

# **Department of Public Works & Recycling Center**

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## **HOURS:**

**Department of Public Works (DPW): Monday to Friday, 7:00AM–3:00PM**

**Recycling Center: Monday to Saturday, 7:00AM–3:00PM**

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## **HOLIDAYS**

The DPW/Recycling Center will be closed on the following dates:

- New Year's Day
- Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday
- President's Day
- Good Friday
- Memorial Day
- Independence Day (Possibly also the day after. Please refer to the Recycling Calendar.)
- Labor Day
- Columbus Day
- Veteran's Day
- Thanksgiving Day and Friday after
- Christmas Day

## **HOLIDAYS OBSERVED FOR GARBAGE AND RECYCLING COLLECTIONS**

Please check the calendar for changes to scheduled collections due to Holidays.

## **INCLEMENT WEATHER**

During inclement weather the Department of Public Works may determine that the Recycling Center be closed for safety of the residents.

Garbage 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 pick-up day.

## **MISSED COLLECTIONS**

Residents should call 201-967-8172 to report any missed collections or other related issues.

## **PLACEMENT OF ITEMS FOR CURBSIDE COLLECTION**

Per the Borough's Curbside Collection Ordinance, items are to be placed curbside AFTER 6:00PM on the evening prior to the scheduled collection day, or BEFORE 6:00AM on the day of pick-up.

# RECYCLING



## IMPORTANT NOTICE

We **DO NOT** accept plastic bags. Commingled recycling (bottles, cans and plastics\*) **MUST** be placed curbside in a sturdy container (preferably a designated recycling container).

Recyclables placed in

plastic bags or containers that have plastic bags in them, **WILL NO LONGER BE PICKED UP**. The plastic bags will need to be removed and your bin will be emptied on your next scheduled collection.

\*The **ONLY** plastic items we accept for recycling are those marked with the following symbols:



**ALL** other plastics should be placed in your **REGULAR TRASH**.

# DO NOT

PLACE RECYCLING IN PLASTIC BAGS.

# DO

PUT RECYCLING LOOSE IN CANS OR PAPER BAGS.

# DO NOT

PUT PLASTIC BAGS IN RECYCLING.

# DO

RETURN PLASTIC BAGS TO A GROCERY STORE.

# HOW CAN YOU RECYCLE?

For New Milford Residents, the Borough provides a curbside recycling collection program every Thursday, Borough-wide, alternating between commingled (bottles, cans, plastics) and paper/cardboard collection. Refer to the Recycling/Garbage calendar.

The Borough also operates a Recycling Center located at 850 Columbia Street (behind the Borough Hall, adjacent to the Swim Club) where residents can bring recyclable items, Monday-Saturday, 7:00AM-3:00PM,

## RECYCLING/GARBAGE CALENDARS

Calendars are mailed to all residents during December of the preceding year. Replacement Calendars are available at the DPW office and the Borough Clerk's office.

## RECYCLING CONTAINERS

New homeowners are provided with one recycling container, free of charge.

Replacement or additional recycling cans may be purchased at the DPW Office, Monday to Friday, 7:00AM-3:00PM.

Cans are sold at cost for \$12.00 each.



# **THE RECYCLING CENTER**

**Hours: Monday through Saturday, 7:00AM-3:00PM**

**The Center is for New Milford residents only.**

**Residents should be prepared to show proof of residency.**

**CLEAR SIGNAGE ENABLES RESIDENTS TO CLEARLY  
SEE WHERE RECYCLABLES SHOULD BE PLACED.**

**AN ATTENDANT IS ON-HAND SHOULD RESIDENTS  
HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.**

# WHAT CAN YOU BRING TO THE RECYCLING CENTER?



**WHITE GOODS (HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES),  
and SCRAP METAL**

**ELECTRONICS and COMPUTER EQUIPMENT**



**NEWSPAPERS**

**PAPER and CARDBOARD**



**COMMINGLED**

**(bottles, cans and plastic items)**

Residents can also choose curb-side collection for the above items. Refer to section on Curbside pick-ups.



## RECYCLING CENTER ONLY

There is **NO curbside** collection for the following but residents may bring these items to the Recycling Center.

### BATTERIES

Rechargeable batteries and car batteries.



The label on the battery will indicate if it is rechargeable.

*Alkaline batteries are no longer considered*

*Hazardous Waste and can be put into the trash.*



### TIRES



Car tires only. Rims must be separated from the tire.

*No oversized tires.*

### WASTE OIL

There are two large drums in which waste oil can be dumped.



**USED OIL ONLY**

**WARNING!!!**



DO NOT MIX WITH:  
solvents, gasoline, engine  
degreasers, or antifreeze



### TEXTILES

Collection bins are located adjacent to the DPW/Recycling Center for clothing and textile donations.



# WHAT CAN I PLACE FOR CURBSIDE COLLECTION?



## BRANCHES

Residents have **TWO** options to dispose of branches:

Loose branches can be brought to the Recycling Center  
OR

Residents can call the DPW for a scheduled pick-up.

Scheduled DPW branch curbside collection is on the  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of EVERY month.



