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Holidays Observed

Solid Waste Holidays
New Year's Day
Martin Luther King Day
Veterans' Day
Thanksgiving Day
Christmas Day

Labor Day
Presidents' Day
Memorial Day
Independence Day

There is no solid waste pickup on the above dates. Please check calendar dates for collection details.

Recycling Holidays
New Year's Day
Thanksgiving Day
Christmas Day

Labor Day
Memorial Day
Independence Day

There will be no recycling pickup on the above dates. Please check calendar dates for collection details.

Businesses
Commercial, institutional and industrial businesses should comply with their pickup and/or market specifications. Those entities that seek to use the Township's Recycling Center for drop-off must prepare recycling items in accordance with curbside regulations.

Recycling Center
East Brunswick operates a Recycling Center at 357 Dunhams Corner Road. Residents may drop off all household recyclables including newspapers, junk mail/magazines, corrugated/cardboard, concrete, bricks, pavers and other masonry materials (no asphalt), comingled recyclables, leaves, propane tanks, batteries, computers, TV's, cell phones, tires, paint, cement, branches, heavy metal and textiles at the Recycling Center. The Recycling Center cannot accept grass clippings. The Township Recycling Center is designated as a Convenience Center. As per N.J.A.C. 7:26-1.4, a convenience center is "a site where one or more containers are located for temporary storage of solid waste and/or recyclable materials brought to the site by persons transporting only their own household solid waste and/or recyclable materials in passenger automobiles bearing general registration plates." Please adhere to all policies and procedures. NO CONTRACTOR GENERATED MATERIAL. Do not leave material on the ground outside the gate when the Center is closed, as this is in violation of Township Ordinances.

East Brunswick Clean Communities
The East Brunswick Township “Clean Communities Program” invites non-profit groups to volunteer to perform general clean-ups on public lands within the Township. Public lands may include parks, grounds of buildings, publicly owned bodies of water, or roadways. The areas for clean-up can be selected by the volunteer groups or can be assigned by the Clean Communities Program Coordinator. Payments will be made to the groups who volunteer, based on work accomplished, number of individuals who were actively involved in work, and hours. Help maintain East Brunswick as a “Clean Community” and earn money for your organization at the same time. For further information, contact the Recycling Office at 732-390-6984.

If you are interested, please write a letter of intent to Marc Coleman, addressed to East Brunswick Township, Department of Public Works, 4 Harts Lane, East Brunswick, NJ 08816-1081.

Full text is in the image.
RECYCLING COLLECTION

**HOW CAN YOU RECYCLE?**

The Township provides a curbside recycling collection program for basic recyclable items (commixed materials, newspapers, cardboard, and junk mail). The curbside recycling program is a simple and efficient way residents can properly dispose of recyclables.

Recyclables must be placed at your curbside in appropriate recycling containers (NO Plastic Bags) prior to 7:00 a.m. but no earlier than twelve (12) hours prior to your scheduled collection. Please refer to the instructions for details.

The Township also operates a Recycling Center at 357 Dunhams Corner Road. Residents can drop off all the basic recyclables included in the curbside recycling collection program, as well as leaves, propanetanks, computers, TV’s, cellphones, tires, paint, concrete, brush, heavy metal items and textiles.

Please do not leave any items outside the gate when the Recycling Center is closed. This is a violation of Township Ordinance.

**RECYCLING DISTRICTS**

The Township is divided into 10 Recycling Districts (RD). Materials for recycling are collected every other week (biweekly).

Multi-family residences have centralized recycling centers from which recyclables are collected once a week.

**RECYCLING CONTAINERS**

If your container is broken and needs to be replaced, please bring the old one back to the Recycling Center located at 357 Dunhams Corner Road. If you do not have one, the Township sells 32-gallon yellow containers ($15) and blue newspaper containers ($15) at the Recycling Center. CHECKS ONLY.

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR CURBSIDE RECYCLABLES**

Please DO NOT place recyclables in plastic bags. Plastic bags can be recycled at local supermarkets.

