

# LITTER: DON'T BE PART OF THE PROBLEM

You have control when it comes to the way you either help or hinder the problem of littering. **Make sure your trash makes it into the trash every time.**

It's pretty common to see people throwing garbage on the roads because either they are too lazy to throw it in the trash bin, or they just don't **care for the environment.**



## Carry a Litter Bag in Your Car

Too many people underestimate the amount of litter that can fall out of a cluttered car. It is therefore considered wise to carry a litter bag always with you and hang on to litter until you find a garbage or recycling receptacle.



## Ensure the Lid on The Trash Can Is Secured

Most lids close fairly tightly on their own; however, **if you're having an issue with your container, bungee cords or a length of rope will help.** It will keep the contents of the bin from being accessed by rodents and other animals that might leave the place littered.



## Ask Smokers to Throw Away Butts

**Roughly 38% of the US' litter comes from cigarette butts.** Asking the smokers to properly manage their cigarette butts can therefore be a tremendous step in achieving a clean planet.

## Make Sure All Bags Are Secure

As an extra precaution, make sure your waste bags are tied tightly at the top before putting them into the trash can.

## Tie up Loose Paper

Or at least ball it up, loose paper is easily picked up and carried by the wind. Though a lot of it is biodegradable, some paper has dangerous chemicals that can **hurt the Earth.**

## Don't Leave Out Unopened Boxes

For those who have curbside service, unsecured boxes make it easy for animals to get into your garbage or even simply for the wind to float your trash away.

*"Litter consists of **waste products that have been disposed** improperly, without consent, at an inappropriate location. To litter means to drop and leave objects, often man-made, such as aluminum cans, cardboard boxes or **plastic bottles on the ground** and leave them there indefinitely or for others to dispose of as opposed to disposing of them properly."*



# Borough of **MATAWAN** NEW JERSEY

## RECYCLING & TRASH CALENDAR

### JANUARY 2024 THROUGH FEBRUARY 2025



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# FOR MISSED TRASH PICKUPS, Please contact RTS @ 1-833-787-4636 or email [matawan@rts.com](mailto:matawan@rts.com)

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**ALL RESIDENTS – Recycling Pickup is every Thursday – Trash Pickup is every Monday**  
See calendar for schedule of recyclables collected each week.

## Matawan Recycling Center - 62 Main Street, Matawan, NJ

In order to access the recycling center, please contact the Recycling Coordinator at 732-566-3898 x600 to schedule an appointment to obtain an access card. You will need to provide a copy of the registration on the vehicle you will use to access the center and please provide driver's license and proof of residency (tax bill).

### To obtain an access card – (please schedule appointment)

Matawan Municipal Building  
201 Broad Street (window 1)  
Matawan, NJ 07747

**Each residence will receive one initial access card (no fee).**

### Hours of Operation:

Monday through Friday  
7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday  
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

### You will need:

- proof of residency - (driver's license with current address) or property tax bill
- vehicle plate numbers and registration for each (up to four at the same address)

### Items allowed:

- commingled - bottles (glass & plastic) cans (**no paint cans**)
- cardboard (corrugated) must be broken down or flattened (**SHREDDED PAPER GOES IN TRASH**)
- newspaper, mixed paper
- brush - branches 3 inches in diameter **OR LESS ONLY**

- yard debris - **NO WOOD, grass, mulch, wood chips, soil or stones. No concrete / bricks**
- absolutely no plastic bags - please take them back with you if using for transportation to facility.
- metals - aluminum, steel - (**no paint cans of any kind**)
- **NO PROPANE TANKS ALLOWED**

### Electronics allowed:

- portable / laptop computers (remove all identifiable labels if possible)
- fax machines
- main frames stereos & radio equipment
- televisions
- humidifiers
- monitors
- cable attachments
- e-book readers
- UPS/battery backup (**no car, boat or motorcycle batteries**)
- scanners
- wire
- speakers
- microwaves
- dehumidifiers
- cell phones & telephones
- MP3 players
- printers
- keyboards & mice
- telecommunications
- VCR / DVD players
- space heaters
- servers
- copiers
- cameras
- modems

**- No trash or construction debris, of any kind -**

## Paper / Newspaper / Cardboard



Such as cardboard shipping boxes (*waffle section between layers*), flattened; Mixed Paper including: chipboard (cereal boxes), white/color paper, junk mail, magazines, softcover books, wrapping paper/non-metallic and Newspapers including inserts are all accepted.

- **DO NOT INCLUDE:** grease/food stained cardboard (pizza boxes) or waxed cardboard.
- **DO NOT INCLUDE:** food wrappers, paper plates and cups, napkins, paper towels or items from food/hygiene use.
- **DO NOT INCLUDE:** shredded paper, newspaper used for pet waste or household projects.

## MUST PLACE TRASH / RECYCLING ON CURB THE NIGHT BEFORE.

PLEASE DO NOT PUT TRASH OUT ON RECYCLING DAY.

TRASH CAN INCLUDE (2) BULK ITEMS – BULK ITEMS ARE: FURNITURE, MATTRESSES, AREA RUGS, AND PERMITTED HOUSEHOLD GOODS (**EACH PIECE COUNTS AS ONE**)

MUST PUT RECYCLING DIRECTLY IN CLEARLY IDENTIFIABLE RECYCLING CONTAINER –

**NO PLASTIC BAGS  
NO STYROFOAM**

**For Metal Appliance pickup, including Washers, Dryers, Stoves, Microwaves, Refrigerators, and AC Units, please contact the Recycling Coordinator Grace Rainforth, CRP, SRMP, CCCC 732-566-3898 ext. 132**

Please register for the Borough's Emergency Notification System, SWIFT911 and Nixle  
Log on to [www.matawanborough.com](http://www.matawanborough.com) and click on Notify Me  
to sign up for E-Alerts to register for Municipal E-Alerts

Please be courteous to neighbors and use a tight fitting lid on both recycling and trash containers and secure any items outside of cans.

# Commingled



## Glass Bottles & Jars

Food and beverage bottles and jars are acceptable.

- **DO NOT INCLUDE:** ceramics, dishes, glassware, lightbulbs, windows
- **DO NOT INCLUDE:** caps or lids



## Metal Cans

Aluminum cans, Tin cans and Bi-metal cans (*tin cans with aluminum lids*) are all accepted. Please rinse.

Non-hazardous aerosol cans are also accepted.

Empty.

- **DO NOT INCLUDE:** aluminum foil, plates, trays or cookware or any metal scrap
- **LABELS ARE OK**



## PLASTIC CONTAINERS

Sorting plastic helps produce high-quality recycled products.

Manufacturers print a standard

code (#1-7) on the bottom of every container. ONLY recycle Types #1 and 2 with a 'pourable' neck smaller than the body. No. 1 Polyethylene Terephthalate PET, PETE Soft drink, water, soda bottles or No. 2 High Density Polyethylene HDPE Detergent bottles. Also, No. 5 Polypropylene PP Bottle caps, drinking straws, yogurt cups.



- **DO NOT INCLUDE:** plastic bags, margarine tubs, diaper wipes containers, clear salad containers, food storage containers, Rubbermaid containers, trash cans

# DO NOT Recycle these items: Put in Regular Trash

## Drinking Glasses, Dishware, Windows, Etc

Non-recyclable glass looks different because it's made from different ingredients and has different melting point. If a ceramic mug is put into a furnace with recyclable glass bottles, for instance, it will melt more slowly causing defects in the process.