**Collection MUST be scheduled with the DPW two days in advance by calling: 201-967-8172.**

**Do not place curbside until you have called.**

**Failure to do so may result in a summons.**

**Do not mix with leaves.**

**Place in a sturdy container or tie and bundle.**

# WHITEGOODS & ELECTRONICS



Collected  
curbside every  
1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Wednesday  
of the month.



**Collection MUST be scheduled with the DPW two days in advance by calling: 201-967-8172.**

Residents can also bring these items to a BCUA collection event!

EXAMPLES: Washing machines, dryers, stoves, refrigerators (door removed), water heaters, metal sinks/tubs, irons, air conditioners, treadmills, metal bed frames, humidifiers, lawnmowers, grills (propane tank removed), garbage disposals/compactors, metal fencing and poles (without cement attached), metal doors,



**metal swing sets, scrap metal, electronics, computers and televisions.**

## GRASS/PLANT CLIPPINGS, LEAVES AND VEGETATIVE WASTE



Collected Borough-wide  
every Wednesday,  
April to October.



**NO NEED TO CALL.**

Place in paper bags or garbage cans. **No plastic bags!**

On the first Wednesday in April to the last Wednesday in October, a contractor collects grass/plant clippings, leaves\*, and vegetative waste curbside, Borough-wide. There is no need to call the DPW to schedule.



### A note about grass clippings... Cut it and leave it!

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 do not have to bag or rake and dispose of your clippings; saves you money because you do not have to pay for disposal of your clippings; and benefits the environment by naturally recycling the clippings.

\*See also Leaf collection program where leaves can be raked to the curb.

## LEAVES



### DPW Leaf Collection Program

November 1st to December 31<sup>st</sup>.

### Residents have two options:

#### 1. Raking

Rake leaves to the curb line.

Remove all brush, branches, yard waste and garbage.

Leaves must be ten feet (10') from catch basins pursuant to N.J. Storm water Regulations.

**Do not rake leaves to the middle of the street. Leaves raked to the middle of the street will cause serious traffic hazards.**

**Do not block storm water catch basins.**

#### 2. Bagging

Bag your leaves in PAPER biodegradable bags and place curbside.

**IMPORTANT NOTE: The Recycling Center now accepts leaves. Residents may drop them off loose or in biodegradable paper bags, Monday-Saturday, 7:00AM – 3:00PM**

## COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What items **cannot** be brought to the Recycling Center?



### HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE

Utilize the trash curbside collection program .

The Recycling Center **CANNOT** accept trash at **ANY TIME**.

### BULK/FURNITURE ITEMS (NON-METAL)

Utilize the trash curbside collection program.

The Recycling Center **CANNOT** accept bulk items or non-metal furniture at **ANY TIME**.



## HARD PLASTIC ITEMS/TOYS

**These items are non-recyclable!**

**The Recycling Center CANNOT accept hard plastic items/toys at ANY TIME.**



## PROPANE TANKS

**Propane tanks are hazardous waste. Bring tanks to one of the Bergen County Utilities Authority (BCUA) Household Hazardous Waste events.**



## CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS

**Residents are responsible for disposal of construction debris. Under no circumstances should construction debris be placed out for trash collection.**

**Residents should ensure when using contractors that all construction-generated debris is removed by the contractor.**

## LATEX PAINT

Place empty paint cans or cans with solidified paint in regular household trash with lids off.



Latex paint placed in trash must be in solid form.

Paint that is still in liquid form will NOT be collected.

Paint can be air dried or paint hardener crystals can be purchased at the DPW Office for \$2.50 per packet (one packet hardens 2/3 gallon) to speed the solidifying process.

OR

Residents may take liquid paint (including oil-based) to a Bergen County (BCUA) Hazardous Waste Event.



# **GARBAGE/TRASH COLLECTION**



**CURBSIDE COLLECTION BEGINS AT 6AM ON  
BOULEVARD AND RIVER ROAD.**

**PICK-UP ON SECONDARY ROADS BEGINS AT 6:30AM.  
PLACE TRASH CURBSIDE IN A STURDY CONTAINER OR  
SEALED PLASTIC BAG AFTER 6:00PM THE NIGHT  
BEFORE THE SCHEDULED COLLECTION DAY.**

**MISSED COLLECTIONS OR ISSUES SHOULD BE REPORTED TO  
THE DPW BY CALLING: (201) 967-8172.**

**TRASH AND BULK ITEMS ARE NOT  
ACCEPTED AT THE RECYCLING CENTER.**

***Please refer to the Borough's Calendar for  
specific SECTION collection dates.***

## SECTION **G1: TUESDAYS**

## SECTION **G2: FRIDAYS**

**BOTH SECTIONS COLLECTED TUESDAYS & FRIDAYS MAY 31 TO SEPTEMBER 9.**

**TRASH:** Bagged or in cans (not to exceed 40 lbs. when filled). **Up to 5 containers + 4 bags.**

**BULK ITEM:** **1 non-metal item per pick-up** (example: sofa, chair, mattress, box spring, toilet, wooden furniture).

**LATEX PAINT:** Must be in solid form. Air dry or use crystals to solidify (sold at hardware stores & DPW).

**CARPET:** Cut to 3 ft. lengths, tied & bundled (**no more than 5 bundles per pick-up**).

**WOOD:** Cut to 3 ft. lengths, tied & bundled (**no more than 5 bundles per pick-up**).

**BATTERIES:** Alkaline batteries place in trash. Only rechargeable batteries are recyclable.



# HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

The Bergen County Utilities Authority (BCUA) operates a Household Hazardous Waste ("HHW") Management and Disposal Program for all Bergen County residents. These events provide a location for the proper disposal of household-generated hazardous waste.