1. **Commingled Materials.** Commingled materials must be placed in the yellow containers provided by the Township. Examples of commingled materials include the following:

   **Glass (all colors):** Food and beverage glass containers are acceptable. Rinse and remove caps and metal rings. *We do not recycle ceramics, crystals, drinking glasses, window panes, light bulbs or mirrors.*

   **Aluminum Cans:** Food and beverage containers such as soda, beer and tuna are acceptable. Rinse to keep insects, rodents and other animals away.

   **Tin/Bi-Metal Cans:** These include all food and beverage containers (including dog and cat food cans). Rinse to keep insects, rodents and other animals away.

   **Plastic Containers:** Identified with the recycling logo and a small #1 or #2 are PET-HDPE recyclable. Typical uses are milk, soda, shampoo and detergent bottles. Rinse and flatten these containers, removing all caps and metal rings.

2. **Newspapers.** Newspapers should be placed in the blue container provided by the Township. Any overflow of newspapers may be placed in brown paper grocery bags weighing no more than 50 lbs. Wet newspapers will be collected.

3. **Corrugated/Cardboard.** Unsoiled corrugated/cardboard boxes must be broken down flat and no larger than 2’ x 2’ x 1’. Bundles must be tied with string or placed into a brown paper bag and weigh no more than 50 lbs. Examples include corrugated/cardboard boxes, cereal, cake, pizza, tissue and other boxes. All books with hard and soft covers are acceptable; please tie in bundles.

4. **JunkMail, High Grade and Mixed Papers.** Periodicals, correspondence, all envelopes, glossy inserts, magazines, telephone books, any unsoiled paper (except newsprint), computer printouts (without carbons), office paper and stationery may be recycled. These must be placed in brown paper grocery bags weighing no more than 50 lbs. Please remove metal clips.
5. White Goods/Large Metal Items. White goods and large metal items are collected once a week on Wednesdays. Depending on the number of pickups scheduled, it may take two (2) weeks to be scheduled. Examples include washing machines, dryers, stoves, water heaters, metal sinks, metal tubs, air conditioners, garbage disposals/compactors, metal fencing and poles (without cement attached), leaders and gutters, metal doors, pool fixtures, metal yard sheds, metal swing sets, etc.

In the alternative, residents may still call Public Works at 732-390-6984 to be scheduled on the white goods/metal pickup list. Ask for a confirmation number.

You can also dispose of the item sooner by bringing it to the Recycling Center.

The following items can be recycled by dropping them off at the Recycling Center only. These items cannot be placed at curbside for collection:

CONSUMER ELECTRONICS PROGRAM (E-Waste)

Residents must drop off their computer monitors, CPU’s, and related equipment at the Recycling Center. Consumer electronics can contain toxic materials which should be recycled instead of landfill disposal.

CONCRETE

Bricks, stone, pavers, concrete and other masonry materials may be dropped off at the Recycling Center by residents. No contractor generated material or asphalt is accepted.

COOKING OIL

East Brunswick’s Recycling Center has been chosen as a Cooking Oil Recycling Center under the Middlesex County Division of Solid Waste Management Plan. East Brunswick residents may drop off used cooking oil Monday through Saturday. All residents must see attendant before unloading their vehicle. No businesses allowed.

HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES AND CELL PHONES

Alkaline batteries may now be put into the trash. Rechargeable batteries and button cell batteries only will be collected. Only the following types of rechargeable batteries will be accepted: Nickel Cadmium (Ni-Cd); Nickel Metal Hydride (Ni-MH); Lithium Ion (Li-ion); Nickel Zinc (Ni-Zn); small sealed lead – less than 11 lbs. (Pb). Rechargeable batteries can be found in cordless power tools, cellular and cordless phones, laptop computers, digital cameras, two-way radios, camcorders and remote control toys. Rechargeable batteries sometimes look like regular alkaline batteries. The label on the battery will indicate if it is rechargeable.

