



TOWNSHIP OF EAST BRUNSWICK

A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

In 2010 the Township continued with the once-a-week collection of solid waste during the Winter months and twice-a-week during the Summer months. As a result of this program the Township recycling program has increased by 1000 tons. This increase in recycling is less than solid waste costs and less material going to the landfill.

As we begin 2011, I want to express my appreciation for the hard work of the employees of the Department of Public Works and for their continued commitment in serving our residents with quality programs in a professional manner. I would also like to thank East Brunswick residents for their support and cooperation in following our recycling and solid waste collection procedures. The Township of East Brunswick continues to be a leader in the State and County with regard to Clean Communities and Recycling Programs.

In 2011, with your help we look forward to providing you with exceptional service. If you have any questions please call the Office of Recycling & Solid Waste at 732-390-6984.

Township Council

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Very truly yours,

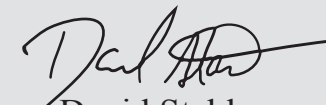

David Stahl
Mayor

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Contacts

Department of Public Works
4 Harts Lane, East Brunswick
732-390-6984 Fax: 732-390-6808
Hours of Operation: Monday to Friday
8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Recycling Center
357 Dunhams Corner Road, East Brunswick
732-432-6011 Fax: 732-390-6929
Hours of Operation: Monday to Saturday
8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Missed Collections

Residents should call the recycling office at 732-390-6984 for all missed collections. Please keep in mind the contractor works from 7:00 a.m. to sundown.

Inclement Weather

Solid waste or recycling collection may be cancelled due to ice or snow storms, high winds, heavy rains or other weather-related factors. In this case, remove all materials from the curb. Service will resume on your next scheduled collection day.

Updated Information

During the year, updated or new information regarding the recycling, solid waste, leaf and branch collection programs will appear on the Township website www.eastbrunswick.org and scrolled on EBTv, Channel 3.

Holidays Observed

Solid Waste Holidays

New Year's Day	Labor Day
Martin Luther King Day	Presidents' Day
Veterans' Day	Memorial Day
Thanksgiving 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	Labor Day
Thanksgiving Day	Memorial Day
Christmas 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. In addition, residents now have the option of bringing their solid waste (household trash, garbage) to the Recycling Center, in the event they miss their pickup or have a large amount they do not wish to leave at the curb. The Recycling Center cannot accept grass clippings.

Hours: Monday – Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Closed Sundays and holidays.

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

In 2008, the Township of East Brunswick received an award from the Clean Communities Council for its outstanding Clean Communities Program.

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 Joseph J. Butrica, addressed to East Brunswick Township, Department of Public Works, 4 Harts Lane, East Brunswick, NJ 08816-1081.

RECYCLING COLLECTION

HOW CAN YOU RECYCLE?

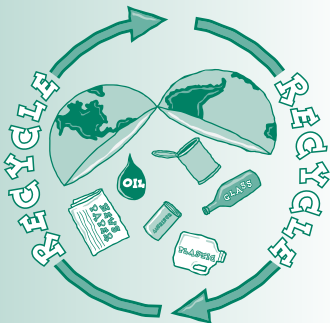
The Township provides a curbside recycling collection program for basic recyclable items (comingled materials, newspapers, cardboard and junk mail). The curbside recycling program is a simple and efficient way residents can properly dispose of recyclables.

Recyclables must be placed at your curbside in appropriate recycling containers 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, propane tanks, computers, TV's, cell phones, tires, paint, concrete, brush, heavy metal items and textiles.

Hours: Monday through Saturday
8:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m.
Closed Sundays and holidays

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, Monday through Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. If you do not have one, the Township sells 20-gallon yellow containers (\$11) and blue newspaper containers (\$14) at the Recycling Center. **CHECKS ONLY.** Prices are subject to change due to increased costs.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CURBSIDE RECYCLABLES

1. Comingled Materials. Comingled materials must be placed in the yellow containers provided by the Township. Examples of comingled 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.

Refrigerators/Freezers. Residents now have the option of scheduling a pickup for operational refrigerators and/or freezers with Jaco Environmental at 877-270-3520 or www.jacoinc.net to make arrangements for collection. Jaco will pay residents \$30 for their item provided it is in working order, limited to 10 to 30 cubic feet and there must be a clear path for removal from the curb. Residents are limited to two (2) units per customer per year.

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 at 357 Dunhams Corner Road between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. A staff member will assist residents in disposing of their item. **Be sure to indicate if any of the appliances contain Freon.**

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

NEW CONSUMER ELECTRONICS PROGRAM

Residents must drop off their computer monitors, scanners, CPU's, modems, cables and

keyboards 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.***

HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES AND CELL PHONES

As of 2010, the Township will be implementing some major changes to the battery recycling program. These changes are due to the upcoming Department of Transportation regulations regarding transportation of hazardous waste and the fact that alkaline batteries are much less hazardous than they were in years passed. **Alkaline batteries may now be put into the trash.** The new program is as follows: 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.

