



# Quarterly Trash & Recycling Service Updates



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

## TRASH & RECYCLING SERVICE CHANGES

No changes to collection service in July and August.

**The week of Labor Day , Sept 6 – 10** – all trash and recycling collection will be one day later.

Access the 2021 trash service calendar on the website at [www.mansfieldct.gov/trash](http://www.mansfieldct.gov/trash).

## HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY 2021 SCHEDULE

The Regional Chemical Waste Drop-Off Facility, located at 57 Hancock Road in Willington, will be open July 17, August 21, September 18 and October 16, from 9 am to 2 pm. To find out which items are accepted, visit [www.mansfieldct.gov/hazardous-waste](http://www.mansfieldct.gov/hazardous-waste).

## 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 will remain the same.

Service Size	Current Rate	New Rate as of January 1, 2022
20 Gallon	\$16.00	No change
35 Gallon	\$22.75	No change
64 Gallon	\$29.00	\$32.00
96 Gallon	\$35.75	\$43.00
160 Gallon	\$41.75	\$56.00

## REDUCE TRASH BILL BY COMPOSTING

If you are looking for ways to cut costs, then composting can be 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 a couple of residents have benefited from composting.

## FREE COMPOST BIN KITS AVAILABLE

Get a free chicken wire compost bin kit while supplies last. Contact the Recycling Coordinator at 860-429-3333 or [waltonvd@mansfieldct.org](mailto:waltonvd@mansfieldct.org) for more information.

## FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENS TO YOUR RECYCLABLES

Check out the new video that shows what happens to your recyclables once they leave the curb. Visit [www.mansfieldct.gov/recycle](http://www.mansfieldct.gov/recycle).

For more information on  
**COMPOSTING**, scan the  
QR code to visit  
[mansfieldct.gov](http://mansfieldct.gov).



## **Did You Know That You Can Recycle These Items For Free At The Transfer Station?**

**Styrofoam peanuts, air pillows and bubble wrap** —Styrofoam peanuts, air pillows and bubble wrap can easily be reused for shipping. In the swap shop area of the Transfer Station, there is a container where residents can drop off and pick up free packaging material.

**Mattresses/Box Springs**—They need to be dry and reasonably clean. Futons, foam toppers, mattress pads and crib mattresses are NOT included. There is a shipping box located near the tire container. Be prepared to stack items in the container.

**Batteries**— Not only are car and motorcycle batteries accepted at the Transfer Station, so are rechargeable and alkaline batteries. There is a separate container for household batteries in the electronics area.

**Electronics**— Includes a host of items. Printers, fax machines, laptops, phones, computer monitors, DVD players, stereos, radios, televisions and many appliances with plugs. Items are sorted by category in separate boxes in the electronics area.

**Plastic Bags/Plastic Film**— Clean and dry plastic bags, shrink wrap, newspaper bags, dry cleaner bags, produce bags, Ziploc bags, wrappers for paper towels, toilet paper and water bottles, air pillows and bubble wrap. There are containers for these items in the electronics area.

**Fluorescent Bulbs**— Whether it is spiral shaped, circular or long, any fluorescent bulb will be taken at the Transfer Station. There is separate container just for these bulbs in the electronics area.

**Textiles**— Any textile item, even if it's worn, torn or stained, can be recycled. Donation boxes are located at the Transfer Station. As long as they are **clean and dry**, you can donate the following textiles to Salvation Army and Baystate Textiles:

- All clothing – including socks, undergarments/bras, ties
- All footwear
- Fabric/material scraps
- Rags
- Stuffed animals and soft toys

## **What You Can Take From The Transfer Station for Free**

**Wood Chips**— Load it up yourself and it is free.

**Finished Compost**— Load it up yourself and it is free.

**Small Household Items** — Visit the swap shop area for games, books, sports equipment, small appliances, pots, pans, dishes, etc.

**Styrofoam peanuts, air pillows and bubble wrap** —Located in the swap shop area, packaging materials are available for your shipping needs.