COMMERCIAL ELECTRONICS PROGRAM (E-Waste)

Residents must drop off their business computer monitors, CPU’s, and related equipment at the Recycling Center. Commercial electronics can contain toxic materials which should be recycled instead of landfill disposal.

MEDICAL WASTES (HOUSEHOLD)

Questions regarding disposal methods should be directed to the Middlesex County, Division of Solid Waste Management at 732-745-4170.

PAINT

East Brunswick’s Recycling Center has been chosen as a Paint Recycling Center under the Middlesex County Division of Solid Waste Management Plan. East Brunswick residents may drop off unused paint Monday through Saturday. All residents must see attendant before unloading their vehicle. No businesses allowed.

Containers larger than 5 gallons are not accepted. All containers must be labeled with an original label. Paint cans that do not have the original label must be discarded at a recognized Household Hazardous Waste Site (see schedule on pg. 4).

The following items are collected under the Paint Recycling Program:


Residents can place empty paint cans out with their trash; please do not bring empty cans to the Recycling Center.
PROPANE TANKS

Propane tanks are accepted at the Recycling Center or can be recycled at the Middlesex County Household Hazardous Waste Day (see schedule).

TELEVISIONS

Television sets must be brought to the Recycling Center for recycling. Residents will be directed to the proper location.

TEXTILES

Textiles can be dropped off at the Recycling Center. Acceptable items collected are clothing, belts, socks, curtains, purses, shoes, linens and bedspreads (list is not all inclusive). Please tie or bag materials before depositing into containers.

TIRES

East Brunswick’s Recycling Center has been chosen as a Tire Recycling Center under the Middlesex County Division of Solid Waste Management Plan for Middlesex County residents only. Proof of residency is required. Residents must see attendant before unloading their vehicle. (Tires without rims are preferred.)

WASTE OIL

Waste oil must be taken to Household Hazardous Waste Days (see schedule).

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

The Middlesex County Division of Solid Waste Management holds Household Hazardous Waste Collection days in the Spring and Fall of every year for Middlesex County residents. Please refer to East Brunswick’s Recycle Coach My Schedule.

WHAT TO BRING:

- Aerosol Cans
- Pesticides/Herbicides
- Propane Tanks*
- Brake Fluid
- Car Batteries
- Thermostats
- Photographic Chemicals
- Propane Tanks*
- Pesticides/Herbicides
- Car Batteries
- Thermostats
- Thermometers (Mercury)
- Gasoline
- Brake Fluid
- Paint Thinner
- Drain Cleanups
- Gasoline
- Cleaners
- Stains/Varnishes
- Pool Chemicals
- Brake Fluid
- Paint Thinner
- Household Batteries*
- Gas/Oil Mix
- Fluorescent Bulbs
- Kerosene
- Used Motor Oil
- Antifreeze
- Gas/Oil Mix
- Kerosene
- Lighter Fluid
- Paints (Latex/Oil)
- Lighter Fluid
- Kerosene
- Asbestos containing materials: Call to pre-register - must be double bagged.

Rechargeable & Button Cell Batteries (individually bag each battery or tape each terminal end prior to transport)

* Empty Propane Tanks and Household Batteries can be taken to the Hazardous Waste Day or the Township of East Brunswick Recycling Center.

WHAT NOT TO BRING:

- Explosives/Munitions
- Appliances/Furniture
- Electronics
- Tires
- Infectious/Medical Waste
- Empty Containers
- Smoke Detectors
- Unknowns
- Alkaline Batteries (can be disposed of in regular trash)

Items listed are not intended to be all inclusive.

If you need further information or have questions, call 732-745-4170.

BEFORE YOU PURCHASE PRODUCTS:

Read the labels and be aware of what they mean. Select a product best suited for the job. Buy only what you can use entirely. Look for these words on labels; they tell you what products may need special handling for disposal: Caution, Flammable, Warning, Combustible, Danger, Volatile, Toxic, Corrosive, Explosive, Poison.

