

Quarterly Trash & Recycling Service Updates

JULY THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2019

860-429-3333

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

TRASH & RECYCLING SERVICE CHANGES

July 4 and 5 – these service days will be one day later.

September 2 through 6 – all service days will be one day later.

On the www.mansfieldct.gov/trash website you can access a 2019 trash service calendar. Select the “Residential Trash/Recycling Collection” page, then click on “2019 Collection Schedule.”

REMINDER—PLASTIC CHECKOUT BAGS BANNED STARTING SEPTEMBER 13, 2019

Beginning September 13, 2019, Mansfield businesses will no longer be allowed to offer plastic checkout bags. Residents are encouraged to get into the practice of bringing their own bags, and donate their extra gently used reusable bags to the bag share container located at the Senior Center. Free reusable bags are available in the Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Human Services and Public Works offices. The ordinance can be found at www.mansfieldct.gov/reusable-bags.

REPAIR CAFÉ, JULY 13, 2019

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, **July 13, 2019 from 10 am to 2 pm**, 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.

COMPOST COLLECTION CONTAINERS AVAILABLE

2.25 gallon kitchen compost collection containers are available for \$20.00 through the Town. If you would like to purchase one, call 860-429-3333 or e-mail waltonvd@mansfieldct.org.

HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY 2019 SCHEDULE

The Regional Chemical Waste Drop-Off Facility, located at 57 Hancock Road in Willington, will be open the remaining Saturdays in 2019 from 9 am to 2 pm for residential hazardous waste disposal: July 20, August 3 & 17, September 7 & 21, October 5 & 19 and November 2. For more information call 860-429-3333 or go to www.mansfieldct.gov/trash.

DID YOU KNOW THAT YOU CAN RECYCLE THESE ITEMS FOR FREE AT THE TRANSFER STATION?

Styrofoam peanuts, air pillows and bubble wrap —Styrofoam peanuts, air pillows and bubble wrap can easily be reused for shipping. In the swap shop area of the transfer station, there is a container where residents can drop off and pick up free packaging material.

Fluorescent Bulbs— Whether it is spiral shaped, circular or long, any fluorescent bulb will be taken at the transfer station. There is separate container just for these bulbs at the transfer station.

Textiles— Any textile item, even if it's worn, torn or stained, can be recycled. Donation boxes are located at the transfer station. As long as they are **clean and dry**, you can donate the following textiles to Salvation Army and Baystate Textiles:

- 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

WHAT YOU CAN TAKE FROM THE TRANSFER STATION FOR FREE

Wood Chips— Load it up yourself and it is free.

Finished Compost— Load it up yourself and it is free.

Small Household Items — Visit the swap shop area for games, books, sports equipment, small appliances, pots, pans, dishes, etc.

Styrofoam peanuts, air pillows and bubble wrap —Located in the swap shop area, packaging material is available for your shipping needs.

HELP KEEP MANSFIELD LITTER-FREE

Options for volunteers and organizations:

1. Adopt A Road program - Public Works will provide through a sign out process safety vest, pickers, trash bags and signage for all volunteers who coordinate with our office. We will also coordinate the disposal of the collected items. We ask that you recycle littered cans and bottles. For large volumes of litter, you may contact the public works department at 860-429-3333 to arrange a pick-up.
2. If you wish to do it on your own without contacting Public Works, you can but please be safe and properly dispose of the trash and recyclables after.
3. Sponsor A Road program - Businesses or individuals provide funds to pay others to remove roadside litter on a road (or portion of a road) of your choice. The business is allowed to advertise their good deed with roadside signage erected by Public Works.

WHAT WE CAN DO AS CONSUMERS ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE

42 percent of all greenhouse gases are associated with the production, transportation and disposal of materials and products. The good news is we have choices in how we consume products. Here are some ideas for actions we can take:

1. Borrow and Share
2. Repair It
3. Buy Recycled
4. Don't Waste Food
5. Keep Food Out of Disposal

For the full fact sheet to help consumers understand the impact they can make on climate change visit <https://nerc.org/documents/What%20Consumers%20can%20do%20About%20Climate%20Change.pdf>. The fact sheet is published by The Northeast Recycling Council (NERC) and the Northeast Waste Management Officials' Association (NEWMOA).