



Mansfield Recycling Program

OCTOBER THROUGH DECEMBER, 2009

429-3333

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TRASH & RECYCLING COLLECTION SERVICE

The week of Thanksgiving - Thursday service will be on Friday and Friday service will be on Saturday.

The weeks of Christmas and New Year's - Thursday service will stay on Thursday and Friday service will be on Saturday.

EXTRA HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE

The weeks of December 21 and 28 you may put out extra household garbage on your collection day. Extra garbage does not include bulky items, which should be taken to the transfer station.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY

The remaining Saturdays that the Willington Household Chemical Waste Drop-Off Facility will be open in 2009 are October 3, 17 & November 7 from 9 am until 2 pm. All residents and small businesses are encouraged to use it. Small businesses should make arrangements with the facility first by calling (860) 289-2296.

MANSFIELD'S \$500 ENERGY CHALLENGE OCTOBER 27, 2009

Through grant funding from the Connecticut Clean Energy Fund, the Mansfield Clean Energy Team is offering a home energy efficiency contest that begins October 27, 2009. The household with the largest drop in electrical usage and the household with the largest *percentage* drop in electrical usage will each receive \$500 in energy efficient and/or renewable energy prizes. The types of prizes will depend on the needs of the winning households. For those interested in participating in the contest an introductory meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 27, 2009 at 7:00 pm in the Mansfield Library Buchanan Auditorium. *To participate in the challenge attendance to this meeting is required.* For more information, call the Mansfield Recycling Coordinator at 429-3333.

SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING

Paper and cardboard can now be combined with cans, plastic containers and glass bottles at the curb. Where residents once had to put paper and cardboard items in a paper bag to keep them separate from the cans and bottles in the blue recycling bin (dual stream recycling), residents with trash collection service can now place all recyclable material in one container. Using one container for all recyclables is referred to as single stream recycling. Recyclables still need to be kept separate from household trash (non-recyclable items). Mixed paper, cardboard, cans and bottles can be placed together loosely in the blue recycle bin or some other durable container. *PLEASE, DO NOT USE PLASTIC BAGS. This does not apply at the Transfer Station where we are still segregating recyclables by type.*

ALKALINE BATTERY DISPOSAL

Alkaline batteries may be put in household trash. 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 as well as Home Depot, Staples, Radio Shack, Best Buy, Whole Foods Market and Ikea accept rechargeable batteries.

PLASTICS RECYCLING EXPANSION

Residents can now recycle all their plastic containers. Examples of acceptable plastic containers include: buckets, take-out containers, yogurt containers and cups. Please remove all food and rinse out containers. The plastics that are not included: garden hoses, plastic bags, plastic shrink wrap and any kind of Styrofoam.