

Residential Curbside Solid Waste Collection Rules & Regulations

Residential curbside refuse and recycling collection is provided Town-wide on a contract basis awarded through competitive bid to a private firm. Disposal of refuse is at the Mid-Connecticut facility of the Connecticut Resource Recovery Authority in Hartford.

Trash will only be collected in the Town issued containers (wheeled toter carts). Trash is not collected in cardboard boxes or plastic bags. Trash will not be collected if container (cart) is overloaded (cover must be halfway closed). Trash must be at the curb at 6:00 a.m. on your regular collection day. If refuse is not out on time, collection crews will not go back to pick it up. Your trash will have to be removed from the curb to be picked up on your next collection day.

Town ordinance prohibits trash and/or recycling carts from being placed at the curb prior to 12:00 noon on the day prior to the streets' designated collection day and requires the removal of the empty trash and/or recycling cart from the curb by 12:00 noon on the day following the designated collection day.

Curbside collections can run late. If your trash was out by 6:00 a.m. but was not picked up by the morning after your collection day, please call 860-647-3200, etc. 1

Curbside Collection Schedule

[Click here for the Curbside Refuse and Recycling Pickup Schedule](#)

Holiday Schedule: There is NO refuse collection on the following days:

- New Year's Day
- Memorial Day
- Fourth of July
- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving
- Christmas

When one of these holidays occurs on a regularly scheduled collection day, collection will be delayed one day for the rest of the week. For example: If a holiday falls on a Monday, then Monday's collection will be on Tuesday; and Tuesday's collection will be on Wednesday and so on. There also will be a Saturday pickup for Friday's collection.

These are the ONLY holidays that result in a change in the collection schedule. Other holidays when Town Hall or schools may be closed will not affect refuse collection.

Curbside Recycling



The Town of Manchester operates a fully automated, bi-weekly, single-stream recycling program using blue recycling carts. The Town has distributed Blue Recycling Carts to qualifying Town homes that are served by the Town's curbside collections program. Manchester collects the following recyclable materials in the Blue Single-Stream Recycling Cart:

1. [Newspapers & Advertising Inserts](#)
2. [Magazines & Catalogs](#)
3. [Office Paper \(White & Colored\) and File Folders](#)
4. [Junk Mail & Envelopes](#)
5. [Paperboard & Boxboard \(Also known as Fiberboard, Chipboard, Pressboard or Linerboard\)](#)
6. [Corrugated Cardboard & Paper Bags](#)
7. [Milk & Juice Cartons](#)
8. [Juice Boxes & other Aseptic Containers](#)
9. [Glass Food & Beverage Containers](#)
10. [#1 Plastic Food, Beverage & Household Containers \(PET\)](#)
11. [#2 Plastic Food, Beverage & Household Containers \(HDPE\)](#)
12. [#3 through #7 Plastic Food, Beverage & Household Containers \(New Items, 5/1/2010\)](#)
13. [Metal \(Steel, Tin & Bi-Metal\) Food & Beverage Containers](#)
14. [Aluminum Containers, Food Trays and Foils](#)
15. [Aerosol Cans \(Non-Hazardous Substances only, including Food, Beauty, Fragrance & Household Products\)](#)

Please click on the above links for more information on each recyclable material, photos and specific preparation guidelines when applicable. Additional information can be found below.

General Preparation Guidelines:

- **Absolutely NO PLASTIC BAGS**, recyclable materials should be loose in the Blue Recycling Cart
- **Absolutely NO TRASH**, trash goes in the Green Trash Cart
- Cardboard and Paperboard should be flattened to conserve space
- Food and Beverage containers should be rinsed clean, a thorough washing IS NOT required
- Keep the Blue Recycling Cart lid closed to keep the recyclable materials dry
- Shredded paper should be secured in a brown paper grocery bag
- All recyclable materials should be placed loosely into the Blue Recycling Cart

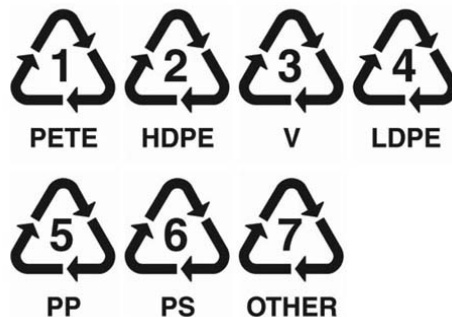
For Information on Drop-off Recycling and locations, please [click here](#). All of the above materials can be recycled at Town Drop-off locations.

