



Trash & Recycling Updates, etc...

JANUARY THROUGH MARCH 2015

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<http://www.mansfieldct.gov/trash>

TRASH & RECYCLING COLLECTION SERVICE On the Mansfield website you will find a trash service calendar for 2015. The week of **New Years, January 1** - Thursday service will be on Friday, Friday service will be on Saturday.

IN CASE OF SNOWY WEATHER To be informed of trash service changes due to inclement weather, sign up for e-mail notification. Go to www.mansfieldct.gov. Click on the E-mail notification tab. Select the Press Releases or Environmental Program box.

CHRISTMAS TREES Bring your tree to the transfer station where it will eventually be turned into wood chips. *The \$5.00 charge has been waived.*

REPAIR YOUR TREASURES What do you do with a dress that has a tear, a toaster that no longer works or a knife that has lost its sharp edge? Bring it to the **Repair Café** on Saturday, January 17, 10 AM to 2 PM, (snow date - January 24) at the First Congregational Church, 199 Valley Street, Willimantic.

The Repair Café is a FREE event open to the public. Skilled volunteers will repair – or teach you to repair – your broken item. While you are there, enjoy bake sale refreshments and chat with a neighbor. You must be able to carry your item in and out of the Café. For more information, contact Virginia Walton at 860-429-3333 or waltonvd@mansfieldct.org.

TEXTILE RECYCLING **Any item made of woven material, even if it's worn, torn or stained, can be recycled.** A Salvation Army donation box is located at the Mansfield transfer station. As long as they are **clean and dry**, you can donate the following textiles to the Salvation Army:

- All clothing – including socks, undergarments/bras, ties
- All footwear
- Fabric/material scraps
- Rags
- Stuffed animals and soft toys
- Backpacks
- Bedding – pillows, comforters, sheets, pillow cases, blankets
- Curtains/draperies, table linens, towels and wash cloths

ORGANIC LAND CARE WORKSHOP SERIES The Town of Mansfield is offering a series of free workshops focused on landscaping techniques that reduce storm water pressure, pesticide, herbicide and synthetic fertilizer use and support a healthy environment around our homes. To pre-register for some or all of the five workshops, call 860-429-3333 or e-mail waltonvd@mansfieldct.org.

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Edible Landscaping**Saturday, February 28, 2015, 10 am - 11 am (snow date March 7)****Town Hall Council Chamber**

Pre-register by February 25, 2015. Make your home landscape multi-task by including edible, but beautiful plants. Deborah Lee, a UConn Extension Master Gardener Coordinator, will explain how to include edible trees, shrubs, perennials & annuals in your existing gardens.

Organic Lawns**Saturday, March 14, 2015, 10 am - 11:30 am (snow date March 21)****Town Hall Council Chamber**

Pre-register by March 11, 2015. Learn how to create a lush, healthy yard without the use of pesticides, herbicides and synthetic fertilizers from accredited organic land care professional Rick Brosseau of Milrick Lawn Service.

Rain Gardens/Rain Harvesting**Saturday, March 28, 2015, 10 am - 11 am (snow date April 4)****Town Hall Council Chamber**

Pre-register by March 25, 2015. Explore the water resources on your property and learn interesting ways to use them. Participants will learn about the benefits of rain barrels and how to create a landscaped rain garden from Jean Pillo, Coordinator for the Thames River Basin Partnership.

Permaculture Gardens**Saturday, April 11, 2015, 10 am - 11:30 am****Town Hall Council Chamber**

Pre-register by April 8, 2015. Permaculture gardens use techniques and practices that combine the best of wildlife gardening, edible landscaping, and native-plant cultivation into one low-maintenance, self-contained and productive ecosystem. Learn how to apply permaculture techniques to your property from Will Hooper, a certified permaculture designer.

Backyard Composting**Saturday, May 2, 2015, 10 am - 11 am****Town Hall Council Chamber**

Pre-register by April 29, 2015. 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.