



Mansfield Recycling Program

APRIL THROUGH JUNE, 2010

429-3333

www.mansfieldct.org/publicworks.html

- TRASH & RECYCLING COLLECTION SERVICE** The week of Memorial Day - no change in trash & recycling collection days.
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- RID LITTER DAY, MAY 1, 2010** Help us clean up roadside litter on Saturday, May 1, 2010. Bags of roadside litter can either be placed out with curbside collection (no limit restriction) or taken to the transfer station at no cost.
- EXTRA HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE** You may put out extra household garbage on your regular collection day the week of May 3, 2010. Extra garbage does not include bulky items, which should be taken to the transfer station.
- HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY** The Regional Chemical Waste Drop-Off Facility, located on Hancock Road in Willington, opens April 17, 2010 and will be open the first and third Saturdays of the month until November 6. The hours are 9 am to 2 pm for residential and small business hazardous waste disposal. For more information call 429-3333 or go to http://www.mansfieldct.org/town/departments/pw/refuse/household_hazardous_wastes.php.
- CURBSIDE RECYCLING** Paper and cardboard can be combined with cans, plastic containers and glass bottles at the curb. These items should be placed together loosely in a blue recycle bin or some other durable container(s). Larger 24 gallon recycling containers are now available at the Town Hall, in the public works office for \$12.00. For an additional cost they can also be purchased with lids and wheels. If you are using a trash can for recyclables, *please limit the size to 30 gallons and label the can "RECYCLING."*
- CELL PHONE RECYCLING** The Mansfield Town Hall, Community Center, Mansfield Middle School and Southeast School have collection boxes for cell phone recycling. Through CollectiveGood, the phones are sorted in the US and the majority of them re-sold. The remainder are sent to a metal refinery in Belgium. *Before donating, be sure to deactivate from phone service.*
- MEDICINE DISPOSAL** In streams and rivers across the Nation, scientists are finding detectable concentrations of pharmaceuticals, such as antidepressants, hormones and antibiotics. Drugs in water, even in highly diluted concentrations, can have adverse effects on aquatic life and human health. Disposal of unwanted medication down the toilet or sink can pass through septic systems and sewage treatment plants untreated into our water system.

Place medicine in the trash. Mansfield's garbage is burned at a trash incinerator at very high temperatures, which destroys these products and prevents them from getting into our water. The CT Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) recommends that you follow these steps before you put any medicines in the trash:

1. Keep medication in original container. Cross out patient's name.
2. Modify medications to discourage consumption. For solids, add a small amount of water to dissolve. For liquids, add salt or a powdered spice. For blister packs, wrap in

duct tape.

3. Tape container lid shut.

4. Discard the container in your garbage can.

For more background information go to <http://toxics.usgs.gov/regional/emc/index.html>

COMPOST COLLECTION CONTAINERS

1.45 gallon kitchen compost collection containers are available for \$14.50 through the Town. Since they were purchased in bulk, we can pass along a modest savings to you. Call 429-3333 if you would like to purchase one.

PLANT POT REUSE

Undamaged plant pots (1 gallon and smaller) and trays of all sizes can be reused at Hockanum Greenhouse on the corner of Bone Mill Road and Route 44. They are a non-profit organization dedicated to serving adults with disabilities.

LOW COST BUILDING MATERIALS

Connecticut has seven building materials reuse centers and two reclaimed lumber yards. Reuse centers sell doors, window, appliances, lighting and plumbing fixtures and cabinets. Merchandise is sold at 30-75% below the lowest retail price. The closest reuse center is in Brooklyn. Operated by Habitat for Humanity of Northeastern CT, the ReStore is located at 455 Providence Road (Route 6), Brooklyn, CT 06234. They can be contacted at 860-774-0505 or www.habitatnortheastct.org

GEOHERMAL PRESENTATION, APRIL 21, 2010

Eastern Connecticut State University is offering a presentation on Wednesday, April 21, 2010 at 7:00 pm in the Student Center Theater about geothermal energy for homeowners. Learn about the incentives for homeowners who install geothermal systems. To attend call 860-465-5729.

KILL-A-WATT METERS AVAILABLE

Inefficient appliances can be a significant contributor to your electric bill. Kill-A-Watt meters are a useful tool for showing how much electricity an appliance uses. Simply plug it into the outlet and the appliance into the meter. The Town has Kill-A-Watt meters available for loan. If you are interested in borrowing one, call 429-3333.

THREE STEPS TO SAVE MONEY & PURCHASE CLEAN RENEWABLE ENERGY

1. **Choose an electric generation supplier other than CL&P.** Save money. The bills will still come from CL&P and any electrical repairs will still be done through CL&P. Call 1-800-382-4586 or go to www.ctenergyinfo.com/display_rates.htm

2. **Choose a clean energy supplier** - either Sterling Planet 1-877-457-2306 www.sterlingplanet.com/state/connecticut/ or Community Energy 1-866-946-3123 www.communityenergyinc.com/individuals/individuals-summary/. There is an additional surcharge of a penny per kilowatt-hour (approximately \$4 to \$12 more per month depending on your home's electrical use), but having taken Step 1, you can still save money.

3. **Have a home energy audit, through CL&P's Home Energy Solutions.** It costs \$75 for about \$500 worth of energy saving upgrades. The energy savings can be significant. Call 1-877-WISE-USE or www.cl-p.com/Home/SaveEnergy/Rebates/HomeEnergySolutions.aspx