## Non-Recyclable Plastic Containers, #3 - #7

Margarine Tub, Diaper Wipes, Take-Out Plastics, Bottle Caps And Straws, Etc



No. 3 Polyvinyl Chloride PVC, V

(Example: Very hard plastic what salad bar containers are made of)



No. 4 Low Density Polyethylene LDPE

(Example: Fresh produce bags, also used in dry cleaning)



No. 6 Polystyrene (Example: Styrofoam)

No. 7 Other Ex: Polycarbonate baby bottles.

## Non-Recyclable Plastic Containers #1 - #2

Plastic Tupperware, With Wrong Size Neck, Plastic Containers

Some plastic containers, even if they have #1 or #2, are made from a different process, and CANNOT be recycled at this time.

If the neck is the same size as the body, throw them in the regular trash, (along with caps, which are made from yet another, harder plastic to withstand twisting/turning).

## Plastic Bags

These clog machines at the processing plants. Reuse if possible.

Aluminum Foil, Plates, Trays Or Cookware

Food Stained Pizza Boxes And Waxed Cardboard

Food Wrappers, Paper Plates And Cups, Napkins, Paper Towels

Garden Hoses, Christmas String Lights

# FREE County Drop-Off Facilities

## Monmouth County Reclamation Center

Attention residents dropping off materials at the Household Hazardous Waste Facility, please follow the updated procedure by staying in your vehicle, keeping the materials for disposal in the trunk of a car, SUV, wagon or van, wearing a mask when at the facility and making certain all chemicals are properly labeled for disposal.



The Monmouth County Reclamation Center residents' tent is open regular operating hours. It is open from 7 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday and from 7 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturdays. Closed Sundays.

### HOLIDAY INFORMATION:

Noon closing on Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Labor Day.  
Closed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day.  
Regular operational hours on all other holidays

Please note that in order to preserve resident and employee safety, a few changes have been made:

- Residents must practice social distancing and wear a face covering at all times
- Please wait for and follow attendant's directions to dumping location.
- All dump tickets will be returned to the scale operator.
- All residents will be required to self-unload vehicles.
- All dump body trucks and trailers will be directed to our MPRF building for dumping.
- Please be aware of prohibited items, including recyclables, automobile/rechargeable/button type batteries, appliances, etc.

**5/1/2020: The Monmouth County Reclamation Center will continue to take grass clippings. Commercial customers (including landscapers) and municipalities who dump grass clippings will be directed to the Material Recovery and Processing Facility (MRPF) building to dump this material, while residential customers will continue to dump grass clippings at the residents tent (once the COVID-19 restriction is lifted). The tipping rate for grass clippings will be \$36.50/ ton (which is unchanged) and \$3/car load for residents (which is also unchanged).**

## Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Facility

**3211 Shafto Road, Tinton Falls, NJ 07753**

The operations of the Monmouth County Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Facility is contracted out to Radiac Environmental Services. The hours of operation for household hazardous waste drop-off at the facility will be as follows:

**Closed on Sundays, Mondays and Thursdays.**

**Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 11 a.m.-4 p.m.**

**Saturday: 8 a.m.-4 p.m.**

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Attention residents dropping off materials at the Household Hazardous Waste Facility, please follow the updated procedure by staying in your vehicle, keeping the materials for disposal in the trunk of a car, SUV, wagon or van, wearing a mask when at the facility and making certain all chemicals are properly labeled for disposal.

- The Facility is open to Monmouth County residents only.
- There will be NO appointment required to drop off materials at the facility.
- The facility limits residents to 20 gallons of liquid or 220 lbs. of dry material per visit.
- Liquid containers limited to 5 gallon size maximum.
- Solid packages limited to 50lb. weight maximum.
- NO business or commercially generated waste materials accepted.
- Asbestos, ammunition, fireworks, gunpowder, boat flares, radioactive materials (smoke detectors), medical waste, and medical sharps are not permitted for disposal at the facility.
- Monmouth County reserves the right to reject participants and/or materials at its sole discretion.
- For further information, call 732-683-8686 ext. 5210 or 8967.

## Acceptable Items

- Liquid paint (oil base, enamel, spray paint)
- Mercury containing devices(thermostats, thermometers)
- Gasoline (transported in a certified gas can ONLY)
- Motor oil and other automotive fluids
- Used oil filters
- All herbicides
- All pesticides
- All solvents
- Wood preservatives
- Oxygen tanks
- Fire extinguishers
- Rechargeable batteries, button batteries, car batteries
- Any household cleaners
- Stains
- Unbroken fluorescent tubes
- Fertilizers
- Kerosene
- Insecticides
- DDT
- Muriatic acid
- Freon
- Anti-Freeze
- Photographic chemicals

## Items not accepted by HHW

- General household trash
- Carpeting
- Wood (Pressure treated, untreated, railroad ties)
- Grout mix
- Portland Cement
- Lime
- Latex Paint
- Asbestos waste
- Rock salt
- Any household debris
- Any furniture
- Insulation
- Grass or leaves
- Trees and shrubs
- Household batteries
- Ceramic tile
- Joint compound (Spackle)
- Refrigerators and freezers
- All electronics and computer equipment
- Tires or car parts
- CFL lightbulbs (accepted at local home improvement stores, eg. Lowes)
- Medical waste

[www.visitmonmouth.com/page.aspx?ID=186](http://www.visitmonmouth.com/page.aspx?ID=186)

Regular household trash is generated from Kitchen and Bathroom (Type 10) – Additionally, residents are allowed 2 (two) bulk items every Monday (Bulk items are: furniture, area rugs, mattresses and permitted household goods) each piece counts as one.



# Private Drop-Off Facilities

These lists are provided for information purposes only. The county does not endorse any company.

**YOU MUST TAKE METAL ITEMS TO RECYCLING CENTER**

**Do NOT Recycle or place in trash:**

- CONSTRUCTION / REMODELING DEBRIS
- ASPHALT, BRICK, CONCRETE
- TREE PARTS;  
STUMPS AND LIMBS >3" THICK (Diameter)

**You must drop these items off at a Private Bulk Waste Recycling Facility. See chart on this page.**






PRIVATE BULK WASTE RECYCLING FACILITIES (You Pay \$)* <i>Call ahead to confirm prices, hours, location, and special requirements</i>	Brush, Stumps, Large tree parts*	Clean (untreated) Wood & Palettes*	Asphalt, Concrete, Brick, Block*	Takes other Bulk Items, please call
BAYSHORE RECYCLING CORP, Keasby 732-738-6000			•	
FREEHOLD CARTAGE INC., Freehold 732-462-1001	•	•	•	•
GOLD STAR RECYCLING, Morganville 732-617-7490			•	
J. MANZO, Aberdeen 732-946-7100	•		•	
LERTCH RECYCLING, Wall Township 732-681-0206	•		•	
LUCAS BROTHERS, Morganville 732-536-6663			• Concrete	
MAZZA & SONS, INC. Tinton Falls 732-922-9292	•	•	• No asphalt	• Tires
OCEAN COUNTY RECYCLING, Toms River 732-244-1716	•	•	•	
RESOURCE ENGINEERING, Howell 732-364-6466	•	• Clean Sod		
ROSANO ASPHALT, Howell 732-681-5000			• No brick	
STAVOLA COMPANIES, Tinton Falls 732-542-2328			•	

PRIVATE SCRAP METAL FACILITIES (Depending on type quantity, you may pay or they may pay you) <i>Call ahead to confirm prices, hours, location, and special requirements.</i>	Accepts Appliances with Freon*	Accepts Propane Tanks...
A & A IRON & METAL 80 Hendrickson Rd., Freehold 732-780-7431		
BEACON METAL CO. 215 Throckmorton St., Freehold 732-462-0543	•	• Empty, valve removed
JOHN BLEWITT, INC. 246 Herbertsville Rd., Howell 732-938-5331	•	• Empty, valve removed
BRICK RECYCLING 2480 Hooper Ave, Brick Twp. 732-477-0880		
BRICK RECYCLING 5310 Route 34, Wall Twp. 732-477-0880		
DR. COPPER MOBILE SCRAP METAL 1755 Rt. 9 Howell 732-829-4466		
MAZZA & SONS, INC. 3230 Shafto Rd, Tinton Falls 732-922-9292	•	• Empty or Full, valve removed
MAZZA SCRAP 101 Memorial Dr., Neptune 732-774-4100	•	
RED BANK RECYCLING 64 Central Ave., Red Bank 732-747-7779	•	

\*Costs range from \$0-35 per unit. Several municipalities also accept these items, go to [co.monmouth.nj.us](http://co.monmouth.nj.us) for more information. Costs range from \$0-10. Tanks purchased prior to 1998 DO NOT have overfill valves and must be recycled. Many retailers (gas stations, home improvement centers, etc.) offer credit up to \$20 when you trade in an old tank.

