

# Upper Township Public Works Residents Information-2021

## Trash and Recycling Collection Holiday Schedule 2021

Friday	January 1 <sup>st</sup>	New Years' Day
Monday	January 18 <sup>th</sup>	Martin Luther King Day
Monday	February 15 <sup>th</sup>	Presidents Day
Friday	April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Good Friday
Monday	May 31 <sup>st</sup>	Memorial Day *
Friday	June 18 <sup>th</sup>	Juneteenth
Monday	July 5 <sup>th</sup>	Independence Day
Monday	September 6 <sup>th</sup>	Labor Day *
Monday	October 11 <sup>th</sup>	Columbus Day
Thursday	November 11 <sup>th</sup>	Veteran's Day
Thursday	November 25 <sup>th</sup>	Thanksgiving Day **
Friday	November 26 <sup>th</sup>	Thanksgiving Holiday **
Friday	December 24 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Holiday

## Trash and Recycling Holiday Collection

Should your TRASH AND RECYCLING COLLECTION DAY fall on one of the HOLIDAYS in the schedule above your household Trash and Recycling will be collected on our NEXT WORKING DAY, except for the following:

\* Trash and Recycling **WILL** be collected on MEMORIAL DAY and LABOR DAY.

\*\*Trash and Recycling for the THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS will be as follows: Thursday's Trash & Recycling will be collected on Friday. Friday's Trash & Recycling will be collected on Monday.

\*\*Trash and Recycling for the Juneteenth holiday will be collected on Monday.

## Trash and Recycling Collection Areas

**MONDAYS** – All of Strathmere and Whale Beach. Harbor Road, east side of the Parkway.

**TUESDAYS** – North side of Church Road and north to the Township line, the Great Egg Harbor Bay.

**WEDNESDAYS** – Petersburg, Tuckahoe, Marshallville, Head of the River, Steelmantown and Martintown.

**THURSDAYS** – Hope Corson Road south to the Township line including the Foxborough development and Osprey Point

**FRIDAYS** – South side of Church Road south to Hope Corson Road excluding the Foxborough development.

PLEASE REMEMBER that the way you place your TRASH and RECYCLING MATERIALS out for collection has a direct effect on your NEIGHBORHOOD. Loose trash and recycling materials can be blown throughout your area.

## **Trash and Recycling Collection Requirements**

### **Household Trash**

Your household trash cart must be placed to the curb prior to 6:00 a.m. the morning of your collection day, but not prior to 5:00 p.m. the day before your collection day in the cart provided by the Township. No other containers will be collected.

### **Recycling Materials**

Your recycling cart must be placed to the curb prior to 6:00 a.m. the morning of your collection day, but not prior to 5:00 p.m. the day before your collection day in the cart provided by the Township. No other containers will be collected. **PLASTIC BAGS ARE CONSIDERED TRASH. PLEASE DO NOT PLACE THESE BAGS IN YOUR RECYCLING CONTAINER.**

### **Convenience Drop-off Center**

Single Stream Recycling, and household trash can be brought to the Upper Township Road Department at 1691 Mount Pleasant Road, Tuckahoe from 7:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. five [5] days per week. Bulk may not be dumped in this area.

### **Automated Carts**

Each residential household is eligible to receive 1- cart for trash and 1- cart for recycling. The standard cart size is 96 gallons in size which is equivalent to three normal trash cans. The standard cart will be given to most residents. For those households who have only 1-2 people or for medical conditions then a smaller can be chosen. Regular trash and recycling cans cannot be used with this system. The carts that are issued are the only containers that may be used for household waste and recycling.

Based on national studies and our survey of Township collection, one trash cart & one recycling cart is sufficient for a household size of 4-6 people and is in compliance with the Township's rules for recycling. If you feel that you may need an additional cart, a non-refundable fee of \$100.00 per cart will be assessed (cart remains the property of Upper Township). Please contact the Clerks' Office at 609-628-2011 ext. 200 if you would like to request an alternate size cart or additional cart.

