



Quarterly Trash & Recycling Service Updates



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TRASH & RECYCLING SERVICE CHANGES

The week of Thanksgiving, November 24 & 25 – Thursday & Friday collection will be one day later. No other holiday service changes in this quarter.

Access the 2022 holiday collection schedule on the website at www.mansfieldct.gov/trash.

HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY OPEN ONE MORE SATURDAY

The Regional Chemical Waste Drop-Off Facility, located at 57 Hancock Road in Willington, will be open October 15, from 9 am to 2 pm. To find out which items are accepted, visit www.mansfieldct.gov/hazardous-waste.

REPAIR CAFÉ OCTOBER 8, 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, **October 8, 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. Masks required.

TRASH COMPANY CASELLA WASTE SYSTEMS BRANDING CONVERSION

Last year Casella Waste Systems purchased the trash company, Willimantic Waste Paper, the contractor who services Mansfield residents. Although they bought the business and the name, you may see more Casella trucks and containers as they phase out the Willimantic Waste Paper name.

How to Keep Costs Down At Home

You have a choice in how much you pay for trash collection. Below are the service sizes and costs. Does your service size match your waste production? Can you reduce your cost by [recycling](#) more, [composting](#) or incorporating [reuse](#) or [waste prevention](#) into your household practices? Committing to one change, no matter how small, can set you on the path to a smaller trash bill!

Trash Service Size	Cost per Quarter
20 Gallon Container	\$48.00
35 Gallon Container	\$68.25
64 Gallon Container	\$96.00
96 Gallon Container	\$129.00
160 Gallon Containers	\$168.00

How Connecticut Can Lead in Reducing Packaging Waste

You may have encountered Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) without knowing it. If you have taken a mattress, paint cans or electronics to the Transfer Station recently, you were not charged for it because under Connecticut law, the end-of-life management of these products is no longer a cost to the town. Now this expense is the responsibility of the manufacturer. EPR laws make creators of products consider the cost of the life of the product and internalize these costs. Rather than placing the burden of disposal on a municipality, which has no influence in product creation, it now rests with the manufacturer. These mattresses, paint and electronics are now made into new products – in other words, recycled – where before the EPR laws, they were not. Mansfield was recycling electronics before the EPR law, but it

cost the Town to do so. Well-crafted EPR laws can incentivize refill and reuse systems, change product design to minimize waste and pollution, and improve recyclability. Packaging EPR is an established way of doing business in Canada and Europe. Packaging EPR laws have started to take hold in the United States. For example, last year Maine and Oregon passed packaging EPR laws and this year, California and Colorado joined them. Packaging EPR legislation was introduced in the last Connecticut legislative session, but did not pass. (A gas cylinder EPR bill did get signed into law, however.) Another packaging EPR bill will be presented in 2023. In the meantime, municipal leaders and stakeholders are working together on making the best law possible for the Nutmeg State.

How Much Does Mansfield Recycle?

Some people believe that recycling does not matter—that recyclables, sorted from trash, still end up as waste. This could not be further from the truth, and we have the data to prove it! If you put it in the recycle cart and it is a recyclable item, then it is getting marketed for remanufacture.

For 32 years Mansfield has taken great care in monitoring residential waste and recycle data. This data guides decisions on budgeting, trash fees and recycling programs. Mansfield contracts Willimantic Waste Paper/Casella Waste Systems to collect and process Mansfield’s residential recyclables and deliver residential waste to the Preston Resource Recovery Facility for incineration. At the end of each single-family and multi-family collection route, trash and recyclables are weighed at their facility. The Public Works Department receives a monthly bill with the weight of each load of trash and recyclables delivered to the Willimantic Waste Paper facility. **The cost of recyclables is less than half the cost of waste.** The chart below shows three months of data that we have collected.

One ton = 2,000 pounds	Single-family Recyclables (tons)	Single-family Trash (tons)	Multi-family Recyclables (tons)	Multi-family Trash (tons)	Transfer Station Recyclables (tons)	Transfer Station Trash (tons)
March 2022	75.64	157.75	35.01	114.41	14.54	18.32
April 2022	73.74	151.88	34.17	96.07	21.18	24.25
May 2022	77.82	157.32	33.10	117.34	14.74	20.49
% Collected for Recycling	Single-family Recycling - 33%		Multi-family Recycling - 24%		Transfer Station Recycling— 44%	

Under Connecticut’s Public Act 14-94, 60% of all materials are to be diverted from disposal by 2024. As you can see from the chart residential Mansfield is not there yet. Users of the Transfer Station have the strongest recycling, yet there is still a reservoir of untapped potential for more waste diversion. We appreciate your efforts in helping move us toward the 60% goal in our community!