



Trash & Recycling Updates, etc...

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www.mansfieldct.org/publicworks.html

TRASH & RECYCLING COLLECTION SERVICE

There are no changes in trash & recycling collection days this quarter.

CHRISTMAS TREES

Bring your tree to the transfer station where it will be transformed into wood chips. **The charge for each tree is \$5.00.**

IN-YARD SERVICE

If you receive backyard collection service, on snowy/icy days please sand and plow your driveway wide enough for the refuse truck. Otherwise, please place your refuse by the curb.

MEDICINE DISPOSAL

DO NOT FLUSH MEDICINES DOWN THE TOILET OR SINK. Disposing over-the-counter medicine or prescription drugs this way causes water pollution because they pass through septic systems and sewage treatment plants untreated. Drugs in water, even in highly diluted concentrations, can have adverse effects on aquatic life and human health. Instead, place medicine in the trash. Most of Mansfield's garbage is burned at one of the Connecticut's trash incinerators 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. *Do not put in the recycling bin.*

ELIMINATE JUNK MAIL

Some websites that can assist you in eliminating junk mail are www.catalogchoice.org, www.directmail.com and junkmailstopper.com

A USE FOR YOUR 2009 CALENDARS

Bring your 2009 picture calendars to Southeast Elementary School, and they will be sent to **Envelopes, Anyone?. Envelopes, Anyone?** makes unique envelopes from scrap materials, such as old calendars and leftover wallpaper. Visit their website at www.envelopesanyone.us or call them at 203-773-9019.

SHREDDED PAPER IS RECYCLABLE

Shredded paper can and should be recycled. If you shred junk mail, please remove non-paper items such as plastic cards before shredding. Place shreds in a paper bag, small cardboard box or *clear* plastic bag. Close the bag or box lid. Place with other recyclables.

FLATTEN BOXES

Flatten boxes, cut down to 2 feet by 3 feet and tie together with string.

COMPOST COLLECTION CONTAINERS

1.45 gallon kitchen compost collection containers are available for \$13.50 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.