The placement of the cart shall be as follows: The cart shall be placed at of the edge of the pavement or curb with the handles and wheels facing your house. The cart cannot be placed within 24" of any mailbox, utility pole, car, tree or other cart and, there can be no obstruction between the cart and the roadway. There shall also be no overhead obstructions within 12'. These clearances are required so that the automated arm can reach, grab and dump the cart. For some properties placement of the cart shall be dictated by the Public Works Department. For instance, cart placement may be across the street from the residence. If this is the case, we will contact the resident to discuss the proposed location and why it is required.

The carts are the property of Upper Township and should be used only at the residence that it has been assigned to. Each cart has a unique serial number and electronic tag that is associated to a specific property. A Cart will not be collected at a property where it is not assigned. If the

occupant moves, the cart assigned to that property must be left behind for the new occupant. You may place your house number on the lid of the container with numbers no larger than 2" in size.

The carts are warranted for 10 years. If damage is noticed on the cart, please contact the Public Works Department at 609-628-2011 ext. 350 and an inspector will be dispatched to look at the cart. If the damage is a warranty issue from routine use the cart may be replaced and/or repaired depending on the type of damage. If it is determined to be damage from neglect by the homeowner, then the cost of the replacement cart will have to be paid to the Township before a replacement cart is issued to the homeowner. Additionally, lost carts will have to be paid for before a replacement cart is issued to the homeowner. The non-refundable replacement cost is \$100.00

Trash should be placed in bags before being placed into the cart. Items that are prohibited to be placed in the cart are hot ashes or coals, hazardous waste, paint cans, concrete, rocks, large pieces of metal or dirt.

Commercial Properties will be permitted one trash cart and one recycling cart. Placement of the cart and collection day shall remain the same as required for a residential household. If a commercial property requires an additional cart, they will be required to have a dumpster. Please contact the Public Works department for further information.

In accordance with Ordinance Section 24-1.11b any commercial property which generates in excess of 96 gallons of solid waste per week shall contract with a private hauler to collect and dispose of such solid waste.

### **Single Stream Recycling Materials**

Your CLEAR, BROWN and GREEN glass bottles and jars, ALUMINUM cans, STEEL [TIN] cans, including empty aerosol cans\*, and PLASTIC bottles and jugs\*\* must be placed in a recycling container for collection. **Twist off plastic bottle caps are not recyclable.** We only want empty, clean, household product containers.

\*Empty Aerosol Cans from household products only! NO PAINT CANS of any type.

\*\*Empty Plastic Household Containers must have a #1 through #7 RECYCLING SYMBOL printed on them.

Your newspapers [with inserts], magazines, corrugated cardboard, office paper, junk mail, pizza boxes, white or gray chipboard boxes [cereal boxes, clothing boxes, tissue boxes, shiny beer boxes, shiny soda boxes etc], paper towels tubes, paper plates, gift wrapping paper and kraft [brown] paper bags must be placed in a recycling container. Styrofoam and plastic wrap must be removed from cardboard boxes prior to collection.

For additional recycling information please refer to the Waste Wizard or Recycling Coach available on the Township's website.

**We DO NOT RECYCLE the following items: plastic bags, plastic coated boxes, laminated paper, napkins, tissue paper, food contaminated paper & cardboard, window glass, drinking glasses, Styrofoam, plastic beverage cups, light bulbs, shredded paper, or the twist off plastic caps from bottles.**

## **Used Motor Oil and Used Anti-Freeze**

USED MOTOR OIL and USED ANTI FREEZE must be placed in a one [1] gallon plastic container with a screw on lid [water jug, milk jug, anti-freeze jug, detergent jug etc]. Place your one-gallon plastic containers of used motor oil and anti-freeze, with a screw on lid, next to your commingled recycling materials for collection.

WE WILL NOT COLLECT USED MOTOR OIL OR USED ANTIFREEZE UNLESS IT IS HANDLED IN THE MANNER DESCRIBED ABOVE.