Containers for recycling batteries are located at the Recycling Center, Library, Municipal Building (1st and 2nd floor), Public Works Center and the Senior Center. Please take the time to recycle your batteries at one of these locations. These containers are for residents

only, no businesses. All cell phones may be dropped off at any of the household battery dropoff locations. Please include all phone accessories when recycling.

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.** County residents may only drop off paint on the first Saturday of each month **for Middlesex County residents only. Proof of residence is required.**

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. 17).

The following items are collected under the Paint Recycling Program:

LATEX PAINT – OIL BASED PAINT – VARNISH – THINNER – AEROSOL SPRAY CANS – STAIN – LACQUER

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 now be brought to the Recycling Center for recycling. Please stop by the Recycling Center office to ascertain which container it should be placed in.

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 may bring a maximum of eight (8) tires at one time. Automobile and light truck tires (up to 1100 Series). **NO OVERSIZED TIRES.** Residents **must** see attendant before unloading their vehicle. (Tires without rims are preferred.)

WASTE OIL

Waste oil can no longer be dropped off at the Public Works Center. Used oil must be taken to the 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. Below is a **tentative schedule** of collections for the year 2012:

Middlesex County College-Edison
Middlesex County Highways-North Brunswick
Old Bridge Public Works-Old Bridge
Woodbridge Public Works-Woodbridge
Middlesex County College-Edison

Sunday, March 18
Saturday, May 19
Sunday, July 15
Saturday, September 15
Sunday, November 18

WHAT TO BRING:

- . Aerosol Cans
- . Photographic Chemicals
- . Thermometers (Mercury)
- . Pool Chemicals
- . Household Batteries*
- . Antifreeze
- . Pesticides/Herbicides
- . Propane Tanks*
- . Gasoline
- . Drain Cleanups
- . Gas/Oil Mix
- . Lighter Fluid
- . Car Batteries
- . Brake Fluid
- . Cleaners
- . Fluorescent Bulbs
- . Kerosene
- . Paints (Latex/Oil)
- . Thermostats
- . Pain Thinner
- . Stains/Varnishes
- . Used Motor Oil
- . Adhesives

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

Asbestos containing materials: Call to pre-register - must be double bagged.

* 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
- . Infectious/Medical Waste
- . Appliances/Furniture
- . Empty Containers
- . Electronics
- . Smoke Detectors
- . Tires
- . 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*.



Holidays

Solid waste collection holidays are listed on page 14. If your solid waste collection day falls on one of the holidays, your solid waste collection day will change. Solid waste holidays during the summer season will be collected your next scheduled collection day.

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, BRANCH AND VEGETATIVE PLANT WASTE COLLECTION

LEAF COLLECTION PROGRAM

The Township provides an annual leaf collection program. Leaves are collected from approximately November through December 31, as scheduled. A notice is sent to all residents in September outlining the leaf collection schedule.

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

- Rake leaves to curbside for collection as per schedule.
- Bag your leaves in biodegradable paper bags and place at curbside for pickup on your recycling collection day, as per schedule.
- Drop off your leaves at the Recycling Center.
- Your landscape contractor can collect your leaves and drop them off at the Township compost site by permit. Call 732-390-6984 for details.
- Spring collection of **bagged leaves only** will take place April 2 through April 27. Bagged leaves will be collected on your recycling day.

Biodegradable paper leaf bags are provided to residents at no cost in the fall. The leaf bags are to be used for **leaves only – no other purpose.**



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.

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.

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 NJDEPE 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 Edgeboro Road by permit. Call for details at 732-390-6984.

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 solid waste collection days January 2 through January 13, 2012. 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.

DID YOU KNOW . . .

- . . . Every ton of recycled paper saves 17 trees, 380 gallons of oil, 3 cubic yards of landfill space, 4,000 kilowatts of energy and 7,000 gallons of water.
- . . . Paper products comprise approximately 32% of the waste stream in East Brunswick.
- . . . In 2010, East Brunswick recycled 3,983 tons of paper.
- . . . The energy saved by recycling one aluminum can will operate a television set for three hours or light one 100 watt bulb for 20 hours.
- . . . Glass can be recycled and reused an indefinite number of times and making glass from recycled materials reduces related water pollution by 50% and air pollution by 20%.
- . . . In 2010, East Brunswick recycled 2,662 tons of comingled glass, aluminum and plastic containers.
- . . . Americans throw away 25% more trash during the Thanksgiving through New Year's holiday period than any other time of year. The extra waste amounts to 25 million tons of garbage or about 1 million extra tons per week.

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