**No house/apartment cleanouts are allowed – resident must remove at own expense.**

# January 2024


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**CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP – place on curb January thru February – after February, place to curb FIRST Tuesday of Month with Yard Waste Pickup.**



# February 2024

## Discontinuation of Plastic Film Recycling Pilot Program

Dear Resident:

Since the April 6, 2021 inception of Matawan Borough's Voluntary Plastic Film Recycling Pilot Program, we've promoted sustainability and reduced the environmental impact of tons of plastic film.

SC Johnson initiated and sponsored this pilot program, covering the monthly recycling costs. However, their sponsorship concluded a few months ago. The Borough has been absorbing the costs, actively seeking state grants and/or sponsorships to continue the program, but has yet to find a viable alternative.

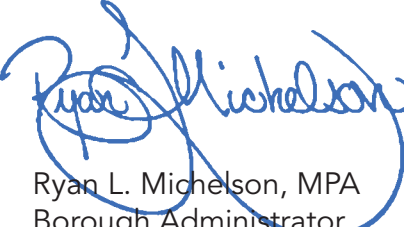
Unfortunately, without a sponsor or grant, the Borough can't bear the cost of such a program. Placing this burden on the taxpayers would be unfair. **As a result, February 6, 2024, will be the last Borough-wide curbside pick-up of plastic film.**

**Other recycling schedules remain unchanged.**


While this may be disappointing, this decision was made with financial viability and taxpayer impact in mind. Alternative options exist for individual plastic film recycling at nearby locations like Kohl's, ACME, Stop & Shop, Wegmans, and Whole Foods.

We appreciate your understanding and support. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

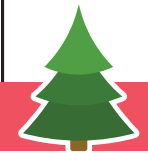


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**CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP – place on curb January thru February – after February, place to curb FIRST Tuesday of Month with Yard Waste Pickup.**



# March 2024

## CURB PICK UP

Branches, leaves and yard debris are picked up by the Department of Public Works on the first Tuesday of every month, March thru October.

**Yard Debris:** Clippings, very small pieces of branches, leaves – placed in biodegradable paper bags.

**Branches:** Less than 3 inches in diameter bundled in four foot sections

**No plastic garbage bags** – nothing placed in trash/recycling cans. No stones or rocks. No stumps. No grass.



*If you put unauthorized items in trash/recycling or yard debris curbside items for pick-up, they will not be picked-up and you will receive a notice like the one shown at right explaining which items were incorrect.*



DEAR RESIDENT,  
WE WERE HERE BUT YOUR....

YARD DEBRIS WAS NOT PICKED UP  
BECAUSE:

- BRANCHES WERE NOT TIED IN 4FT BUNDLES AND/OR WERE OVER 3" IN DIAMETER
- BUNDLES TOO HEAVY TO PICK UP OVER HEAD
- YARD DEBRIS IN ANY KIND OF CONTAINERS OR PLASTIC BAGS
- NO ROCKS, STUMPS, DIRT, MULCH, WOOD CHIPS OR GRASS
- OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

LEAVES WERE NOT PICKED UP BECAUSE:

- GRASS MIXED WITH PILE
- STICKS/BRANCHES IN PILE
- FOREIGN OBJECTS FOUND IN PILE
- OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

**QUESTIONS?**

Contact the Matawan Recycling Coordinator at:  
732-566-3898 x600 or [recycling@matawanborough.com](mailto:recycling@matawanborough.com)  
[www.matawanborough.com](http://www.matawanborough.com)

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# April 2024

## MONMOUTH COUNTY PAPER SHREDDING 2024 DATES



Is it time for you to dispose of confidential documents and old files? Bring your documents to be shredded on location in the mobile truck. Don't be a target of identity theft!

**All events will run from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. unless the truck fills first.**


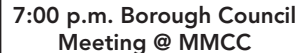


Remove large binder clips. Staples and paper clips can remain. **Limit of 100 lbs.** (which is equivalent to four office paper boxes or four large sized trash bags) of documents.

**Free service to Monmouth County residents only. No Businesses Allowed.**

For more information, please call **732-683-8686 ext.8967**

Howell Twp.	Memorial/Adelphia School, 485 Adelphia Rd., Freehold	March 23
Manasquan	4th Ave. Parking Lot - Corner of Main St. & 4th Ave.	April 6
Keyport	Fireman's Park, Next to 103 West Front St.	April 20
Upper Freehold Twp.	314 Route 539, Cream Ridge, NJ	May 4
Marlboro	Marlboro Municipal Complex, 1979 Township Dr.	May 18
Neptune Twp	2201 Heck Ave. (Recycling Yard)	June 1
Shrewsbury Boro.	Shrewsbury Municipal Center, 419 Sycamore Ave.	June 15
Ocean Twp.	Joe Palaia Park, Whalepond Rd.	July 15*
Aberdeen Twp.	1 Aberdeen Square	August 10
Eatontown	Borough Hall Parking Lot, 47 Broad St.	August 24
Freehold Twp.	Freehold Twp. Municipal Bldg., 1 Municipal Plaza	September 7
Monmouth Beach	Monmouth Beach Bathing Pavilion, 29 Ocean Ave.	September 21
Colts Neck	Town Hall Parking Lot, 124 Cedar Dr.	October 5
Matawan	Matawan-Aberdeen Train Station, Parking Lot #1	October 19
Allenhurst	Beach Club, end of Corlies Ave. near Ocean Ave.	November 2
Middletown	Middletown HS North, 63 Tindall Dr.	November 16

\* This date is scheduled on a Monday from 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.

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# May 2024



**EFFECTIVE MAY 4, 2022**

## NJ's Ban on Plastic Carryout Bags & Polystyrene Foam in Stores, Grocery Stores & Food Service Businesses

### WHAT DO YOU NEED TO KNOW?

Starting May 4, 2022, New Jersey retail stores, grocery stores and food service businesses may not provide or sell single-use plastic carryout bags and polystyrene foam food service products. Single-use paper carryout bags are allowed to be provided or sold, except by grocery stores equal to or larger than 2500 square feet, which may only provide or sell reusable carryout bags. After November 4, 2021, plastic straws may be provided only upon the request of the customer.

### WHAT IS A REUSABLE CARRYOUT BAG?

Under the law (P.L.2020 c.117), a reusable carryout bag is defined as one that:

1. is made of polypropylene fabric, PET non-woven fabric, nylon, cloth, hemp product, or other washable fabric, and
2. has stitched handles (either thread or ultrasonic), and
3. is designed and manufactured for at least 125 reuses.

### WHERE CAN A BUSINESS PURCHASE PRODUCTS ALLOWED UNDER THE LAW?

Businesses may contact any distributor or manufacturer to obtain products that meet the requirements of the law. As a courtesy, the NJ Business Action Center's website will soon feature an online clearinghouse of wholesale vendors who provide environmentally-sound alternative products. Please check [business.nj.gov](https://business.nj.gov) for updates.

