



Trash & Recycling Updates, etc...

JANUARY THROUGH MARCH, 2008

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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.

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.

WHAT SIZE IS YOUR TRASH CAN?

1-can, standard (2-can) and maxi (4-can) service levels are based on 35 gallon cans. Larger cans are considered over the service level. To avoid being over your service level, do not use 45 gallon (typically forest green, rectangular & on wheels) or larger cans. When shopping for a can, please **READ THE LABEL** for the can size. The hardware stores in town, Mansfield Supply and Willard's, sell cans that are 35 gallons or less.

SOLVING CT'S ENERGY PROBLEMS, JANUARY 23, 2008

The Mansfield Clean Energy Team is hosting a presentation on Wednesday, January 23, 2008, 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Flyer enclosed. Learn about how the 2007 Connecticut energy bill will affect you, including information on programs to help consumers. Why are energy prices rising? What progress is being made towards a cleaner energy future? What are our pitfalls and our opportunities? Presented by Roger Smith, Coordinator of the Connecticut Climate Coalition.

WINTER FUN DAY— A LOW WASTE EVENT

Celebrate Winter Fun Day on Sunday, February 10, 2008 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm in front of the Mansfield Community Center. The Community Center, the Mansfield Downtown Partnership, and the Town of Mansfield are sponsoring this free event that is open to the public. For more information, please contact Mansfield Downtown Partnership at 429.2740.

ORGANIC LAND CARE WORKSHOP SERIES

The Town of Mansfield will once again be offering a series of workshops focused on nontoxic methods of landscaping in an effort to reduce pesticide and synthetic fertilizer use.

Organic Lawns - Saturday, March 1, 2008, 9 am - 12 pm, Town Hall Council Chambers

Cost - \$10. Pre-register by February 22, 2008 by calling 429-3333. Learn how to create a lush, healthy yard without the use of pesticides and synthetic fertilizers from a landscape professional. *Snow date is March 15.*

Native Alternatives to Invasive Plants - Saturday, March 29, 2008, 9 am - 12 pm, Town Hall Council Chambers

Free workshop. Pre-register by calling 429-3333. Learn why different kinds of sites support different native plant communities. Learn which plants to observe on and around your property to help you understand your site and make suitable choices of native plants for landscaping and wildlife benefits.

Compost Workshop - Saturday, April 12, 2008, 10 am - 11 am, Town Hall Council Chambers

Free workshop. Pre-register by calling 429-3333. Learn about the inner workings of a compost pile and how it is an integral part of organic land care. Compost bins will be available for purchase.

**OFFERED BY THE
GARDEN GATE CLUB**

More Than Just A Yard: Backyard Conservation - Monday, April 21, 2008, 7:30 pm, Mansfield Library in the Buchanan Auditorium

Free program. Learn how to create a landscape that meets your needs while protecting the environment using rain gardens, lawn alternatives, native plants, vegetated buffers, and edible landscaping.

**COMPOST COLLECTION
CONTAINERS**

9.6 quart kitchen compost collection containers are available for \$14.25 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.

**EARTH DAY
CELEBRATION,
APRIL 19, 2008**

Bring the whole family to celebrate Earth Day on Saturday, April 19, 2008, 1 pm to 4 pm, at the Mansfield Town Hall. Walk away from the celebration with practical ways to reduce your energy usage. Affordable energy-saving devices for your home will be available for purchase as well as easy hands-on demonstrations.

**IS YOUR ELECTRIC
BILL TOO HIGH?**

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 Clean Energy Team has two Kill-A-Watt meters available for loan. If you are interested in borrowing one, call 429-3333.

**SIGN-UP FOR CLEAN
ELECTRICITY**

CTCleanEnergyOptions is a program, offered through CL&P, that supports clean, renewable electricity produced from natural means such as wind, water and other sources. For more information, visit www.ctcleanenergyoptions.com or call the Town of Mansfield at 429-3333.

**RECYCLING CUTS
CARBON EMISSIONS**

The Wall Street Journal reported that a four-person household that recycles all of its newsprint, aluminum, steel, plastic and glass could cut its annual greenhouse gas emissions by nearly 1,700 pounds, which is estimated to be 10% of the household's annual carbon-dioxide emissions. The simple act of placing the bottle, can or newspaper into the recycling bin does make a difference.