

Trash & Recycling Updates, etc...

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860-429-3333

www.mansfieldct.org/trash

TRASH & RECYCLING COLLECTION SERVICE

The week of July Fourth - no change in trash & recycling collection days.

NOTIFICATION OF TRASH SERVICE CHANGES

To be informed of trash service changes due to an emergency, sign up for e-mail notification. Go to www.mansfieldct.gov. Click on the E-mail notification tab. Select the Press Releases and Environmental Programs boxes.

JOIN MANSFIELD ADOPT A ROAD

Residents 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 a limit with trash collection service. To sign up go to <http://www.mansfieldct.gov/content/1914/3973/4007/4042.aspx> or contact the Public Works Department at 860-429-3333.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY

The Regional Chemical Waste Drop-Off Facility, located on Hancock Road in Willington, will be open the following Saturdays: July 16, Aug 6 & 20, Sept 17, Oct 1 & 15 and Nov 5, 2011. The hours are 9 am to 2 pm for residential hazardous waste disposal. For more information call 860-429-3333 or go to <http://www.mansfieldct.gov/content/1914/3973/4005/4060.aspx>.

COMPOST COLLECTION CONTAINERS

1.45 gallon kitchen compost collection containers are available for \$14.50 through the Town. Since they were purchased in bulk, we can pass along a modest savings to you. Call 860-429-3333 if you would like to purchase one.

FESTIVAL ON THE GREEN

On Sunday, September 26 from 12 am to 5 pm, join us for the Festival on the Green. This year's Festival, as in past years is being planned as a low-waste event. Last year, 87% of the waste was either composted or recycled. Our low-waste goal remains at 90%.

RECHARGEABLE BATTERY RECYCLING

Although the Town no longer recycles alkaline batteries, rechargeable and button (disc-shaped) batteries are still recycled at the Mansfield Transfer Station. Rechargeable batteries, some of which do contain the toxic heavy metal cadmium, are found in cordless appliances and electronic gadgets such as cell phones. The Regional Chemical Waste Drop-off Facility in Willington accepts rechargeable batteries for recycling.

YOUR HOUSE IS LEAKING

Join the Mansfield Neighbor to Neighbor Energy Challenge. Save money, improve home comfort, reduce energy waste and help Mansfield win community rewards. The Neighbor to Neighbor Energy Challenge is your go-to source for home energy improvements. Join by going to <http://www.ctenergychallenge.com/>

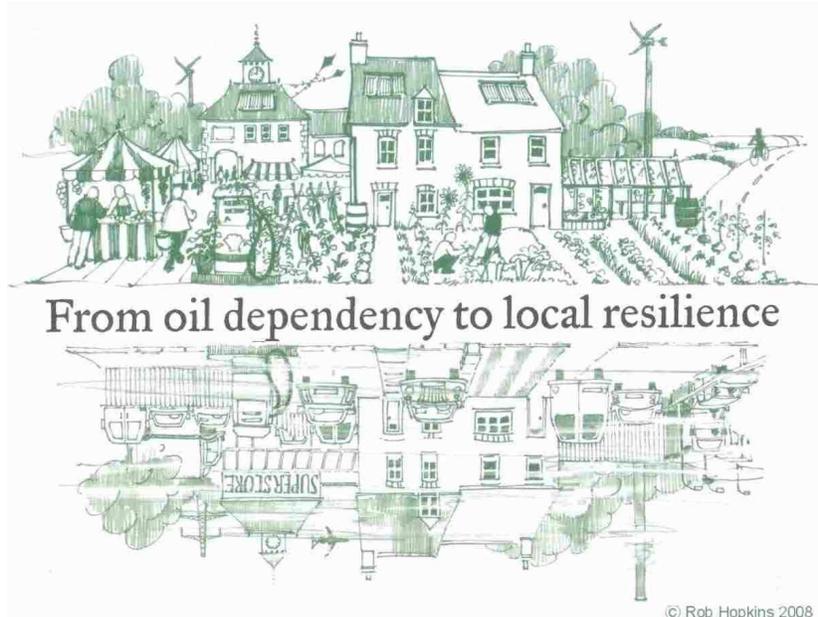
INCANDESCENT BULB PHASE OUT

In 2012 incandescent bulbs that are 100 and 75 watts will be phased out. Sign up for the Mansfield Neighbor to Neighbor Energy Challenge and you can have your house retrofit with fluorescent bulbs for *free*. To join simply go to www.ctenergychallenge.com.

SUSTAINABLE LANDSCAPING TOOL

Landscape for Life, www.landscapeforlife.org, gives homeowners advice on creating sustainable landscapes in an easy to understand format. Based on the Sustainable Sites Initiative (SITES), Landscape for Life is the nation's first rating system for sustainable landscapes as well as a technical tool for professionals who design, construct, operate and maintain landscapes of all sizes.

**The Town of Mansfield Energy Education Team
Invites Everyone to a Conversation**



**From Oil Dependency to Local Resilience
Transitioning Our Region to a Positive Future**

Tuesday, July 26, 7:00 p.m.

Free

All Invited

**Mansfield Town Hall, Council Chambers
4 South Eagleville Road, Storrs, CT 06268**

You're invited to a conversation about coming together to strengthen our region in changing times. Energy costs are predicted to continue to rise, increasing the cost of food, home heating, transportation and nearly everything in our lives. Rising energy costs, combined with economic deterioration and climate change, pose a "Triple Challenge" that requires stronger action. We can't wait for others to rescue us.

Transition Towns is a fast-growing, global movement tackling the triple challenge with creative local action. Thousands of communities around the world are exploring and using this positive, solutions-focused approach.

People are coming together in their neighborhoods and towns to talk and innovate. How might we come together as a region and support each other – and every community – in making the transition from dependence on dirty, health-damaging, climate-damaging energy to a safer, economically stronger future?

Join a highly participatory conversation and evening of networking and creativity facilitated by Tina Clarke, Transition Trainer.

This evening is an introduction to the Transition Town movement which was created in the U.K. For information about Transition Towns, check out www.TransitionNetwork.org or www.TransitionUS.org.

Hosted by the Mansfield Energy Education Team. For more information about the evening contact Virginia Walton, Mansfield Recycling Coordinator, at 860-429-3333.