### WHAT POLYSTYRENE FOAM FOOD SERVICE PRODUCTS ARE BANNED?

As of May 4, 2022, all polystyrene foam food service products are banned for use and sale. See below for a list of exemptions. For more information, please see [nj.gov/dep/plastic-ban-law/#foam\\_products](https://nj.gov/dep/plastic-ban-law/#foam_products)

### WHAT RETAIL AND FOOD SERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS ARE AFFECTED BY THIS BAN?

For a list of businesses impacted and items banned please go to this link: <https://nj.gov/dep/plastic-ban-law/docs/list-of-establishments-banned-items.pdf>

### EXEMPTIONS TO THE BAN

See lists of exemptions below. The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has the ability to determine additional exemptions pursuant to rule, regulation, or guidance. For more information, please see the DEP's website at [nj.gov/dep/plastic-ban-law](https://nj.gov/dep/plastic-ban-law)

### WAIVERS FOR POLYSTYRENE FOAM FOOD SERVICE PRODUCTS

The DEP may, upon written application by a person or food service business, waive the provisions of the polystyrene foam food service product ban for the person or food service business for a period not to exceed one year, if:

- (1) there is no feasible and commercially available alternative for a specific polystyrene foam food service product; or
- (2) the person or food service business has less than \$500,000 in gross annual income and there is no reasonably affordable, commercially-available alternative to the polystyrene foam food service product.

For further information on obtaining a waiver, please see the DEP's website at [NJ.gov/dep/plastic-ban-law/](https://NJ.gov/dep/plastic-ban-law/).

The DEP may be contacted via email: [singleuseplastics@dep.nj.gov](mailto:singleuseplastics@dep.nj.gov) or phone: +1(609)-984-4250.

### EXEMPTIONS FROM PLASTIC AND PAPER CARRYOUT BAG AND PLASTIC STRAW BANS:

- Bags used to contain or wrap uncooked meat, fish or poultry.
- Bags used to package loose items.
- Bags used to contain live animals.
- Bags used to contain food sliced or prepared to order, including soup and hot food.
- Laundry, dry cleaning or garment bags.
- Bags provided by a pharmacy to carry prescriptions.
- Newspaper bags.
- Any similar bag, as determined by the Department (DEP) pursuant to rule, regulation, or guidance.
- Packages of single-use plastic straws and those pre-packaged with items like juice boxes may still be sold in stores.

### EXEMPTIONS FROM THE BAN ON POLYSTYRENE FOAM FOOD SERVICE PRODUCTS (ALL EXPIRE MAY 4, 2024):

- Disposable, long-handled polystyrene foam soda spoons when required and used for thick drinks.
- Portion cups of 2 oz. or less, if used for hot foods or foods requiring lids.
- Meat and fish trays for raw or butchered meat, including poultry, or fish that is sold from a refrigerator or similar retail appliance.
- Any food product pre-packaged by the manufacturer with a polystyrene foam food service product.
- Any other polystyrene foam food service product as determined necessary by the DEP.





**NJBAC**

New Jersey Business Action Center

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\*Updated 8/1/2021

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# June 2024

## Tackling the Litter Problem

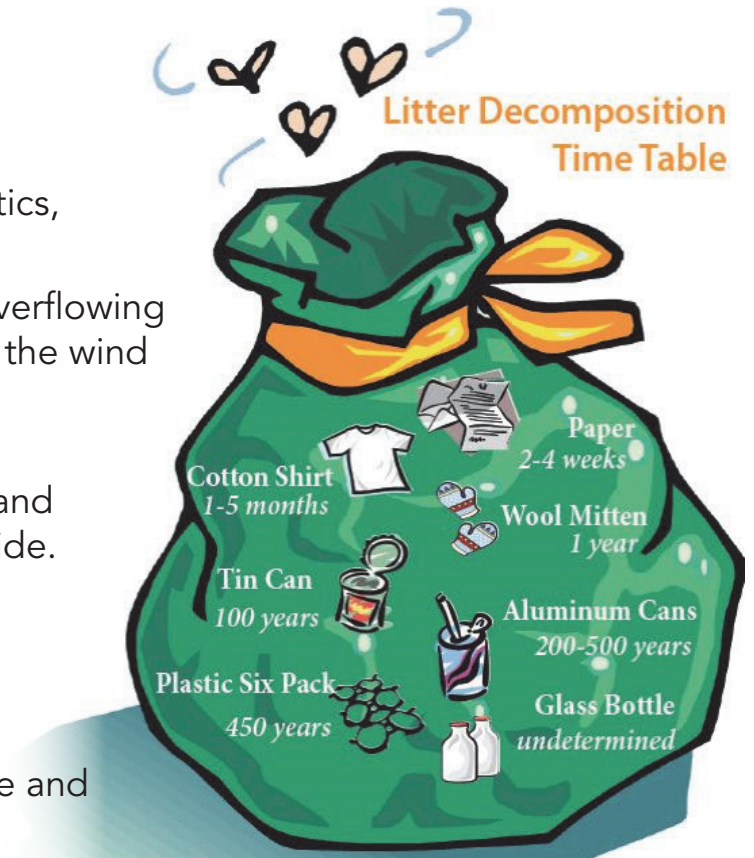
**What is litter?** Litter is solid waste that's out of place. It's the kind of trash found on highways, lake fronts, parks and school grounds. Litter takes many forms: paper, plastics, metal cans, cigarette butts, glass, food packaging, tires and graffiti.

**Where does it come from?** There are five sources of litter: pedestrians, motorists, overflowing household garbage, construction sites and uncovered trucks. Litter is often blown by the wind until it is trapped somewhere, as along a fence.



**Why do people litter?** People tend to litter when they think someone else will clean up, when an area is already littered, and when they do not feel a sense of ownership or community pride.

**Why is litter a problem?** Even small amounts of litter are unsightly, unhealthy and dangerous. Litter causes blighted landscapes resulting in an increase in taxes and a decrease in tourism and industry; loss of civic pride and morale; and a negative public image. Litter can also cause disease in people and animals, fires, and accidents, especially on roadways.



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# July 2024

## OUR Journey to A Clean Matawan



From the Office of the  
 Recycling/Clean Communities  
 Coordinator  
 Let's Keep Matawan Clean  
 732-566-3898 x600



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	7:00 p.m. Planning-Zoning Board Meeting @ MMCC	7:00 p.m. Borough Council Meeting @ MMCC				



# ALL RESIDENTS! - TRASH & MANDATORY RECYCLING CALENDAR

RECYCLING is every THURSDAY – COMMINGLED (Bottles/Containers #1, 2, & 5 and Cans)

MIXED PAPER / NEWSPAPER / CARDBOARD TRASH pick-up is every MONDAY

FOR MISSED TRASH PICKUPS, Please contact RTS @ 1-833-787-4636 or email [matawan@rts.com](mailto:matawan@rts.com)

SCAN HERE to access this calendar on your smartphone!

FOLLOW COLOR CODE CAREFULLY!