METAL FOOD AND BEVERAGE CONTAINERS (any size): Includes aluminum foil, plates and food trays, pet food cans, and aerosol cans from food & beauty products. RINSE AND CLEAN. Place lids inside containers. Do not remove labels. Place in your recycling bin. DO NOT RECYCLE aerosol paint or automotive cans or paint cans.

GLASS FOOD AND BEVERAGE CONTAINERS: Rinse and clean; do not remove labels. Place in your recycling bin. DO NOT RECYCLE plate glass, mirrors, light bulbs, drinking glasses, dishes or ceramics.

PLASTIC FOOD, BEVERAGE AND HOUSEHOLD CONTAINERS: #1 through #7 - food, soda, juice, beverage and household (detergent, cleaners, fragrance, soap, etc.) containers. Rinse and place in your recycling bin. Containers may be flattened.

Unacceptable Plastics Items: any and all plastic bags or films, styrofoam, oil or antifreeze containers, plastic flower pots, plastic toys, or any other plastic item(s) that did not contain a food, beverage or household (detergent, cleaners, etc) product. **(DO NOT RECYCLE)**



PAPER:

- Newspaper
- Magazines
- Catalogs
- Computer paper
- Junk Mail - includes all loose bulk mail received through the mail consisting of paper. Examples of junk mail include: paper envelopes (including ones with plastic windows!), flyers, office paper, computer paper, coupons, brochures, magazines, catalogs, stationary, and bills.
- Clean Shredded Paper is also acceptable in paper bags ONLY that are taped closed.
- Office paper
- Fiberboard containers (i.e. cereal boxes-remove bag, pasta, cake, frozen food boxes, shoe & gift boxes)
- Milk, juice cartons and juice boxes. Remove caps and straws. Ice cream cartons.
- Paper bags
- Corrugated Cardboard

Unacceptable paper includes any kind of non paper bag such as plastic or TYVEK, overnight delivery envelopes. Also plastic bags or wrapping, bubble wrap, books of any kind, greeting cards, gift wrap and product samples such as shavers, detergents and other such materials.

Simply place all paper materials directly into your blue recycling cart. Do NOT place in plastic bags. Shredded paper or junk mail is the only item that should be placed in a brown paper grocery bag so that the small scraps stay in the correct area inside the recycling processing plant.

CORRUGATED CARDBOARD: Clean corrugated cardboard MUST be flattened and sized to fit inside your blue recycling cart or placed into a recycling roll-off at one of the drop off areas mentioned above. DO NOT RECYCLE waxed or plastic coated corrugated cardboard. Large quantities of cardboard can also be recycled in open topped roll-offs at the Manchester Landfill and Transfer Station.

DROP-OFF AREAS FOR CURBSIDE MATERIALS RECYCLING

You can also recycle the items [listed above](#) at several drop-off locations around town. The Town containers are metal green rolloff boxes.

- Manchester Transfer Station - 1 Landfill Way
(also has two separate boxes for telephone books and soft/hardcover books recycling at 263 Olcott Street)
- Town Hall - Parking Lot, 41 Center Street
- Senior Center - Parking Lot, 549 East Middle Turnpike
(also has a separate box for soft/hardcover book recycling)
- Tolland Turnpike Fire Station - Corner of Deming Street, 331 Tolland Turnpike

RECYCLING OPPORTUNITIES - BOOKS, TELEPHONE BOOKS, MOTOR OIL, LEAD-ACID BATTERIES

BOOKS: Paperback and hard cover books can be recycled in boxes at 263 Olcott street parking area or behind the Senior Center, 549 East Middle Turnpike, in the parking lot. These boxes are marked "GOT BOOKS "

TELEPHONE BOOKS can be recycled in the AT&T Telephone Book Recycling Box, located in the parking lot of the Fleet Garage at 263 Olcott St. The telephone recycling box is accessible 7 days a week, 24 hours a day and will be available until the first week of June. There are also Blue Recycling barrels located in front of the AT&T building in Manchester at 52 East Center Street.