[Click to access BCUA Home Page](#)

**Hazardous Waste Hotline at (201) 807-5825**

- There is no charge for Bergen County residents to dispose of Household Hazardous Waste material at the BCUA's collection events.
- **Hazardous Waste Collection events are** held in Moonachie, Paramus and Mahwah.
- If you must dispose of Household Hazardous Waste prior to the next collection event, please refer to the **ALTERNATE DISPOSAL OPTIONS** section below.

## EXAMPLES OF HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE THE BCUA ACCEPTS

### From Your House:

- Aerosols
- Appliance and Flashlight Batteries
- Button Cell - Mercury Batteries (camera, calculator, hearing aid, watch, etc.)
- Bug Sprays
- Disinfectants
- Drain Cleaners
- Chlorine Bleach
- Dyes
- Fire Extinguishers
- Floor Care Products
- Fluorescent Lamps
- Furniture Polish
- Mercury Thermostats/thermometers
- Oven Cleaners
- Polish Removers
- Spray Dust Cleaners
- Smoke Detectors
- Toilet Cleaners
- Upholstery/ Carpet Cleaners

### From Your Workshop:

- Turpentine/Paint brush cleaners/Thinners
- All Paint and Stains
- Varnish/Finishes/Lacquers/Preservatives
- Rust removers

### From Your Garden:

- Algaecides
- Ant & Roach Powder
- Bug Sprays, Sticks & Creams
- Fertilizer
- Fly Strips
- Fungicides
- Garden Dusts & Sprays
- Weed Killer
- Herbicides & Insecticides

### From Your Garage:

- Antifreeze
- Auto Batteries or Battery Acid
- Brake Fluid
- Car Wax with Solvents
- Diesel Fuel & Gasoline
- Engine Cleaners
- Fuel Oil, Motor Oil & Additives
- Gas & Diesel Additives
- Kerosene
- Metal Polishers
- Oil Filters

### Miscellaneous:

- BBQ Propane Cylinders
- Chemistry Kits
- Fiberglass Epoxy

# UNACCEPTABLE

## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

If your household contains any of these materials and you wish to dispose of them, please contact the BCUA Hazardous Waste Hotline at (201) 807-5825 for advice and information.

- Unlabeled wastes or containers with unknown contents.
- Regulated medical waste (as defined by the NJAC 7:26-3A).
- Radioactive Material.
- **Explosives or ordnance materials:**  
**Contact your local Police Department.**
- Containers larger than five (5) gallons.
- Non-Friable Asbestos - Contact the BCUA for a disposal package which includes a complete listing of disposal facilities.
- Automobile Tires - Contact your local municipality or service station to see currently scheduled tire collection dates.
- Computer or electronic equipment.
- Containers with less than 1" of material or empty containers - These can go into the regular trash.
- Alkaline Batteries - Non-rechargeable alkaline batteries (AA, AAA, C, D, and 9 volt) produced by manufacturers like Energizer and Duracell as well as less common manufacturers will no longer be accepted for recycling after January 1, 2010. **Alkaline batteries are not classified as a hazardous waste.** In 1996, the federal government banned the use of mercury in alkaline batteries. Alkaline and heavy duty carbon and zinc batteries should be thrown out in the regular garbage.

### General Tips:

- Always read labels carefully before buying and using hazardous products. If directions are unclear, contact the manufacturer before using.
- Buy alternative household products that are not toxic.
- Keep unused portions in original containers, labelled and readable
- Store in a place inaccessible to children and pets.

## ALTERNATIVE HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL OPTIONS

- Bergen County residents can contact a private contractor to remove Household Hazardous Waste. A list of private contractors can be found on the BCUA's website.
- Information about upcoming BCUA HHW collection events can be found on the BCUA's website:

[Click to access BCUA Home Page](#)



# **PAPER SHREDDING EVENT**

**Saturday, May 7th**

**9:00am-1:00pm**

**Rain or Shine**

**DPW/Recycling Center**

**930 Columbia Street**

**(Behind Borough Hall, adjacent to the Swim Club)**

- **Recycle unwanted, confidential paper documents by safely shredding them.**
- **Observe materials being shredded.**
- **Limit of four (4) bags/boxes weighing no more than 25 lbs. each.**
- **No non-paper items, binders, photos, carbon paper, plastics or shipping envelopes.**

**FOR NEW MILFORD RESIDENTS ONLY.**

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