



Trash & Recycling Updates, etc...

APRIL THROUGH JUNE 2017

860-429-3333

www.mansfieldct.gov/trash

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION

Please sign-up for e-mail notification to stay informed of trash service changes due to storms or other emergencies. Go to www.mansfieldct.gov. To the right, click on the e-mail notification tab. After typing in your e-mail address, select the "Trash Service" box.

TRASH & RECYCLING COLLECTION SERVICE

The week of **Memorial Day** - all trash & recycling collection will be one day later. You will find the 2017 holiday collection schedule at www.mansfieldct.gov/trash.

REPAIR CAFÉ APRIL 8, 2017

Come to the Repair Café on Saturday, April 8, 2017, from 10 am to 2 pm at the First Congregational Church's Arnold Auditorium, 199 Valley Street, Willimantic. Skilled volunteers will be on hand to repair and teach repair skills to people bringing in books, bicycles, electronics, electrical and mechanical items, clothing and small wooden furniture that need to be fixed.

ORGANIC LAND CARE WORKSHOP SERIES

The Town of Mansfield and Garden Gate Club are offering a series of free workshops focused on landscaping techniques that reduce storm water pressure, soil erosion, pesticide, herbicide and synthetic fertilizer use and support a healthy environment around our homes. To pre-register for some or all of the workshops, call 860-429-3333 or e-mail waltonvd@mansfieldct.org.

Build Your Own Rain Barrel **Saturday, April 22, 2017, 10 am – 11:30 am,** **Buchanan Auditorium, Mansfield Library**

Pre-register by April 14, 2017. Save yourself a bunch of money by learning how to make your own rain barrel. Do-it-yourselfers Rick Brosseau and Shawn Santasiere will retrofit a food grade barrel during the presentation.

No-Till Gardening **Thursday, April 27, 2017, 7 pm - 8 pm** **Buchanan Auditorium, Mansfield Library**

Pre-register by April 25, 2017. Calling all gardeners or want-to-be gardeners interested in learning how to nourish the soil without disturbing it. Organic farmer, Brian O'Hara, will share no-till techniques that incorporate compost, mulch, cover crops and proper fertilization. Brian has experience growing large volumes of crops off of a small piece of land while building the soil.

Backyard Composting **Saturday, May 6, 2017, 10 am - 11 am** **Town Hall Council Chamber**

Pre-register by May 3, 2017. Learn about the inner workings of a compost pile and how it is an integral part of organic land care. This workshop will help you get started or improve what you already have going. Presented by Virginia Walton, Mansfield Recycling Coordinator.

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.

ADOPT A ROAD

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, the litter will not be subject to a charge at the transfer station or limited with trash collection service. Contact the Public Works Department at 860-429-3333 or go to www.mansfieldct.gov/trash - select the litter tab to sign up.

**RID LITTER DAY,
APRIL 29, 2017**

Get out and clean up your road, nearby stretch of woods, or a local park on Saturday, April 29, 2017. Bags of roadside litter can either be placed out with curbside collection the following week (no limit restriction) or taken to the transfer station at no cost.

**TRANSFER
STATION FOOD
COMPOSTING**

Would you like to reduce your trash bill? Most households can cut down their trash volume by 30 to 40% by composting. Consider bringing your food scraps to the transfer station where they will be composted. To participate contact Virginia Walton, Recycling Coordinator, at 860-429-3333 or waltonvd@mansfieldct.org.

**HOUSEHOLD
HAZARDOUS WASTE
FACILITY**

The Regional Chemical Waste Drop-Off Facility, located at 57 Hancock Road in Willington, will be open the following Saturdays in 2017 from 9 am to 2 pm for residential hazardous waste disposal:

May 6	August 19
May 20	September 16
June 3	October 7
June 17	October 21
July 15	November 4
August 5	

Small businesses may use the facility by contacting 860-684-3163 to arrange an appointment. For more information call 860-429-3333 or go to www.mansfieldct.gov/trash.

**PAPER SHREDDING
MAY 13, 2017**

The Town will be hosting a paper shredding event on Saturday, May 13, 2017 from 9 am to 12 pm at the Mansfield Transfer Station, 221 Warrenville Road, Mansfield Center. The cost will be \$3.00 per banker's box.

**COMPOST
COLLECTION
CONTAINERS**

2.25 gallon kitchen compost collection containers are available for \$8.00 through the Town. Since part of the cost was applied to a waste reduction grant, we can pass along a deep savings to you. If you would like to purchase one, call 860-429-3333 or e-mail waltonvd@mansfieldct.org.

**PLANT POT &
TRAY REUSE**

Undamaged plant pots (1 gallon and smaller) and trays of all sizes can be reused at Tri-County Greenhouse on the corner of Bone Mill Road and Route 44. They are a non-profit organization dedicated to serving adults with disabilities.

**FREE ELECTRONICS
& TV RECYCLING**

A reminder to recycle your **unwanted electronics for free** at the Mansfield Transfer Station located at 221 Warrenville Road, Mansfield Center. Hours are Tuesdays and Saturdays from 8:30am-4:00pm and Thursdays from noon-4:00pm. All electronic equipment is safely packaged by Take 2 and transported to their facility for responsible and secure recycling. **Accepted materials include** computers, laptops, printers, fax machines, monitors, TVs, cell phones, tablets, video games, game consoles, VCR/DVD machines, remotes and keyboards.