## **Residential Paper Shredding**

Paper shredding is for residential use only and is available on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at the Public Works Yard in Tuckahoe from 7:00 am to 11:00 am. Paper should be removed from binders and envelopes. The amount to be shred shall be limited to one “banker” box or two paper bags. **No paper will be accepted from businesses.**

## **Automobile Tires**

A maximum of 4 tires will be collected curbside on Bulk Waste Collection day. This tire collection is for Residential use only. Please call 628-2011 ext. 350 for pickup.

## **Used Clothing Recycling Requirements**

Your clean, folded and bagged USED CLOTHING, USED SHOES and HANDBAGS [in good condition] can be delivered to the Upper Township Road Department at 1691 Mount Pleasant Road, Tuckahoe from 7:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. five [5] days per week. The items are to be placed in the USED CLOTHING SHED to the left of the main entrance gate. The used materials are picked up by the Goodwill Southern New Jersey to be reused.

## **Bulk Waste Schedule**

Bulk waste will be collected the first TUESDAY of each month. **Bulk will not be collected during the month of December.**

Please have your bulk waste curbside by 6 a.m. on the day of collection.

## **Bulk Waste Collection Requirements**

Bulk items will no longer be accepted at the Public Works building. You may place your bulk items out to the curb on your assigned bulk day or take them to the Cape May County Municipal Authority (609)465-9026.

HOUSEHOLD BULK WASTE: carpets, furniture, appliances and other large household items are collected on the days indicated by the schedule above. BULK WASTE ITEMS MUST BE TO THE CURB BY 6:00 A.M. THE DAY OF COLLECTION. Items may not be placed out to the curb before the Monday before the day of collection or a violation notice will be issued. **All DOORS must be removed from refrigerators and freezers.**

Only **two** bulk items may be placed to the curb each month of collection. Bulk item shall be described as a single item (ie. couch or table or refrigerator or entertainment center or box spring

& mattress) or collection of smaller items whose dimensions do not exceed 6'x4'x4'. Metal, white goods, electronics, mixed rigid plastics and other recyclable items shall not count towards the one item.

**The following items will not be collected with bulk trash:**

Building Materials or construction debris	Scrap wood	Wood Fencing
Railroad Ties or Landscaping timbers	Pallets	Gas or fuel tanks
Propane Tanks	Paints or any type of hazardous materials	

The disposal of the materials is the responsibility of the resident, homeowner or contractor.

**Recycling Items collected along with Bulk Trash**

**Electronics**

We now collect electronic devices to be recycled. The electronics are collected late during the day of bulk collections or on the day following the scheduled bulk trash collections. All TV's, computer monitors and computer accessories, VCR's, fax machines, telephones and phone systems, electric typewriters and word processors, CD players, and cell phones are now designated recycling materials.

**Residential Brush Collection Schedule**

Residential brush collection will be during the following two months only:

April & October

**April collection requirements:** Please place your brush curbside beginning the last week in March for collection beginning April 6<sup>th</sup>.

**October collection requirements:** Please place your brush curbside beginning the last week in September for collection beginning October 5<sup>th</sup>.

Brush will be collected **once during the month listed above** starting in Beesley's Point then continuing south to the Township line through Marmora, Palermo and Seaville then to Petersburg, Tuckahoe, Marshallville, Head of River, Steelmantown and Martintown. Brush piles are to remain 10' away from storm drains.

Brush, resulting from Residential tree trimmings and pruning's, must be placed to the curb in a neat pile with the larger ends facing the street to be collected. Any trimmings removing more than 50% of the limbs of a tree, bush or shrubs shall be considered tree removal and will not be collected. **Brush shall be limited to a pile no larger than 10'x6'x6'**.

Trees damaged during severe weather events will be collected by calling for pickup.

Christmas trees will be collected during the month of January.

