilled volunteers will be on hand to repair and teach repair skills to people bringing in books, bicycles, electronics, electrical and mechanical items, clothing and small wooden furniture that need to be fixed.

PERMACULTURE GARDENS APRIL 11, 2015

Join us to learn about permaculture gardens on April 11, 2015 from 10 am to 11:30 am in the Town Hall Council Chamber. Permaculture gardens use techniques and practices that combine the best of wildlife gardening, edible landscaping, and native-plant cultivation into one low-maintenance and productive ecosystem. Learn how to apply permaculture techniques to your property from Will Hooper, a certified permaculture designer. Pre-register by April 8, 2015 by e-mailing waltonvd@mansfieldct.org or calling 860-429-3333.

BACKYARD COMPOSTING MAY 2, 2015

Join us on May 2, 2015 from 10 am to 11 am in the Town Hall Council Chamber to learn about the inner workings of a compost pile and how it is an integral part of organic land care. This workshop will help you get started or improve what you already have going. Presented by Virginia Walton, Mansfield Recycling Coordinator. Pre-register by April 29, 2015 by calling 860-429-3333 or e-mailing waltonvd@mansfieldct.org.

RID LITTER DAY, MAY 2, 2015

Get out and clean up your road, nearby stretch of woods, or a local park on Saturday, May 2, 2015. Bags of roadside litter can either be placed out with curbside collection the following week (no limit restriction) or taken to the transfer station at no cost.

ADOPT A ROAD

Is there a particularly littered section of road in your neighborhood? Join the 70 residents or organizations that have committed to keep Mansfield clean by Adopting A Road. Those who adopt a portion of a Mansfield road pick up litter at their convenience during

the course of a year. By participating, the litter will not be subject to a charge at the transfer station or a limit with trash collection service. Contact the Public Works Department at 860-429-3333 or go to www.mansfieldct.org/aar to sign up.

**HOUSEHOLD
HAZARDOUS WASTE
FACILITY**

The Regional Chemical Waste Drop-Off Facility, located on Hancock Road in Willington, opens April 18, 2015 and will be open the first and third Saturdays of the month until November 7 (*closed July 4 & Sept 5*) and Thursday, October 1, 2015. The hours are 9 am to 2 pm for residential hazardous waste disposal. For more information call 860-429-3333 or go to www.mansfieldct.org/hhw.

**VEGETABLE OIL
RECYCLING**

The transfer station, located on Rte 89, accepts waste vegetable oil. Oil may be brought in jugs or containers with lids. Newport Biodiesel will convert the cooking oil into biodiesel.

**FISHING LINE
RECYCLING**

Littered monofilament fishing line can be deadly to marine mammals, turtles, fish and birds. Mansfield has placed fishing line recycling tubes (made out of PVC pipe) at several local fishing holes. Please retrieve all snagged fishing line and place in these containers.

PLANT POTS REUSE

Undamaged plant pots (1 gallon and smaller) and trays of all sizes can be reused at Tri-County Greenhouse on the corner of Bone Mill Road and Route 44. They are a non-profit organization dedicated to serving adults with disabilities.

FREecycle

The Freecycle Network is a non-profit organization that organizes a worldwide network of "gifting" groups, aimed at diverting reusable goods from trash incinerators and landfills. If you have items that you no longer need or leftovers from a project, then Freecycle might be the way to find a home for them. If you are looking for an item, you might find it through Freecycle. There is a Storrs Freecycle group that can be joined at https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/freecycle_Storrs. All exchanges are free of charge.