



Quarterly Trash & Recycling Service Updates



OCTOBER– DECEMBER 2021 860-429-3333 <http://www.mansfieldct.gov/trash>

TRASH & RECYCLING SERVICE CHANGES

The week of Thanksgiving, Nov 25 & 26 – Thursday & Friday collection will be one day later. No other holiday service changes for this quarter.

Access the 2021 trash service calendar on the website at www.mansfieldct.gov/trash.

TAKE A TOUR OF THE TRANSFER STATION

A new video on the Mansfield Transfer Station can be found on the Mansfield webpage, www.mansfieldct.gov/transfer-station. You may be surprised by what you can recycle.

TRASH SERVICE FEE INCREASES FOR THE 64, 96 & 160 GALLON SERVICE

In order to incentivize waste reduction, Mansfield offers unit-based pricing for trash service (rather than incorporating in taxes). By composting and recycling, residents have the power to keep their costs down. With the rising cost of waste incineration and recycling, the current single-family fees were evaluated by the Solid Waste Advisory Committee and increases for the larger service sizes were approved by Town Council. Increases will go into effect beginning January 1, 2022. The 20 gallon and 35 gallon trash service prices will remain the same.

Service Size	Current Rate Per Quarter	New Quarterly Rate as of January 1, 2022
20 Gallon	\$48.00	No change
35 Gallon	\$68.25	No change
64 Gallon	\$87.00	\$96.00
96 Gallon	\$107.25	\$129.00
160 Gallon	\$125.25	\$168.00

SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE VACANCY

The Town of Mansfield Solid Waste Advisory Committee has some vacancies and is looking for new members to join. The meetings are currently held the first Tuesday of every month at 5:30 pm in the Mansfield Town Hall, 4 South Eagleville Road, Storrs. The Solid Waste Advisory Committee advises and makes recommendations to the Mansfield Town Council about policies and issues related to the residential refuse and recycling service, recycling, composting, waste prevention and reuse. Most recently, the Committee was instrumental in the passage of the Town's ban on plastic retail bags. If you, or someone you know, are Mansfield residents and would like to join a group of environmentally concerned individuals who work on solutions to reduce waste, please contact Ginny Walton, Mansfield Recycling Coordinator at 860-429-3333 or waltonvd@mansfieldct.org.



HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY OPEN ONE MORE DAY

The Regional Chemical Waste Drop-Off Facility, located at 57 Hancock Road in Willington, will be open October 16, from 9 am to 2 pm, before it closes for the winter. To find out which items are accepted, visit www.mansfieldct.gov/hazardous-waste.

SCHOOL COMPOSTING RESUMES

School composting has returned - in full at Middle, Southeast and Goodwin Schools and partially at Vinton School. Composting had been paused because of the pandemic. This school year brings a change in the composting process. Instead of food scraps being composted on-site at each school, it is being delivered to the Transfer Station, where it is composted with residential leaves. With an abundance of browns (leaves) and the equipment to thoroughly mix food with leaves, the composting process should turn to soil more quickly. The Town received permission from CT DEEP last year to add food to the leaf pile as a demonstration project. By composting about 400 pounds of food waste per week, the schools are reducing greenhouse gas emissions and saving energy.



School food scraps placed on a bed of wood chips



Covering food scraps with leaves

A Visit to the Swap Shop

Tucked in the back corner of the Transfer Station recycle building is an area where you can shop for small household items for free. Donations from residents await a new life in the swap shop. You do not need to donate items to take items. Dedicated volunteers pre-screen donations before setting them out for display and are marvels at keeping the swap shop organized. In the swap shop you will find a holiday table, athletic equipment, a craft corner, kitchen items, games and puzzles, books, stuffed animals, electronics and more. There are some guidelines for donations:

No charge for first box (16" x 20" x 11") of items that is in good condition. Subsequent boxes charged \$2.00 per box.

Items that are accepted at the swap shop:

- Clean items needing no repair
- Small items (what one person can handle)
- Must be workable (no missing or damaged parts)
- Children's clothing
- Electronics

Items that are not accepted at the swap shop:

- Items needing parts - ie, a coffee maker without the pot, a puzzle missing pieces
- Dirty items (clean it and it becomes a welcome donation!)
- Furniture (no room to store it) – call WAIM at 456-7270
- Adult clothing – donate to Salvation Army or Bay state Textiles
- Damaged items (ie, chipped plates)
- Car seats, bicycle helmets, cribs
- Hazardous chemicals – ie, adhesives, cleaning products – take these items to the regional chemical waste drop-off facility (see transfer station attendant for information)
- Paint – place in recycling room next door



Craft Corner