AFTER YOU PURCHASE PRODUCTS:

Read precautions and follow directions for safe use. Use recommended amounts; more is not necessarily better. Store properly and keep in original container. Use the child-resistant closures and keep them on tightly. Share what you can’t use with friends or neighbors. Recycle/dispose of empty containers properly.
SOLID WASTE COLLECTION

Solid Waste Collection Procedures

The Township contracts with a private hauler for solid waste collection. Solid waste (garbage and trash) must be properly bundled, bagged, tied or placed in garbage receptacles with secure lids and handles. Solid waste must be placed at the curb for collection before 7:00 a.m. but not more than 12 hours prior to your collection day. Empty containers must be removed from the curbside by residents by the evening of their collection day. Our contractor begins collecting at 7:00 a.m. and works until sundown.

Remember . . . .

• Garbage cans/bundles cannot exceed fifty (50) lbs. or four (4) feet in length.
• Commercial cans or 55 gallon drums or cardboard boxes are not acceptable.
• Biodegradable leaf bags are not to be used for solid waste.

Convenience Centers

The Township Recycling Center is designated as a Convenience Center. As per N.J.A.C. 7:26-1.4, a convenience center is “a site where one or more containers are located for temporary storage of solid waste and/or recyclable materials brought to the site by persons transporting only their own household solid waste and/or recyclable materials in passenger automobiles bearing general registration plates.”

Large Item/Bulky Waste Collection

Large items and/or bulky waste pickup is collected on your second solid waste collection day during the twice-per-week (Summer season) collection and every collection day during the once-per-week (Winter season). Please be reasonable with the amounts put out at the curb. Items permitted are sofas, furniture, mattresses, and carpeting (cut less than 4’ in length, bundled and less than fifty (50) lbs per bundle), chairs, porcelains, tubs, etc. A limit of five (5) items, which includes your trash cans, are allowed for that collection day. Our contractor reserves the right to determine the maximum capacity per truck and to limit the size and number of large items. No contractor generated materials will be picked up. All construction debris must be removed by the contractor pursuant to Township Code Section 114. Recycling of materials is required.

Note to Residents Utilizing Landscape or Building Contractors

Pursuant to Township Code Section 114, the Township Solid Waste Division requires all building and landscape contractors to remove all debris and materials they generate. Debris or materials left by a contractor will not be collected by the Township.

It’s Simple, Easy And Efficient!

• Bulky items are collected on your second solid waste collection during the Summer season and once weekly during the Winter season.
• White goods/large metal items are collected by scheduled appointments.
• Basic recyclables are collected every other week (bimonthly).
• Review your Recycling & Solid Waste Calendar for other items that can be recycled and leaf and vegetative waste collection programs.
**LEAF COLLECTION PROGRAM**

The Township provides an annual leaf collection program. Spring leaf curbside collection will take place the month of April, BAGGED LEAVES ONLY on your recycling day. Leaves are also collected from November through December 31, as scheduled.

Residents have four (4) options to participate in the leaf collection program:

1. **Rake leaves to curbside for collection as per schedule.** This option is only available in the fall.

2. **Bag your leaves in biodegradable paper bags and place at curbside for pickup on your recycling collection day, as per schedule.**

3. **Drop off your leaves at the Recycling Center.**

4. **Your landscape contractor can collect your leaves and drop them off at the Township compost site by permit. Call 732-390-6984 for details.**

Biodegradable leaf bags are provided to residents at no cost during the program. The leaf bags are to be used for leaves only – no other purpose.

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**BAGGED LEAF COLLECTION INSTRUCTIONS**

**BAGGED LEAVES** are collected on your scheduled recycling days and must be placed separate from recycling containers at the curb before 7:00 a.m. on your collection day. Leaves must be contained in biodegradable paper bags (open tops) weighing no more than 50 lbs. Do not overload the bags. Bags will not be returned. Paper bags may be picked up at the Recycling Center beginning in the fall. Please note that leaves are collected by trucks different from your solid waste and recyclables. NO GARBAGE CANS, RECYCLING BINS OR PLASTIC BAGS MAY BE USED TO HOLD LEAVES FOR PICKUP. Residents may bring bagged leaves to the Recycling Center. Please empty leaves from bags and either discard the bag or take it home for reuse.