White Commingled

Blue Mixed Paper / Newspaper / Cardboard

Red Trash

Green Boroughwide bundled brush & biodegradable paper bag yard waste

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# CONVENIENT LEAF, GARBAGE, AND RECYCLING PULL-OUT SECTION

## LEAF PICK UP

*All dates are tentative due to weather conditions. Pick-up may be done before its scheduled date but the original date will still remain on the schedule in addition to the early pick-up.*

**QUESTIONS REGARDING LEAF PICKUP CONCERNS - 732-566-3898 x635**

### Area 1

- 2024** - week of November 4
- 2024** - week of December 9
- 2025** - week of November 3
- 2025** - week of December 8

### Area 2

- 2024** - week of October 28
- 2024** - week of December 2
- 2025** - week of October 27
- 2025** - week of December 1

### Area 3

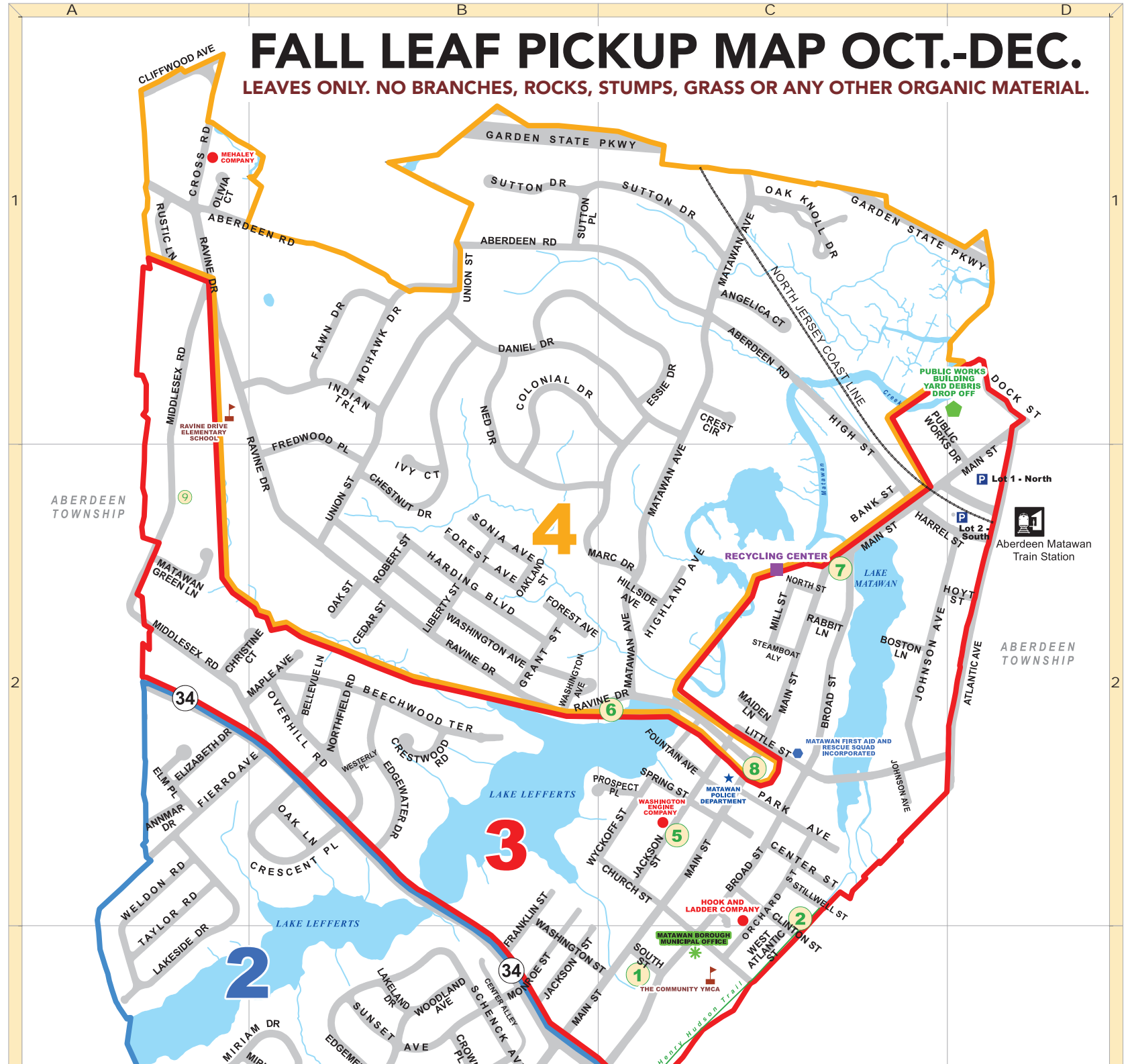
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### Area 4

- 2024** - week of October 14
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## BRUSH PICKUP

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| April 2     | April 2     |
| May 7       | May 6       |
| June 4      | June 3      |
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## Area 1

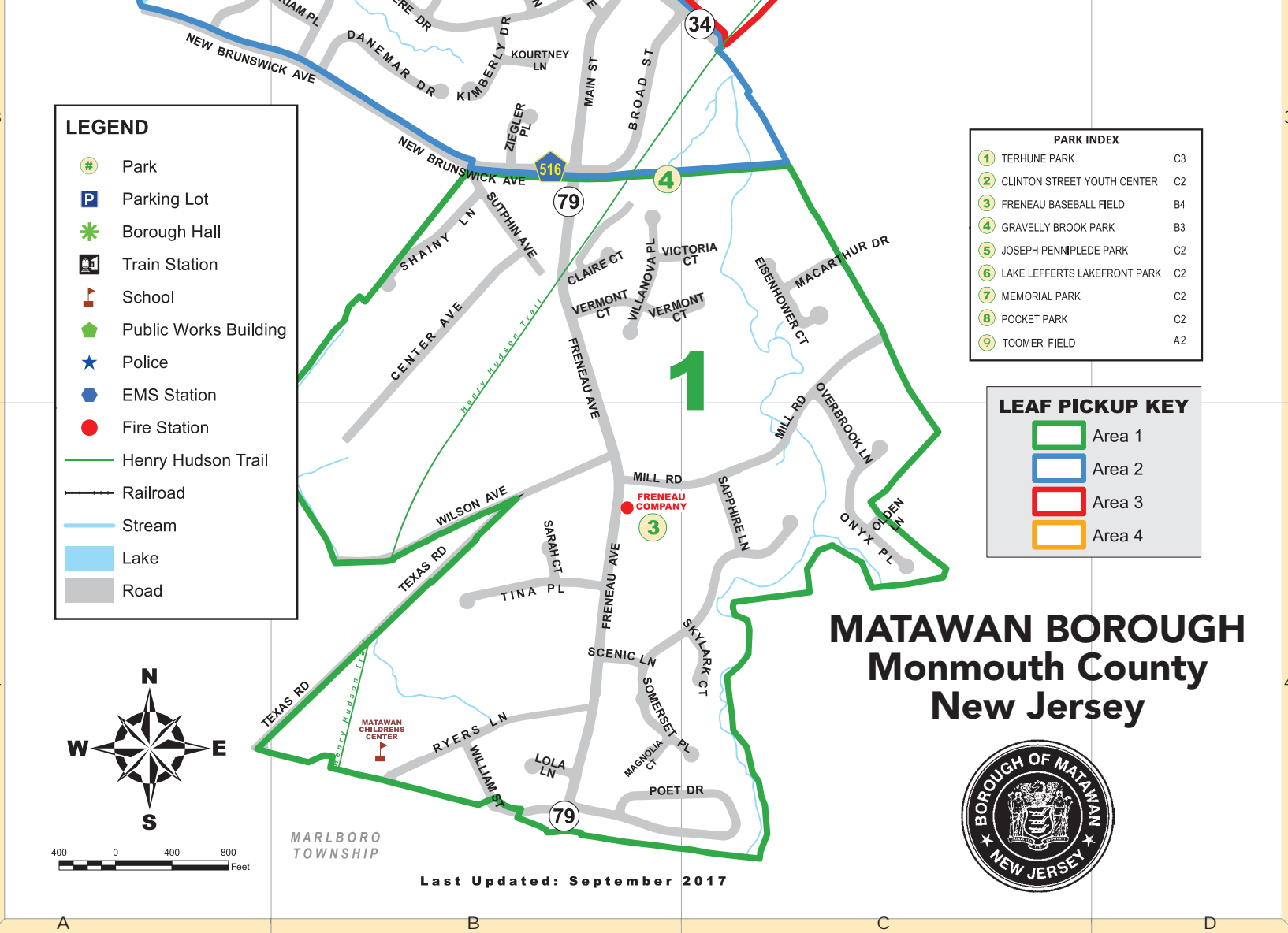
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| Center Ave          | Sarah Ct       |
| Claire Ct           | Scenic Ln      |
| Eisenhower Ct       | Shainy Ln      |
| Freneau Ave (Rt 79) | Skylark Ct     |
| Lola Ln             | Somerset Pl    |
| Macarthur Dr        | State Route 79 |
| Magnolia Ct         | Sutphin Ave    |
| Main St (Rt 79)     | Texas Rd       |
| Mill Rd             | Tina Pl        |
| Olden Ln            | Vermont Ct     |
| Onyx Pl             | Victoria Ct    |
| Overbrook Ln        | Villanova Pl   |
| Poet Dr             | West Ct        |
| Ryers Ln            | William St     |
| Sapphire Ln         | Wilson Ave     |

