



# Trash & Recycling Updates, etc...

OCTOBER THROUGH DECEMBER 2015

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## TRASH & RECYCLING COLLECTION SERVICE

For the 2015 trash service calendar, go to [www.mansfieldct.gov/trash](http://www.mansfieldct.gov/trash)

The week of **Columbus Day, October 12** - No change in service.

The week of **Veteran's Day, November 11** - No change in service.

The week of **Thanksgiving, November 26** - Thursday service will be on Friday, Friday service will be on Saturday.

The week of **Christmas, December 25** - Friday service will be on Saturday.

The week of **New Years, January 1** - Friday service will be on Saturday.

## NO PLASTIC BAGS IN RECYCLE CONTAINER

*Please do not put plastic bags or plastic wrap of any kind in the blue recycle container. The recyclables in the blue containers go to a recycling plant where cans, bottles, and paper get sorted. Plastic bags and wrap that get tangled in the sorting equipment can shut down the plant! But...*

Plastic bags can be recycled at the Mansfield transfer station in a box designated just for plastic film, eliminating the need to sort it from other recyclables. Big Y, Price Chopper and Staples also accept any stretchy plastic as long as it is clean. Press your thumb into the plastic. If it gives without breaking, recycle it. Remove receipts and all food residue.

## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY

The Regional Chemical Waste Drop-Off Facility, located at 57 Hancock Road in Willington, will be open Oct 1, 3 & 17 and Nov 7, 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](http://www.mansfieldct.org/hhw).

## CONTRIBUTE YOUR ORTS

Participants are wanted for a transfer station pilot project to demonstrate the importance of local, small scale food scrap (also known as orts) composting operations. It is estimated that 15% to 30% of a household's waste can be composted. By adding food scraps to the Town's leaf compost pile, the leaves compost more rapidly and produce a nutrient-packed soil amendment that is available for residents. This aligns nicely with the Near Zero Waste Resolution that the Town Council adopted in March. This resolution emphasizes Mansfield's commitment to preventing waste, recycling and composting. If you would like to contribute your household's food scraps, contact Virginia Walton, Recycling Coordinator at 860-429-3333 or email [waltonvd@mansfieldct.org](mailto:waltonvd@mansfieldct.org). Participants will receive collection containers and guidance on what is accepted.

## EXTRA HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE

From December 26 through 31, 2015 you may put out extra household garbage on your collection day. Extra garbage does not include bulky items, which should be taken to the transfer station. *Please note, non-metallic wrapping paper, tissue paper and gift boxes should be recycled.*

## RECYCLE WRAPPING PAPER AND BOXES

Please recycle non-metallic wrapping paper, tissue paper and gift boxes. Place them in the blue recycling container with other household recyclables.

**STRING OF LIGHTS  
RECYCLING**

Recycle your string of lights that no longer work by bringing them to the Mansfield transfer station. They will be recycled with other wire products. *Please do not place them in the blue recycle container.*

**REPAIR CAFÉ &  
CLINICS -  
OCTOBER 3, 2015**

What do you do with a dress that has a tear or a lamp that no longer works? Bring it to the **Repair Café** on Saturday, October 3, 10 AM to 2 PM, at the First Congregational Church, 199 Valley Street, Willimantic. A lamp and bike repair clinic will be offered during this time to pass along repair know-how. 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](mailto:waltonvd@mansfieldct.org).

**AWARD WINNING  
WASTE REDUCTION**

The Town has been rewarded with \$14,490 in grant funds by CT's DEEP for its on-going efforts to reduce waste. The funds will be used to continue to enhance waste reduction, reuse, and recycling programs. DEEP credits the Town for its successful curbside and transfer station unit-based pricing program which has managed trash like a utility for the past twenty five years. When users pay for trash based on how much they throw out, the amount of trash per person drops. Other features that DEEP found worthy of rewarding includes the schools' compost programs and the newly established repair café that promotes repair rather than disposal.

**SHARING YOUR  
TREASURES**

Do you own perfectly good items that you no longer want but hate to toss out? Fortunately there are a number of ways to find the right home for your treasures locally.

The **Swap Shop**, located at the Mansfield Transfer Station, is a place to donate (or find) small household items that are clean and in good working condition. You can visit the swap shop on Tuesdays 8:30-4, Thursdays 12-4 & Saturdays 8:30-4. Visit [www.mansfieldct.gov/trash](http://www.mansfieldct.gov/trash) or call 860-429-3333 for more info.

**Windham Area Interfaith Ministry** (WAIM) accepts household items of all sizes, as long as they are intact and in good condition. They are located at 866 Main St, Willimantic. You can arrange a pick-up for large furniture by calling 860-456-7270.

**Storrs Freecycle** is part of a worldwide online network that organizes recycling of goods among its users. If you have items that you no longer need or leftovers from a project, you can post it on Freecycle. If you are looking for an item, you might find it through Freecycle. All exchanges are free of charge. <https://groups.freecycle.org/StorrsCT>

**SHREDDED PAPER  
SERVICES &  
RECYCLING**

- 1. Opportunity Works CT**, 45 West Main Street, Vernon. Cost to shred is \$0.25/lb delivered to their facility or \$0.30/lb for home pick-up. Contact Suzanne at 860-454-4016.
- 2. Shred & Gone**, part of Tri-County ARC, 40 Hale St, Vernon. Cost to shred is \$0.25/lb delivered to their facility or \$0.35/lb for home pick-up. Contact Nicole Boske at 860-817-4669.
- 3. Staples**, Rte 195 across the road from the Eastbrook Mall. Cost to shred is \$0.99/lb.

Shredded paper is recyclable as long as it is placed in *paper* bags or cardboard boxes with lids. Place in the blue recycle container. Please do not place shredded paper in *plastic* bags.