USED MOTOR OIL: Used motor oil must be scheduled for recycling collection, please see above. Place used motor oil in non-breakable containers, no larger than 1 gallon size, with tightly fitting screw top lid. Place curbside next to your trash and recycling carts. MAXIMUM OF 2 GALLONS PER WEEK. State law prohibits dumping of used motor oil on land, in storm drains, or into waterways. Motor oil containers are NOT recycled under any circumstances.

AUTOMOTIVE BATTERIES: Secure caps and place on the curb next to your trash and recycling carts.

PAINT is NOT collected at the curb. The Landfill will accept Latex/Water-base paint ONLY. Oil based paint, stains, and turpentine must be disposed of on Hazardous Waste Days at the Household Hazardous Waste Collection facility

Unacceptable Curbside Recycling Items

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| • Plastic Bags | • Food and Grease soiled or contaminated Pizza Boxes |
| • Flower Pots and Flats | • Paint Cans, even if empty |
| • Aerosol Paint and Automotive Cans | • Ceramic plates and cups |
| • Motor Oil containers | • Clay pots |
| • Anti-freeze containers | • Pyrex |
| • Tile | • Gravel |
| • Porcelain | • Clothes hangers |
| • Stones | • Light bulbs |
| • Pots and pans | • Crystal |
| • Mirror glass | • Drinking glasses |
| • Heat-resistant ovenware | • Auto glass |
| • Plate glass | • Telephone books |
| • Leaded glass | • Hard-cover books |
| | • Soft-cover Books |

Battery Recycling

The Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation (RBRC) coordinates the rechargeable battery recycling program, *Charge Up to Recycle!* The program currently takes back Nickel-Cadmium (Ni-Cd) rechargeable batteries (the power source in cordless phones and power tools), Nickel Metal Hydride (ni-MH) and Lithium Ion (Li-ion) rechargeable batteries commonly found in cellular phones, laptop computers and other portable electronic products. In addition, Small Sealed Lead Acid (Pb) rechargeable batteries that power camcorders and other portable electronic products are recycled through retail stores, community collection centers and businesses across the United States and Canada. To get information on the closest retail outlet that will accept your batteries for recycling, call the toll-free consumer helpline at 800-8-BATTERY, or visit the website at www.rbrc.org/call2recycle/

Do you have household items that you no longer need, but are still in usable condition? We, as a nation, have become a throw-away society. People toss usable goods into the trash cans or leave them at the curb side for garbage removal without a second thought. Instead of throwing things away, consider giving these items away. Visit <http://www.freecycle.org/> for more details.

Recycling Shredded Documents: Does your organization shred documents? The Lutz Children's Museum located 247 South Main Street can use the shredded paper as animal bedding. Recycling is good for the environment; shredded paper is good for the animals and keeps our costs down. Please spread the word and bring a bag to the museum whenever you can. Thank you!

<http://www.lutzmuseum.org>

Curbside Bulky Waste Collection

NOTICE: As of July 1, 2009, the Town has implemented a call-in system for scheduling pickup for bulky waste, metal waste, appliances, used motor oil and lead-acid batteries. Residents must call 860-647-3200, ext. 2 to schedule pick-up by no later than 2:00 P.M. on the business day before your regular pick-up day. Scheduled pick-ups are needed for the following categories, please see below for additional descriptions and information:

Bulky Waste (Furniture, Bedding, Tires, Carpet, etc.)
Appliances and Scrap Metal Items (Grills, Bicycles, Lawnmowers, Tire Rims, etc.)
Used Motor Oil
Car and Boat Batteries

Please note that these items will be collected by a truck or trucks that are different than the automated garbage truck that collects the trash in your container.

Solid Waste, including any and all Bulky Waste, is prohibited from being placed at the curb/sidewalk prior to 12:00 noon on the day prior to the streets' designated collection day and requires the removal of any remaining solid waste from the curb by 12:00 noon on the day following the designated collection day. Also, Solid Waste placed at the curb may not block or create a safety concern for any and all part of a sidewalk per Town of Manchester Code chapter 209-4. Failure to follow these guidelines can result in a fine.

FURNITURE, BEDDING, TOILETS, SINKS AND APPLIANCES: can be collected at the curb on your regular collection day. You must call in for collection, please see above. Doors **MUST** be removed from refrigerators and freezers. All plumbing pipes, counter tops and cabinets must be removed from toilets and sinks and brought to the Landfill by the home owner. Hot Water Heaters will be collected if they are forty (40) gallon capacity or less.