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**LOOSE LEAF COLLECTION INSTRUCTIONS**

The specific dates for the loose leaf collection schedule will be announced prior to the program. Mailings will be sent to all single family residences. Announcements will appear on EBTV, Channel 3 and the Township website [www.eastbrunswick.org](http://www.eastbrunswick.org).

1. Do not rake leaves to the curb prior to seven (7) days of your scheduled pickup. All rakings should be completed by the second weekend of your scheduled pickup.

2. Rake leaves to the curb line, not to the middle of the street. Leaves raked to the middle of the street will cause serious traffic hazards.

3. Remove all brush, branches, yard waste and garbage.

4. Do not block storm water catch basins with leaves. Leaves must be ten (10) feet from catch basins pursuant to N.J Stormwater Regulations.

5. Grass clippings/leaves mixture is permitted (1/3 grass clippings to 2/3 leaves) (1:2 ratio) under NJDEP compost permit.

6. Please remove all vehicles from the road between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. during your raking schedule.

7. If you employ a landscape contractor, advise your contractor not to rake leaves curbside prior to seven (7) days of your scheduled collection.

8. Landscape contractors can take loose leaves directly to the leaf compost site on by permit. Call for details at 732-390-6984.

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**VEGETATIVE PLANT WASTE**

**Grass Clippings.** Residents are encouraged to recycle grass clippings by leaving grass clippings on the lawn when mowing. Once cut, grass clippings first dehydrate, then decompose, quickly disappearing from view. The benefits are clear: encourages a healthier lawn by returning nutrients to the soil beneath the lawn; reduces work because you don’t have to bag or rake and dispose of your clippings; saves you money because you don’t have to pay for disposal of your clippings; and benefits the environment by naturally recycling the clippings.

**GRASS, PLANT CLIPPINGS AND VEGETATIVE PLANT WASTE** may be put out on regular trash collection days and placed at the curb next to household waste. These materials are to be placed in trash bags. **Biodegradable paper leaf bags are for leaves only. The Recycling Center cannot accept grass clippings.**
**BRANCH COLLECTION**

Branches are collected separately from the regular scheduled solid waste collection. Curbside collection of branches is the third full week of the month throughout the year. Residents can also dispose of branches during these months at the Recycling Center.

To schedule the collection of branches:

1. Call the Office of Recycling, 732-390-6984 by the Friday before the third full week of the month to be placed on the collection list.

2. Tie and bundle branches. Bundled branches must be no longer than 4 feet long and weigh no more than 50 lbs.

Residents may also drop off unbundled branches at the Recycling Center, Monday through Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Check holidays listed.

**CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION**

Christmas trees are collected on your recycling collection day according to the Monthly Calendar in January. Trees may also be brought to the Recycling Center. They will be recycled into wood chips for mulch.

Please remove the following items from your Christmas trees before setting out for collection: plastic bags, strings of lights, ornaments, tinsel, tree stands and nails. These items damage the chipping machines, contaminate the mulch and pose a serious hazard to our employees. Your cooperation is appreciated.

**GRASS CLIPPINGS**

Residents are encouraged to recycle grass clippings by leaving grass clippings on the lawn when mowing. Once cut, grass clippings first dehydrate, then decompose, quickly disappearing from view.

Keep the mower blade sharp and cut only 1/3 of the grass blade and leave the clippings on the lawn.

- Mow the grass when dry to avoid tracking and clumping.
- By following these steps, you can help to reduce the tonnages in the waste stream.
- Reduced tonnages will reduce disposal costs and increase the useful life of the landfill.

**COMPOSTING**

Residents are encouraged to compost. Composting eases the burdens of the landfills while also creating material that is good for the earth. Finished compost can be added to gardens to rebuild soil structure.

*For additional information about composting please call 732 745-4170*