

# COVRRRA Guidelines & Useful Info 2022-2023

For further information or clarification on the following information, contact Donna at Public Works,  
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**SHRED IT DAY:** The Town Public Works Department will be hosting its fifth “Shred” event for Coventry residents on Saturday, September 17, 2022, from 9 a.m. until noon at the DPW facility on Olsen Farm Road. This is a COVRRRA service for residents to dispose of documents securely, free of charge, with a limit of 2 bags or boxes per household.

**What do I do with plastic bags/plastic film?** Plastic bags and plastic film also known as shrink wrap, should never be put in curbside or transfer station mixed use recycling bins because they can jam equipment at the Intermediate Processing Centers that prepare recyclables to be marketed. **PLASTIC BAGS** / plastic film can still be recycled through **Plastic Film Recycling** drop-off boxes located in and around Connecticut – here are a few local options for you at this time but you should always call your store for up to the day information.

◆ Price Chopper (in the bottle room)	1220 Storrs Road	Mansfield	(860) 553-6555
◆ Big Y (Tolland location only-in the bottle room)	33 Fieldstone Commons	Tolland	(860) 872-0304
◆ Stop & Shop (at the front entrance)	1391 Main Street	Willimantic	(860) 456-8768

The following plastic and film items can be recycled in the containers at the locations listed above. Please be sure they are clean and dry...bread bags, napkin/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](http://www.plasticfilmrecycling.org).

**ALL TEXTILES** (sheets, 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.

**MONTHLY BULK WASTE:** Mattresses are no longer picked up at the curb!!! Mattresses or box springs may be dropped off at the transfer station and put in the special storage container at no cost. The curbside bulk pickup allows for up to three items that are large such as a wooden table, bureau, rolled up carpet or wooden chair. NO electronics. NO scrap metal. NO metal appliances. NO mattress or box spring. 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.

**EXTRA – EXTRA!!!** For residents who occasionally have trash or recycling in excess of their carts, forgot to put their carts out or perhaps are going on vacation, a small trash dumpster and a small mixed use recycling dumpster are available at Public Works on Olsen Farm Road. 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. Trash is limited to six bags per resident each week.

**KEEP COVENTRY BEAUTIFUL!:** Do you know there are Town Ordinances which prohibit you from storing your tipper carts on the street, sidewalk or public place? Carts should be put away except after 5:00 p.m. the day before the pickup and put away before 8:00 p.m. on the day of the pickup. This could result in a fine not to exceed \$90.00 each day.

**PAY-AS-YOU-THROW.** This means your annual fee is commensurate with the amount of household trash you generate. There are three levels of service:



35 gallon cart / \$195 per year
65 gallon cart / \$225 per year
95 gallon cart / \$275 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. Although there is usually a \$75 administrative fee to swap carts, as a new owner that fee is waived. The swap must occur within 4 to 6 weeks of the home purchase to claim the “new owner” status. 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. Call the Tax Office, 860-742-4066, if you are ready to make a swap, or Public Works, 860-742-6588, if you have questions.

**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 September), Thursdays 10 – 4 pm (October through March) and Saturday 9 am – 3 pm all year long. Excluding Holidays. Proof of residency required.

**EXCITING NEWS !!!** The town's transfer station will be relocating in the Fall of 2022 to 100 Olsen Farm Road. Watch the town's website for more information regarding the Grand Opening. At the new facility, we plan to provide paint recycling through the Paintcare program. But, until then you can take advantage of the state mandated paint recycling program, **PAINTCARE.ORG**. Listed on their website are the following paint drop-off locations for your convenience: England True Value-Bolton. Mansfield Supply Inc.-Storrs. Cash True Value -Willimantic. Sherwin Williams-Willimantic. O L Willard Co.-Willimantic. The CT Program Manager is Laura Honis (203) 747-4494.

**Materials acceptable with cost (payment type - cash, check or CREDIT CARD!!):**

1<sup>st</sup> 250 pounds is a \$10 minimum, then \$0.30 per 5 pound increments.

- ◆ 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
- ◆ propane tanks from gas grill
- ◆ 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 program through the Mattress Recycling Council will not accept mattress and box spring 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, clean used motor oil, transmission oil, #2 fuel oil, brake fluid, kerosene, gas cylinders, diesel fuel and antifreeze.

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday from April through October. As a Coventry resident you may bring residential quantities of hazardous waste to the facility at no cost but proof of residency is required. Call Public Works (860) 742-6588 if you need more information or check the town website [Coventryct.org>Government>Departments>Public Works>Hazardous Waste Drop Off Facility](http://Coventryct.org>Government>Departments>Public Works>Hazardous Waste Drop Off Facility). 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

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