LAWN MOWERS AND SNOW BLOWERS: can be picked up at the curb. All fluids **MUST** be drained.

BICYCLES: can be collected at the curb.

TIRES and RIMS: can be picked up at the curb only if the tire and rim are separated. Rims will be collected by a separate vehicle. Tires are limited to two (2) per household per week. **NO** other automotive parts are collected at the curb.

CARPET: can be collected at the curb if it is rolled or folded and tied to not longer than four (4) feet and weighing less than 50 lbs.

GRILLS: Charcoal & gas grills can be collected at the curb. **PROPANE GAS GRILL TANKS ARE NOT COLLECTED** at the curb. Bring propane tanks directly to the designated area at Landfill.

USED MOTOR OIL: Must be scheduled for recycling collection, please see above notice. Place used motor oil in non-breakable containers, no larger than 1 gallon size, with tightly fitting screw top lid. Place curbside next to your trash and recycling carts. **MAXIMUM OF 2 GALLONS PER WEEK.** State law prohibits dumping of used motor oil on land, in storm drains, or into waterways. Motor oil containers are **NOT** recycled under any circumstances.

LEAD-ACID BATTERIES: Must be scheduled for recycling collection, please see above notice. Secure caps and place on the curb next to your trash and recycling carts.

The following items are NOT collected at the curb:

Any items related to home improvement or home remodeling including; doors, windows, cabinets, building materials, counter tops, bathtubs, lumber, shingles, plaster, sheet rock, pipe, sheds, fencing, dirt, stones and rocks, hazardous and toxic materials, bowling balls, auto parts (other than tires and rims), stumps and roots.

Bagged and/or loose trash of any type. Trash is only collected in the Town issued containers (wheeled toter carts). Trash is not collected in cardboard boxes or plastic bags placed along the curb.

PAINT is **NOT** collected at the curb. The Landfill will accept Latex/Water-base paint **ONLY**. Oil based paint, stains, and turpentine must be disposed of on Hazardous Waste Days at the Household Hazardous Waste Collection facility

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS are not collected at the curb or accepted at the Landfill. Residents can call the Town of Manchester Fire Department, 860-647-3266 for proper disposal.

Please Note: Any materials that are placed at the curb that do not qualify for curbside collection under these regulations are subject to a Notice of Violation and removal by the Town at the expense of the property owner. Please [click here](#) to learn more about this procedure.

Curbside Yard Waste Collection

Yard waste is collected weekly, from March 15 through the end of the second week in January. Yard waste must be at the curb at 6:00 a.m. on your regular collection day. If it is not out on time, collection crews will not go back to pick it up. You will have to wait until your next collection day to have the missed yard waste collected. Here is a guide for what will be collected at the curb each week on your regular collection day:

BRUSH - must be cut to four (4) feet or less in length, tied and bundled. The bundles must not weigh more than forty (40) pounds. A separate truck will pick up your brush on your regular garbage collection day every week between March 15 and the end of the second week in January. **STUMPS and ROOTS** are NOT collected at the curb.

LEAVES, GRASS, CLIPPINGS, AND SHRUBBERY TRIMMINGS - will be collected on your regular garbage collection day every week between March 15 and the end of the second week in January. **THESE ITEMS MUST BE IN PAPER BAGS, WEIGHING LESS THAN 50 LBS.** A separate truck will pick up all of these paper bagged items. Paper bags are available for purchase at the Landfill Office, Senior Citizens Center, and the Town Hall during regular business hours.

Yard waste in plastic bags, garbage containers or cardboard boxes will NOT be collected.

CHRISTMAS TREES are considered yard waste and will be collected between March 15 and the end of the second week in January. After the end of the second week in January, trees **MUST** be brought to the Landfill for disposal.

Residents are reminded that the trees are recycled into wood chips. Therefore, please remove any plastic bags, ornaments, lights or stands from your tree before you place it at the curb. These items are not recyclable and present a safety hazard to both equipment and personnel. Trees contaminated with these items will not be collected. Please help us during snowstorms by removing your tree from the side of the road. Due to the weather during this time of the year, trees often blow into the road or into a neighbor's property creating a nuisance and a potential safety concern. During snowstorms, the trees at the side of the road often become buried and frozen into the snow, making collection of them impossible.

If you have any questions about these rules and regulations, please contact the Sanitation Division at 860-647-5279.

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