



Trash & Recycling Updates, etc...

OCTOBER THROUGH DECEMBER 2011

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TRASH & RECYCLING COLLECTION SERVICE

The week of Thanksgiving - Wednesday service will stay on Wednesday. Thursday service will be moved to Friday.

The weeks of Christmas and New Year's - no change in trash service days.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCIES

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 on the right. Select the Environmental Programs and Press Releases boxes. Click on "join".

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY

The remaining Saturdays that the Willington Household Chemical Waste Drop-Off Facility will be open in 2011 are Oct 1 & 15 and Nov 5, 2011 from 9 am to 2 pm. For more information call 860-429-3333 or go to <http://www.mansfieldct.gov/content/1914/3973/4005/4060.aspx>.

FESTIVAL ON THE GREEN

Mansfield celebrated its eighth Festival on the Green Sunday, September 26, 2011. A concerted effort was made to minimize the amount of waste. By composting the food service items (paper plates, paper bowls and utensils made from potatoes) and recycling cans, cups and bottles, 84% of the day's waste was composted and recycled.

TRASH REPORT FROM HURRICANE IRENE

After Hurricane Irene roared through our lives, the trash collectors were left to pick up the spoiled food. For the two weeks following the hurricane, an extra 67,000 pounds of food waste was collected from the 2,500+ single-family homes that contract for trash service. How can this substantial loss be avoided in the future? Learning the art of canning and dehydrating food for long-term storage or setting-up a small photovoltaic system as back up power are two affordable ways to prevent food waste in the event of power outages. Spoiled fruits and vegetables are a perfect addition to the home compost pile. To learn more about home composting, call 860-429-3333 or visit <http://www.thegardenofoz.org/composting101.asp>.

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/>