**NO DEBRIS RESULTING FROM TREE REMOVAL OR LOT CLEARING WILL BE COLLECTED.**

## **Compostable Materials Collection Requirements**

Your GRASS CLIPPINGS, LEAVES AND OTHER YARD DEBRIS must be placed in PAPER COMPOST BAGS OR REUSABLE CONTAINERS. The COMPOST CONTAINERS must have removable lids, external handles, have a minimum capacity of 20 gallons and a maximum capacity of 45 gallons, and not weigh over 50 pounds when full. The PAPER COMPOST BAGS must only be filled to a capacity that will allow a single collection crewmember to lift and load the bags.

Compost will be collected the second week of the month starting on Tuesday.

Please have your compost curbside by 6:00 am on collection day.

Compost will be collected ONCE during the month only.

### **No yard debris will be collected in plastic bags.**

## **Loose Leaf Collection**

Loose leaves will be collected during the months of April, mid-November and ending in December. You must keep all leaf piles a minimum of 10 feet from any storm drain inlet. **We only collect piles of loose leaves that are free of sticks and other debris. If your leaf pile contains sticks and other debris, it will not be collected until the debris is removed.**

Please be advised that once the leaf crews have gone by your house, in order to keep to the schedule, we cannot accommodate requests for returns until the next scheduled pick up.

Do not place leaves near obstacles that prevent collection.

## **Roadside Tree Trimming Program Requirements**

Township of Upper's ordinance #11-1983 requires Township Residents to maintain any plant life within ten [10] feet of any street or roadway and within twenty-five [25] feet of the intersection of any two [2] streets or roadways. Any plant life [trees, shrubs, bushes, hedges etc.] bordering any streets, roadways or sidewalks must be trimmed to allow safe passage of vehicles and pedestrians. Intersections must be trimmed to allow clear sight of all traffic signs [stop signs] and approaching vehicles. A Township Official will notify anyone found in violation. A grace period ten [10] days will be given to correct the problem. If the violation is not corrected the Township will authorize the work to be completed and the property owner will be billed accordingly.

## **Hazardous Materials Collection Requirements**

The Cape May County Municipal Utilities Authority sponsors two [2] FREE HAZARDOUS MATERIALS COLLECTIONS during the year for all residents of Cape May County. They accept THINNERS, STAINS, SOLVENTS, GASOLINE, MIXED GASOLINE, HERBICIDES, PESTICIDES, and many other HAZARDOUS MATERIALS. They can be reached at 609-465-9026 for more information concerning this service and for registration information. It is unlawful to place hazardous materials in our trash trucks and down our storm drains. Anyone found in violation will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

## **Trouble Reporter**

A new feature for our residents is the **Trouble Reporter** link on the Township's webpage [www.uppertownship.com](http://www.uppertownship.com) where residents can report issues such as pot holes, damaged signs, etc., directly to the Public Works department.

## **Enforcement of Trash, Recycling, Compost and Brush Collection Programs.**

The Township's Senior Sanitation Inspector has the responsibility of enforcing all the requirements of the Township's collection programs. His job is to ensure that all Residents and Commercial Business adhere to the requirements of the Township's Solid Waste and Recycling Ordinances.

If the inspector notices or is notified of a problem with trash or recycling at a residence or business, he will tag the material that is in violation and hand deliver a notice of the violation to the offending party. The hand delivered material will specify what the violation is and how it must be corrected.

Should you be found non-compliant with any of these programs you will be issued a violation notice with a seven-day removal date. If the items are not removed by this date a fine will be assessed.

You may reach the Sanitation Inspector by dialing 609-628-2011 x357

The Superintendent of Public Works is available by phone at 609-628-2011 ext. 350 to answer all questions pertaining to the services offered by this Department. Messages can also be left on voice mail.

### **Hours:**

The winter office hours are 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. [from Labor Day until Memorial Day] and the summer office hours are 6:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. [from Memorial Day until Labor Day]

The goal of this Department is to offer fair and equal treatment to all that we serve.

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