## Area 2

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| Anmar Dr        | Miriam Dr         |
| Broad St        | Monroe St         |
| Crescent Pl     | (North of Rt 34)  |
| Crown Pl        | New Brunswick Ave |
| Danemar Dr      | (Route 516)       |
| Edgemere Dr     | Oak Ln            |
| Elizabeth Dr    | Schenck Ave       |
| Elm Pl          | State Route 34    |
| Fierro Ave      | Sunset Ave        |
| Kimberly Dr     | Taylor Rd         |
| Kourtney Ln     | Weldon Rd         |
| Lakeland Dr     | Woodland Ave      |
| Lakeside Dr     | Ziegler Pl        |
| Main St (Rt 79) |                   |

## Area 3

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| Atlantic Ave  | Edgewater Dr    |
| Atlantic St   | Fountain Ave    |
| Beechwood Ter | Franklin St     |
| Bellevue Ln   | Harrel St       |
| Boston Ln     | Highfield Ave   |
| Broad St      | Hoyt St         |
| Center St     | Jackson St      |
| Christine Ct  | Johnson Ave     |
| Church St     | Little St       |
| Clinton St    | Lower Main St   |
| Crestwood Rd  | Maiden Ln       |
| Dock St       | Main St (Rt 79) |



## Area 4

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|------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|
| Maple Ave        | Rabbit Ln     | Aberdeen Rd   | Fawn Dr      | Little St     | Ravine Dr      |
| Matawan Green Ln | South St      | Angelica Ct   | Forest Ave   | Marc Dr       | Robert St      |
| Middlesex Rd     | Spring St     | Bank St       | Fredwood Pl  | Matawan Ave   | Rustic Ln      |
| Mill Ln          | Steamboat Aly | Cedar St      | Grant St     | Middlesex Rd  | Sonia Ave      |
| Monroe St        | Stillwell St  | Chestnut Dr   | Harding Blvd | Mohawk Dr     | Sutton Dr      |
| (South of Rt 34) | Washington St | Cliffwood Ave | High St      | Morristown Rd | Union St       |
| North St         | Water St      | Colonial Dr   | Highland Ave | Ned Dr        | Washington Ave |
| Northfield Rd    | Westerly Pl   | Crest Cir     | Hillside Ave | Oak St        |                |
| Orchard St       | Wyckoff St    | Cross Rd      | Indian Trl   | Oak Knoll Dr  |                |
| Overhill Rd      |               | Daniel Dr     | Ivy Ct       | Oakland St    |                |
| Park Ave         |               | Essie Dr      | Liberty St   | Olivia Ct     |                |
| Prospect Pl      |               |               |              |               |                |

# Grass – Cut It and Leave It

## Environmentally-Friendly Lawn Care

Grass clippings are a major part of New Jersey's municipal solid waste stream. As a New Jersey resident, you are already helping to avoid air pollution and wasted resources by recycling. You can do more by reducing waste at the source. Leave the grass clippings on your lawn when you mow, and let nature do the recycling.

### **Just cut it and leave it to save time and money**

You'll save 20-25% of your time because you won't have to stop and empty your lawn mower bag, and you'll avoid purchasing yard waste bags and hauling them to the curb. You'll need to fertilize less (25-50%), since clippings return nutrients to the soil.

### **Mow your lawn correctly**

To maintain your lawn properly, mow high and mow often, so that you only take off about 1/3 of the length of the grass. This will result in an attractive, neatly trimmed lawn, and clippings will disappear when they filter down to the soil. Most New Jersey lawns should be mowed 2 1/2 - 3 1/2 inches high (like the rough beside a golf course fairway), especially in summer, to shade the soil, cool the roots, and block weed growth. Mulching mowers help you do this; they chop the clippings into fine pieces that slip easily down to the soil. Most new mowers are mulching mowers, and you can attach mulching equipment to your existing mower.

### **The right amount of water**

Controlling watering rates will help your lawn grow at manageable levels and still stay healthy. Don't water until the lawn is dry. If it turns blue-green or gray, or if footprints don't spring back, it's time to water.

Provide about an inch at a time for clay soil, and half an inch for sandy soil. Place a few cans around the lawn and note how long it takes for that much water to collect. Even in dry periods, lawns usually need a thorough watering only once a week, or twice if soils are sandy. If managed carefully, water will soak the soil four to six inches down, just right for building healthy root systems and greener growth. Early morning watering conserves water by preventing evaporation.

### **What to do with excessive growth**

If you miss a week, or if heavy rain causes fast growth, you have some choices.

#### **Double mow**

Set the mower higher than usual and cut no more than the top third of the grass. In a day or two, set the mower height down and bring the lawn mower down another 1/3 of its height. Continue this process until you reach the desired height.

#### **Mulch heavy clippings into the garden**

Bag or rake the clippings and apply them to your garden as mulch. Spread them an inch deep, to cool the soil, retain water, prevent erosion and compaction, and smother weed seeds.

#### **Mix them with the soil**

New Jersey soils can be improved by adding organic matter. Added organic materials make heavy clay soils become more productive, and sandy soils retain more water.

#### **Compost**

Grass speeds up your composting, but can cause odors and deplete oxygen if not properly managed. If you compost large amounts of grass, turn the pile often with a pitchfork.

#### **What about thatch?**

Clippings don't cause thatch. Thatch is formed from the accumulation of dead roots and stems. The more you fertilize and water your lawn, the more it grows and the faster thatch accumulates.



### **Lawn additives**

Many people apply too many lawn products, too often. It costs money and may harm the lawn. Better to evaluate problems and apply only what you need. Let your County Agriculture Extension Agents give you expert advice on care and disease treatment. You can find lawn care publication at [www.rce.rutgers.edu/](http://www.rce.rutgers.edu/).

Every year in New Jersey, dozens of people poison themselves taking care of their own lawns because they don't take product label warnings seriously, and they think that more

is better. Lawn additives are powerful chemicals, and you need to use them correctly.

### **Fertilizer**

Too much fertilizer means rapid growth and more mowing. Use soil testing to verify the need for fertilizer; see your County Extension Office for a soil test kit. Fertilize in September and again in October or November for a healthier lawn. This keeps the lawn greener through the winter and strengthens roots for thick growth in the spring without the unwanted long growth caused by spring fertilization. This means fewer mowings, less clippings, and less work. Don't fertilize in summer unless needed; too much can kill cool-season grasses such as fine fescues! Use fertilizer containing at least 50% controlled release nitrogen. The bag may say "water insoluble or WIN," "organic," or "slow release" nitrogen.

