

# Quarterly Trash & Recycling Service Updates

JANUARY THROUGH MARCH 2018

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

## TRASH & RECYCLING SERVICE CHANGES

**The week of Christmas**– all trash and recycling collection days will be one day later.

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On the [www.mansfieldct.gov/trash](http://www.mansfieldct.gov/trash) website you can access a 2018 trash service calendar. Select “2018 Collection Schedule” on the “Residential Trash/Recycling Collection” page.

## IN CASE OF SNOWY WEATHER

If you have not received this information electronically, then you are not signed up to receive e-mail notification in the event of inclement weather that affects trash service. To be informed of trash service changes go to [www.mansfieldct.gov](http://www.mansfieldct.gov). Click on the E-mail notifications tab. Select the Trash Service box.

## CHRISTMAS TREES

Trees are not collected curbside. Instead, bring your tree to the transfer station where it will eventually be turned into wood chips. *No charge.*

## EXTRA HOUSEHOLD TRASH

You may put out extra household trash on your collection day the week of Christmas. Normally extra trash requires an extra bag tag to be collected. Bags of trash on the ground or overflowing the trash container should be tagged. Extra bag tags can be purchased in the Mansfield tax collector’s office in the Town Hall. The cost is \$3.50 for each additional 30-35 gallon bag of trash. Or extra trash can be taken to the Mansfield transfer station.

## PUT TRASH OUT BY 6:00 A.M.

The time of day when the truck picks up both your trash and recyclables can fluctuate. Please put your trash and recyclables out either the night before collection or by 6:00 a.m. to avoid missing service.

## SAY NO TO PLASTIC BAGS

The Mansfield Solid Waste Advisory Committee has begun promoting reusable bags. Free reusable bags are available at two bag share locations - the Library and Community Center. Or purchase a Mansfield bag for \$1 at the Town Hall in the public works office.

## SAVINGS INSTITUTE REUSABLE BAG DONATION

Thanks to a generous donation of 100 reusable bags by the Savings Institute, the Mansfield food pantry and bag share locations are fully stocked. Help yourselves to a reusable bag and say “No Thank You” to plastic bags when you shop.

## KEEP PLASTIC BAGS OUT OF THE 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 Willimantic Waste Paper where cans, bottles, and paper get sorted and prepared for market. Every day they shut down their facility for 4 hours to clear out plastic bags



that are tangled in the sorting equipment! Big Y, Price Chopper and the transfer station accept plastic bags for recycling as long as they are clean and dry.

### **REPAIR YOUR TREASURES**

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, **January 13, 2018 from 10 am to 2 pm**, (snow date - January 20) 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.

### **HOW DO I GET RID OF THIS?**

Ever wonder if an item is accepted for recycling or garbage collection? Use the online [How do I get rid of this tool?](#) at <http://www.mansfieldct.gov/trash> - type the name of a waste material and we'll tell you which bin it goes in. The most frequently searched materials are [furniture](#); [mattress, box spring](#); [paints cans \(full or partially full\)](#); [batteries \(disposable\)](#); and [Styrofoam](#). Do you know how to properly get rid of them?

### **ARE YOU A WISHFUL RECYCLER?**

Placing unacceptable materials into your recycling cart can cause increased costs due to equipment breakdown or because these unacceptable materials must be sorted out and sent away for trash incineration. Please keep these materials out of your recycling cart: [plastic bags](#), [garden hoses](#), [Christmas lights](#), [Styrofoam](#), [paper cups](#), and [paper plates](#).

### **TOOL LENDING LIBRARY**

Looking for the right tool for the job? The Mansfield Public Library has an assortment of hand and garden tools available for any adult borrower to check out. Stop by the library to see what is offered, or visit [www.mansfieldpubliclibraryct.org](http://www.mansfieldpubliclibraryct.org) to browse the collection online. For addi-