SHRED IT DAY: The Town Public Works Department will be hosting its second “Shred” event for Coventry residents. On Saturday, September 28, 2019 from 9 a.m. until noon at the facility on Olsen Farm Road. A free service to get rid of your documents securely, with a limit of 2 bags or boxes per household.

VERY IMPORTANT: If you have any questions at all on this information please call Public Works at (860) 742-6588. Willimantic Waste Paper Co., Inc., our Recycling Facility, has started to inspect incoming loads of mixed use recycling looking for contamination. Contaminated recyclables have increased from 4 to 20% since the inception of automated tipper carts. We are writing here to inform our residents how to correct the contamination issues. Contaminants in our blue recycle carts are:

#1 PLASTIC BAGS of any type or size  
#2 Styrofoam packing material and coffee cups  
#3 Household items that are not food and beverage containers such as garden hose, tires, toys, plastic garden pots  
#4 Electronics of any type  
#5 Yard waste  

These are not the only items that contaminate, just the most popular. The list goes on. PLEASE keep in mind that the blue recycle cart is only to recycle:

✓ Unsoiled paper and cardboard including mail, egg cartons, paperback books (NO GREASY PIZZA BOXES)  
✓ Rinsed clean food and beverage plastic, glass, aluminum  
✓ Paper milk and juice cartons

Plastic bags can, however, be recycled through Plastic Film Recycling drop-off boxes located in and around Connecticut – here are a few local options for you…

- Walmart 474 Boston Post Road North Windham 860 456-4399  
- Stop & Shop 1391 Main Street Willimantic 860 456-8768  
- Big Y 141 Storrs Road Mansfield 860 456-8051  
- Big Y 33 Fieldstone Commons Tolland 860 872-0304  
- Price Chopper 1220 Storrs Road Mansfield 860 553-6555

The following plastic and film items can be dropped in the containers at these locations...please be sure they are clean and dry...Bread bags, nailin/paper towel/bathroom tissue/diaper wrap, produce bags, newspaper bags, grocery bags, pallet wrap or stretch wrap, dry cleaning bags, snack or beverage cases wrap, retail bags, plastic air pillows used for shipping fragile packages, food storage (zip lock) bags, any other film packages marked with the recycle emblem. Call Public Works if you have any questions or go on the company’s website at www.plasticfilmrecycling.org.

ALL TEXTILES (shirts, towels, curtains, clothing) in any condition (worn, ripped, stained, missing buttons) can be recycled, therefore lowering the tonnage of waste that the town pays to dispose of. They must be clean, dry and in a bag. Drop off your textiles in the Baystate Textile Recycling Containers located at Public Works on Olsen Farm Road and behind the town hall next to the annex which are both available 24/7. Also at the transfer station on Thursdays and Saturdays only.

BULK WASTE: Mattresses will not be picked up at the curb after the August 12, 2019 bulk pickup, which may sound like a bad thing but look at it this way...now you will be able to get rid of mattresses and box springs twice a week as opposed to once a month!!! Mattress or box spring may be dropped off at the transfer station and put in the special storage container at no cost. The monthly curbside bulk pickup other than no mattress or box spring will remain the same...each month you are allowed up to three items that are large and not electronic or metal, such as a wooden table, bureau, rolled up carpet or chair. The pickup begins on the second Monday of every month and continues throughout the week until done. These items should never be picked up later than your normal trash day. Call All American Waste at (860) 289-7850 right away if there is a problem with a pick up.

DUMPSTERS ARE AVAILABLE at the Public Works Department for residents who occasionally have trash or recycling in excess of their carts or forgot to put their carts out or are going on vacation. To use the trash dumpster you must pay $1 for each bag that you toss in, the mixed use recycling cardboard dumpster is available at no cost. Bring your excess trash and recycling to Public Works during work hours for disposal. Residents must stop in the office (7 am – 2:45 pm) for the dumpster key.

PLEASE DO NOT STORE YOUR CARTS AT THE CURB – IT JUST DOESN’T LOOK GOOD: Do you know there are Town Ordinances which prohibit you from storing your tipper carts near the road except after 5:00 p.m. the day before the pickup and before 8:00 p.m. on the day of the pickup? This could result in a fine not to exceed $90.00 each day.
Coventry has a pay-as-you-throw curbside trash program. This means you pay for the amount of household trash you generate.

There are three levels of service:
- 35 gallon cart / $160 per year
- 65 gallon cart / $190 per year
- 95 gallon cart / $240 per year.

When you purchase an existing home, you inherit the choice of the former owner. If you find the level of service is not appropriate for you, you can, as a new resident, choose a level appropriate for your needs. There is usually a $75 administrative fee to swap carts but you can do so without any fee as a new owner. The swap must occur within 4 to 6 weeks of the home purchase to claim the “new owner” free choice. The annual billing cycle is July 1 through June 30. Bills are sent to you in late June. If you downsize you will not be given a rebate but if you get a larger trash cart you will be billed accordingly. Since the recycling is picked up biweekly and the size of the recycle cart you choose does not affect the price, consider getting the largest for your mixed use recycling service.

If it's broken, fix it! If your cart's lid fell off or is missing a plug...if your cart's tire fell off or is wiggly, call All American Waste at (860) 289-7850 and make arrangements to have it repaired.

TRANSFER STATION is located at 325 Main Street and is open Thursdays noon – 6 pm (April through November), Thursdays 10 – 4 pm (December through March) and Saturday 9 am – 3 pm all year long. Excluding Holidays.

**Materials acceptable with cost:**
- construction and demolition debris. Free of cardboard, metal and garbage.
- land clearing debris; stumps & brush.
- appliances with refrigerant - $10 each, no weigh-in necessary.
- tires – automobile size – on or off rim $5 each.

**Materials acceptable with no cost:**
- textiles – clean, dry, contained in a bag
- gas grill propane tanks
- mattress or box spring*
- mixed use Recycling including cardboard in the specially marked dumpster
- leaves for composting
- electronics, fluorescent light bulbs, batteries
- metal materials (metal tanks must be cut open and crushed).

**Materials NOT acceptable:**
- household trash
- grass clippings
- furniture
- hazardous waste

Come to the Transfer Station for some free compost. Bring your own shovel/bucket.

*This is a new program managed by the Mattress Recycling Council. Mattress and box spring are unacceptable if severely damaged, twisted, wet, or frozen. No futon or furniture mattresses, mattress pads or mattress toppers. If these unacceptable items are brought to the transfer station for disposal, the attendant may ask that you discard them in the bulk container and pay the minimum $10 fee.


OTHER STUFF recycled at Public Works: Car batteries, motor oil, transmission oil, #2 fuel oil, brake fluid, kerosene, gas cylinders, diesel fuel and antifreeze. The Town's Department of Public Works has installed a 1000 gallon tank to be used to store and supply waste oil to heat the Public Works Fleet Maintenance bays.

Household Chemical Waste Drop-Off Facility located at 57 Hancock Rd, Willington, CT 06279 (860) 684-3163
Open from 9 am to 2 pm on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month from May 4 through November 2. Closed July 6. As a Coventry resident you may bring residential quantities of hazardous waste to the facility at no cost but bring proof of residency. Call Public Works (860) 742-6588 if you are not sure what can be brought here. Prepare the materials by:
- Packing carefully in original containers only, seal and label
- Do not mix materials
- Drive carefully to prevent tipping
- No smoking while handling and transporting materials. Also residential limits of 10 gallons liquid and 100 pounds dry materials