When you cut it and leave it, the nitrogen from the grass clippings will add one to two pounds of nitrogen a year to each thousand square feet of lawn. You can adjust the spreader setting to about 1/2 to 3/4 of the manufacturer's recommended setting.

### **Herbicides and insecticides**

Herbicides remain on the grass for some time, and some make the clippings unsuitable for mulch, so it's important to cut it and leave it when you use weed killers. Too much herbicide can burn the lawn, kill nearby plants, and contaminate waterways. Instead of repeated whole-lawn application of weed killers, try a one-time pre-emergent weed killer and spot application if your lawn has only a few weeds. If you see signs of insect damage, call your extension agent to determine what you need before you select an insecticide. You may find that you don't need any at all.

You can achieve the lawn you want and also protect our environment, when you practice careful turf management, and **Cut It and Leave It!**

Contact: Steven Rinaldi, NJDEP,  
Bureau of Energy and Sustainability, 609-633-0538  
[Steven.Rinaldi@dep.nj.gov](mailto:Steven.Rinaldi@dep.nj.gov)

## **MONMOUTH COUNTY RECLAMATION CENTER accepts Grass Clippings and Household Chemicals**

6000 Asbury Avenue, Tinton Falls, NJ • Telephone: 732-683-8686

### **Hours of Operation:**

7 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday and from 7 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturdays. Closed Sundays.

### **HOLIDAY INFORMATION:**

Noon closing on Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Labor Day.

Closed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day.

Regular operational hours on all other holidays

### **GRASS CLIPPINGS ARE ACCEPTED SEPARATE FROM OTHER WASTES**

\$3.00 per car or \$36.50 per ton - car or truck

Station Wagons, Minivans, and SUV-type vehicles qualify for the car rate only when all grass is behind the rear most seat.

### **HOUSEHOLD CHEMICALS**

Residents needing to dispose of oil paints or chemicals can make an appointment to dispose these household hazardous wastes. Latex paint is not a Household Hazardous waste (dry/dispose with regular trash). Call 732-683-8686 (press 1) No charge to qualified participants.

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# August 2024

## Senior Resident/Student Fall Leaf Pickup Partnership Program

Please contact the recycling coordinator  
732-566-3898 x132  
to sign up

### Student Senior Leaf Pick Up Partnership



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# September 2024



**BOROUGH OF MATAWAN**  
**ADOPT A CATCH BASIN**  
 A NEW PROGRAM BROUGHT TO YOU FROM  
 MATAWAN'S CLEAN COMMUNITIES

**SIGN UP**  
 STORMWATER@MATAWANBOROUGH.COM  
 OR CONTACT CLEAN COMMUNITIES COORDINATOR AT 732-566-3898 X600

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>LAST DAY LAKE LEFFERTS</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Trash Pick-Up All Residences</p>  <p>Borough Offices Closed</p> <p>Labor Day</p>	<p>3</p> <p>BOROUGH WIDE BUNDLED BRUSH AND BIODEGRADABLE PAPER BAG / YARD WASTE PICKUP</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Borough Council Meeting @ MMCC</p>	<p>4</p> <p>STREET SWEEPING AREA 1</p> 	<p>5</p> <p>Recycling Pick-Up All Residences</p>  <p>Mixed Paper Newspaper Cardboard</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>

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# October 2024

## NO PLASTIC BAGS OF *Any Kind!*



**DO NOT** put plastic bags of any color in the recycling can! Plastic bags can be brought to local grocery stores for recycling. Plastic bags are great for reuse.

**What items can go in the recycling container?**

- PLASTIC BOTTLES\***  
#1 & #2 Pourable bottles only
- GLASS BOTTLES**
- TIN / ALUMINUM**
- CARDBOARD**
- MIXED PAPER**
- NEWSPAPER**

To learn more about Monmouth County Recycling:  
Call 732-683-8686, ext. 6721 or ext. 8967 with questions. [www.visitmonmouth.com/recycling](http://www.visitmonmouth.com/recycling)



### 10 THINGS YOU CAN DO FOR TRASH FREE SEAS

- 1 CAN IT**  
USE A TRASH CAN WITH LID
- 2 TAP IT**  
DRINK TAP WATER IN A REUSABLE BOTTLE
- 3 STOW IT**  
BE A GREEN BOATER WITH OCEAN CONSERVANCY'S GOOD MATE PROGRAM
- 4 BUTT IN**  
WRITE YOUR LEGISLATOR ASKING FOR POLICIES THAT ADDRESS OCEAN TRASH
- 5 REMOVE IT**  
CLEAN UP WITH THE INTERNATIONAL COASTAL CLEANUP [WWW.SIGNUPTOCLEANUP.ORG](http://WWW.SIGNUPTOCLEANUP.ORG)
- 6 BUTT OUT**  
USE AN ASHTRAY SO CIGARETTE BUTTS DON'T BEACH WATERWAYS AND THE OCEAN
- 7 RECYCLE IT**  
GO THE EXTRA MILE TO SORT AND SEPARATE ITEMS THAT CAN BE RECYCLED
- 8 REUSE IT**  
TAKE ALONG YOUR REUSABLE COFFEE MUG, PICNIC SUPPLIES OR SHOPPING BAG
- 9 REFUSE IT**  
BUY LESS TO REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF MANUFACTURED ITEMS WINDING UP AS TRASH IN THE OCEAN
- 10 REINVENT IT**  
SEND EMAILS TO COMPANIES ASKING THEM TO REDUCE PACKAGING AND CREATE NEW OCEAN-FRIENDLY MATERIALS

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# November 2024

## DE-ICING OPERATIONS AND SNOW REMOVAL FROM ROADS

The Matawan Department of Public Works is solely responsible for de-icing operations and snow removal from Matawan roads. The department does have an adequate amount of equipment and manpower to address the most significant storms.

Our residents can help us do a better job by following these simple guidelines before, during, and after a storm:

- Please make sure all of your vehicles have been removed from borough streets before the storm. Plowing does not typically begin until there is about 4 inches of accumulated snow, but salting operations will start once the snow begins to fall.
- After the snow has stopped, the plows will open the roads curb-to-curb. **Residents should wait for the department to completely clear the streets, before clearing snow from the head of driveways, or sidewalks.**
- Make sure your children and pets are kept well away from any snow clearing operations.

### Contact Information

**Matawan Department of Public Works 732-290-2011**

**Matawan Police 732-566-1010**

### Borough of Matawan

#### Code Book

#### Chapter 7 – Traffic

#### Section 7-10 Temporary Parking Prohibition for Snow Plowing and Removal

#### 7-10 TEMPORARY PARKING PROHIBITION FOR SNOW PLOWING AND REMOVAL.

a. Whenever snow has fallen and the accumulation is such that it covers the streets and highways of the Borough of Matawan, an emergency shall exist and no vehicles shall be parked on the following streets or highways or portions thereof listed below:

Reserved

b. The parking prohibitions listed below shall remain in effect after the snow has ceased until the streets have been plowed sufficiently and to the extent that parking will not interfere with the normal flow of traffic.

c. Any unoccupied vehicle parked or standing in violation of this section shall be deemed a nuisance and a menace to the safe and proper regulation of traffic and any Police Officer may provide for the removal of such vehicle. The owner shall pay the reasonable costs of the removal and storage which may result from such removal before regaining possession of the vehicle.

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# December 2024

**Christmas tree pickup – place on curb January thru February – after February, place to curb First Tuesday of the Month with Yard Waste Pickup.**





## 2024 Shade Tree Commission

In accordance with Borough Code Chapter 24 - Protection of Trees, Section 24-5, a permit is required before removing any trees in the Borough.

