



# Trash & Recycling Updates, etc...

APRIL THROUGH JUNE 2016

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## E-MAIL NOTIFICATION

Please sign-up for e-mail notification to stay informed of trash service changes due to storms or other emergencies. Go to [www.mansfieldct.gov](http://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 2016 holiday calendar by going to [www.mansfieldct.gov/trash](http://www.mansfieldct.gov/trash).

## REPAIR CAFÉ APRIL 9, 2016

Come to the Repair Café on Saturday, April 9, 2016, 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. At 10:30 a volunteer will be teaching basic sewing skills.

## ORGANIC LAWNS WORKSHOP APRIL 23, 2016

Join us on April 23, 2016 from 10 am to 11:30 am in the Town Hall Council Chamber to 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. Pre-register by April 21, 2016 by calling 860-429-333 or e-mailing [waltonvd@mansfieldct.org](mailto:waltonvd@mansfieldct.org).

## 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 limited with trash collection service. Contact the Public Works Department at 860-429-3333 or go to [www.mansfieldct.gov/trash](http://www.mansfieldct.gov/trash) - select the litter tab to sign up.

## RID LITTER DAY, APRIL 30, 2016

Get out and clean up your road, nearby stretch of woods, or a local park on Saturday, April 30, 2016. 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.

## BACKYARD COMPOSTING WORKSHOP MAY 7, 2016

Join us on May 7, 2016 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 May 5, 2016 by calling 860-429-333 or e-mailing [waltonvd@mansfieldct.org](mailto:waltonvd@mansfieldct.org).

## DISCOUNTED COMPOST BINS FOR SALE

In 2015, the Town received a recycling reward of \$14,490 from Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection for its recycling, composting and waste prevention efforts. The money is earmarked to further support the Town's waste reduction efforts. Some of the grant money has been used to purchase compost bins. Beginning May 1 residents can purchase a discounted compost bin for \$25. One discounted bin per household and first come, first served. To purchase a compost bin, contact Virginia Walton at 860-429-333 or [waltonvd@mansfieldct.org](mailto:waltonvd@mansfieldct.org).

**CONTRIBUTE YOUR ORTS (FOOD SCRAPS)**

It is estimated that 15% to 30% of a household's waste can be composted. Since September, 40 Mansfield households and one church have been participating in a transfer station pilot project to demonstrate the importance of local, small scale food scrap (also known as orts) composting operations. Over a 5 month period, 2,500 pounds of food scraps have been mixed with the transfer station leaves. We would like more participants. Participating households receive a collection container as well as guidance on what is accepted. Participants bring their food scraps to the transfer station on an as needed basis. If you do not already compost, this is a great way to get started. To participate contact Virginia Walton, Recycling Coordinator at 860-429-3333 or [waltonvd@mansfieldct.org](mailto:waltonvd@mansfieldct.org).

**HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY**

The Regional Chemical Waste Drop-Off Facility, located at 57 Hancock Road in Willington, will be open the following Saturdays in 2016 from 9 am to 2 pm for residential hazardous waste disposal:

April 16	August 6
May 7	August 20
May 21	September 17
June 4	October 1
June 18	October 15
July 16	November 5

Small businesses may use the facility by contacting 860-684-3163 to arrange an appointment. For more information call 860-429-3333 or go to [www.mansfieldct.gov/trash](http://www.mansfieldct.gov/trash).

**RAIN GARDENS/ RAIN HARVESTING WORKSHOP MAY 14, 2016**

Join us on May 14, 2016 from 10 am to 11 am in the Town Hall Council Chamber to 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 Judy Rondeau, Natural Resource Specialist with the Eastern Connecticut Conservation District. Pre-register by May 12, 2016 by calling 860-429-333 or e-mailing [waltonvd@mansfieldct.org](mailto:waltonvd@mansfieldct.org).

**PAPER SHREDDING AT THE TRANSFER STATION JUNE 4, 2016**

The Town will be hosting a paper shredding event on Saturday, June 4, 2016 from 9 am to 12 pm at the Mansfield transfer station, 221 Warrenville Road, Mansfield Center. The cost will be \$3.00 per banker's box. Bring in one box and get a second one shredded for free.

**FINISHED COMPOST AVAILABLE**

Finished compost is available to residents at no cost at the transfer station. Come prepared to load it up in your own containers/vehicle. The transfer station hours are Tuesday and Saturday, 8:30 am to 4:00 pm and Thursday 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

**PLASTIC BAG/FILM RECYCLING**

Plastic bags are no longer being taken for recycling at the transfer station due to contamination issues. Bags and film must be clean—free of food, dirt, receipts, etc - in order to be recycled. Big Y and Price Chopper do accept **CLEAN** plastic bags and film.

**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. Be kind to wildlife. Retrieve all snagged fishing line.

**PLANT POT & TRAY 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.