



# Quarterly Trash & Recycling Service Updates



APRIL—JUNE 2022

860-429-3333

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

## TRASH & RECYCLING SERVICE CHANGES

No changes to collection service in April.

**The week of Memorial Day , May 30 through June 3**– all trash and recycling collection days will be one day later. On the [www.mansfieldct.gov/trash](http://www.mansfieldct.gov/trash) website you can access a 2022 trash service calendar. Select the “Residential Trash/Recycling Collection” page, then click on “2022 Collection Schedule.”

## MISSED TRASH SERVICE

If you miss trash and recycle service, contact the Recycling Coordinator to make arrangements for extra trash.

## TRASH SERVICE IS A UTILITY

Your trash service is a utility, funded entirely by your fees, not taxes. Like any utility, you need to set up an account in order to start service and cancel it when you no longer need the service. If you move and do not notify the town to cancel your account, you will continue to be billed. We ask that you keep this in mind when you are in the process of moving.

## MOTOR OIL & ANTIFREEZE CHARGE

As of January 1, 2022, there is a charge to dispose oil and antifreeze at the Transfer Station - \$1 per gallon for more than 2 gallons of motor oil and \$1.50 per gallon for antifreeze.

## THE SWAP SHOP IS OPEN

Weather-permitting the Shop is open during the Transfer Station’s hours. Call 860-429-7189 to confirm that it is open the day you want to visit it.

## PAPER SHREDDING, APRIL 2, 2022

Bring your sensitive documents to the Transfer Station on Saturday, April 2, 2022 from 9 am to 12 pm to be shredded. Documents will be shredded in your presence. Charge: \$3.00 per medium-sized box or equivalent. There is no limit on quantity.

## REPAIR CAFÉ IS BACK, APRIL 9, 2022!

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, **April 9, 2022 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. Please mask up. Check the Willimantic Repair Café, Facebook page (@repaircafe.willimantic) the day before to ensure no cancellation due to a COVID spike.

## COMPOST BIN/RAIN BARREL PRE-ORDER SALE MARCH 14 THROUGH APRIL 16, 2022

Mansfield, Windham and Hampton have collaborated to offer a pre-order sale through Enviro World. Mansfield residents, place your order now and receive your items on April 30 from 9 am to 1 pm at the Mansfield Transfer Station. To order visit [www.enviroworld.us/mansfieldct](http://www.enviroworld.us/mansfieldct).



## REDUCE TRASH BILL BY COMPOSTING

Has your service size gone up during the pandemic? If you are looking for ways to cut costs, then composting is part of the answer. By composting food scraps, either by bringing them to the Transfer Station or starting a backyard compost pile, you may be able to drop your service size. Visit

[www.mansfieldct.gov/composting](http://www.mansfieldct.gov/composting) to hear how residents have benefited from composting.

### **FREE COMPOST BIN KITS AVAILABLE**

Made of salvaged materials from the Transfer Station, free chicken wire compost bin kits are available by contacting the Recycling Coordinator at 860-429-3333 or [waltonvd@mansfieldct.org](mailto:waltonvd@mansfieldct.org).

### **FINISHED COMPOST AVAILABLE**

Finished compost is available to residents at no cost at the Transfer Station. Come prepared to load it up in your own containers/vehicle. The Transfer Station hours are Tuesday and Saturday, 8:30 am to 4:00 pm and Thursday 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

### **HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY 2022 SCHEDULE**

The Regional Chemical Waste Drop-Off Facility, located at 57 Hancock Road in Willington, will be open April through October on the third Saturdays of the month from 9 am to 2 pm for residential hazardous waste disposal: April 16, May 21, June 18, July 16, August 20, September 17 and October 15. To find out which items are accepted, visit [www.mansfieldct.gov/hazardous-waste](http://www.mansfieldct.gov/hazardous-waste).

### **ADOPT A ROAD AND HELP CLEAN UP MANSFIELD**

Is there a particularly littered section of road in your neighborhood? Join residents or organizations that have committed to keep Mansfield clean by Adopting A Road. Those who adopt a portion of a Mansfield road pick up litter at their convenience during the course of a year. By participating, you will not be subject to a charge at the Transfer Station for the litter. Bagged litter can be placed out with trash collection service. Contact the Public Works Department at 860-429-3333 or go to [www.mansfieldct.gov/litter](http://www.mansfieldct.gov/litter).

### **RID LITTER DAY, APRIL 23, 2022**

Join your neighbors in picking up litter along your stretch of road. Bags of litter may be placed out with household trash for those with collection service or taken to the Mansfield Transfer Station for no charge.

### **SUPPORT RECYCLING BY BUYING RECYCLED CONTENT PAPER PRODUCTS**

Looking to switch to more forest-friendly tissue products? Check the NRDC's handy guide to the sustainability of toilet paper, facial tissue and paper towels: [nrdc.org/tissue](http://nrdc.org/tissue).

### **TRANSFER STATION RENOVATIONS COMING SOON**

The Mansfield Transfer Station will be under construction this year to repair the southwest and northeast retaining walls. With the impending repairs, the Town saw this as an opportunity to consider other changes that might improve Transfer Station operations. With input from the Solid Waste Advisory Committee, renovations will include a separate swap shop building that will be large enough to accommodate more items such as furniture, lawn mowers, construction material. The building will be located where it is a first stop for users, putting an emphasis on reuse. The traffic flow will also be modified to accommodate, at some point in the future, a scale that could be used to weigh bulky waste. These changes are being funded solely through the Solid Waste Fund, exclusively supported by user trash fees.



**EARTH EXTRAVAGANZA!**  
SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 2022  
1:00 - 3:00 PM  
MANSFIELD COMMUNITY CENTER

Come celebrate spring, community and our earth!

Join the Town of Mansfield and members of our community for an afternoon filled with family-fun and exciting activities.

**Earth Day Celebration**  
**Compost Kit Giveaways**  
**Sports Equipment Swap**  
**Plant/Seedling Sale**  
**Karate Demonstration**  
**Egg Hunt**  
**Stuffed Animal Repair**  
**Resource Fair**  
**AND So Much More!**

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