For further information regarding tree permits call 732-566-3898 x 602

General Questions Regarding Trees:  
Shadetree@Matawanborough.com



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# January 2025

## Composting IS Recycling

Composting is when you separate out your kitchen vegetables and yard waste at home, and place it into a special pile so that it that breaks down into a natural, soil-like product that can be used as fertilizer.



ABOVE; LEFT and RIGHT: Two styles of composting bins.

### STEP 1: Choose the Right Materials

- Vegetable & Fruit Scraps
  - Tea Bags
  - Coffee Grounds & Filters
  - Egg shells
  - Peanut and Nut Shells
  - Sawdust
  - Dust/Lint
  - Nail Clippings
  - Human Hair
  - Hay/Straw
  - Feathers
  - Paper
  - Weeds \*
  - Fabrics (cotton, silk)
  - Bark
  - Wood Ashes
  - Corn Cobs
  - Horse/Chicken/Cow Manure
  - Leaves (save in fall for spring!)
  - Garden Clippings
  - Stalks and Stems
  - Vines
  - Grass
- \*No aggressive weeds or weeds gone to seed

Do NOT Compost: Meat/Poultry/Fish • Fats/Oils • Bones • Dairy Products • Plastics or Synthetic Fibers • Pet Waste (meat eating pets) **IN GENERAL, NO ANIMAL PRODUCTS OR DAIRY**


### STEP 2: Select & Prepare a Site -

Choose a place in your yard that is convenient (sunny or shady will do) and fashion some type of area or enclosure for your pile

- Assemble wooden stakes and/or chicken wire into a simple round enclosure.
- Construct a wooden compost bin (use old lumber, if you have any)
- Build a 3-sided enclosure with cinder blocks. Leave the front open.
- Purchase a ready-made bin from a home center or garden supplier.
- Or you can opt for no enclosure; just pile the materials up, keeping them in a fairly dense heap.

### STEP 3: Add Your Compost Materials

- Layer dry (leaves), and moist (grass, kitchen scraps) in a 1:1 ratio.
- Add enough water to keep the compost heap moist, but not soggy.
- Provide adequate ventilation. To increase air circulation, turn the compost with a pitchfork at least once a month (helpful but not absolutely necessary). You can also push rods or poles through the heap and then remove them, leaving channels through which air can pass, or insert hollow, perforated poles.
- As the compost materials decompose, they create heat. This is natural, and when the pile is turned, you will be able to feel the heat.
- If your compost pile is properly prepared, contains no animal fats and is turned regularly, it will not attract pests or create odors.

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# February 2025

## CURB PICK UP

Branches, leaves and yard debris are picked up by the Department of Public Works on the first Tuesday of every month, March thru October.

**Yard Debris:** Clippings, very small pieces of branches, leaves – placed in biodegradable paper bags.

**Branches:** Less than 3 inches in diameter bundled in four foot sections

**No plastic garbage bags** – nothing placed in trash/recycling cans. No stones or rocks. No stumps. No grass.



*If you put unauthorized items in trash/recycling or yard debris curbside items for pick-up, they will not be picked-up and you will receive a notice like the one shown at right explaining which items were incorrect.*



DEAR RESIDENT,  
WE WERE HERE BUT YOUR....

YARD DEBRIS WAS NOT PICKED UP  
BECAUSE:

- BRANCHES WERE NOT TIED IN 4FT BUNDLES AND/OR WERE OVER 3" IN DIAMETER
- BUNDLES TOO HEAVY TO PICK UP OVER HEAD
- YARD DEBRIS IN ANY KIND OF CONTAINERS OR PLASTIC BAGS
- NO ROCKS, STUMPS, DIRT, MULCH, WOOD CHIPS OR GRASS
- OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

LEAVES WERE NOT PICKED UP BECAUSE:

- GRASS MIXED WITH PILE
- STICKS/BRANCHES IN PILE
- FOREIGN OBJECTS FOUND IN PILE
- OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

**QUESTIONS?**

Contact the Matawan Recycling Coordinator at:  
732-566-3898 x600 or [recycling@matawanborough.com](mailto:recycling@matawanborough.com)  
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**CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP – place on curb January thru February – after February, place to curb FIRST Tuesday of Month with Yard Waste Pickup.**

# Is your dog green?



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Storm drains can be found on streets throughout the town. They collect rain water and prevent flooding when it rains. These drains empty directly into the nearest water body, usually a stream or river, **without treatment of the water**. This means that dog waste and other pollutants left on a lawn, on the street, or placed in storm drains, will get washed into our rivers and watersheds when rain falls. Our rivers and streams are areas of recreational swimming, boating and fishing and contribute to our drinking water sources.

***Let's remove dog waste from the water pollution equation! Scooping your pooch's poop isn't just a courtesy, it's the law. Borough of Matawan Code Book, Chapter 5, Section 5-6e.***

***Just one dog? A day's waste from one large dog can contain 7.8 million fecal coliform bacteria.***

## Here's how to remove dog waste from the water pollution equation:

**BRING IT**—Always bring a plastic bag when you walk your dog. So that you're never without, carry grocery or newspaper bags in your purse, pocket or car.

**BAG IT**—Use the bag as a glove to pick up pet waste. Scoop up the waste and turn the bag inside out around the waste.

**DISPOSE IT!**—Properly dispose of pet waste by placing it in a trash can or flushing it, unbagged, down the toilet.

Rain washes pollutants into storm drains and directly into our lakes, rivers, and the ocean

Why is dog waste a problem? **Scientific evidence has shown dog waste to be a significant source of water pollution because it contains a high concentration of nutrients as well as bacteria and disease-causing microorganisms.**

**Your Health**—Leaving pet waste on the ground may pose a risk to children and adults who can be exposed to various diseases spread by feces.

**Your Water**—Pet waste carries disease causing organisms such as giardia and salmonella, which can make water unsafe for drinking or swimming.

**Your Community**—Swimming beaches and boating areas can be shut down due to bacterial contamination, of which pet waste can be the source.

## WHAT IS STORM WATER POLLUTION?

Water from rain and melting snow that flows over lawns, parking lots and streets is known as storm water runoff. This water, which travels along gutters, into catch basins and through storm drain pipes and ditches, usually is not treated, but then flows or is discharged into local water bodies. Along the way, the storm water picks up trash (fast-food wrappers, cigarette butts, styrofoam cups, etc.) and toxins and other pollutants (gas, motor oil, antifreeze, fertilizers, pesticides and pet droppings). This polluted storm water can kill fish and other wildlife, destroy wildlife habitat, contaminate drinking water sources and force the closing of beaches because of health threats to swimmers.

Human activity is largely responsible for the storm water pollution. Everything that we put on the ground or into the storm drain can end up in our water. Each of us has a responsibility to make sure these contaminants stay out of our water. Whether we have clean water is up to you.





# BOROUGH OF MATAWAN CLEAN COMMUNITIES

*Help Stop Litter in its Tracks*

If you see someone littering along our roads,  
call 732-566-3898 x600 or  
email: [litter@matawanborough.com](mailto:litter@matawanborough.com)

Report the following information:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

License Plate: \_\_\_\_\_ State: NJ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle Make & Color: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

(Note street, highway, cross street, mile marker, etc.)

**Do NOT** confront any individual **Do NOT** write, text while driving

If you see a place in Matawan that has litter,  
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Report the following information:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Place: \_\_\_\_\_





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for resident alerts change in pickup date.

**We thank the residents and businesses for making our recycling program successful!**

**Special thanks to Matawan's Dept of Public Works and the Recreation Department for all their support of the recycling and clean communities programs.**