

Upper Township Public Works Residents Information-2026

Trash and Recycling Collection Holiday Schedule 2026

Thursday	January 1 st	New Year's Day
Monday	January 19 th	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Monday	February 16 th	Presidents' Day
Friday	April 3 rd	Good Friday
Monday	May 25 th	Memorial Day *
Friday	June 19 th	Juneteenth
Friday	July 3 rd	Independence Day Holiday
Monday	September 7 th	Labor Day *
Monday	October 12 th	Columbus Day
Wednesday	November 11 th	Veterans Day
Thursday	November 26 th	Thanksgiving Day **
Friday	November 27 th	Thanksgiving Holiday**
Friday	December 25 th	Christmas Day

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 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 at 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 at 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 SHOPPING 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. 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 or visit www.uppertownship.com for an application to request an additional household cart.

The placement of the cart shall be as follows: The cart shall be placed at the edge of the pavement or curb with the handles and wheels facing your house. The carts must be spaced at least 24" apart. 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 under warranty 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 more than 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 OF ANY KIND (garbage bags, shopping 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.

Residential Paper Shredding

Paper shredding is for residential use only and is available on the 2nd 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 shredded 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 (609) 628-2011 ext. 350 for pickup.

Bulk Waste Schedule

Do not place BULK within 15 feet of street (edge of asphalt) prior to allowed time listed below.

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

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.

Bulk Waste Collection Requirements

Please do not put items out for bulk if they fit in your cart.

Bulk items will no longer be accepted at the Public Works building. You may place your bulk items out to the curb 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. **All DOORS must be removed from refrigerators and freezers.**

Only **two** bulk items may be placed to the curb each month of collection. Bulk items 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, or other recyclable items shall not count towards the one item.

The following items will not be collected with bulk trash:

Building Materials, construction debris, scrap wood, fencing, railroad or landscaping timbers, pallets, gas or fuel tanks, propane tanks, paints or any type of hazardous materials.

The disposal of these 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

Do not place Brush within 15 feet of street (edge of asphalt) prior to allowed times listed below.

Residential brush will be collected (2) times a year.

April collection requirements: Please place your brush curbside beginning the last week in March for collection beginning April 7th. **DO NOT PLACE BRUSH OUT AFTER APRIL 5th.**

October collection requirements: Please place your brush curbside beginning the last week in September for collection beginning October 6th. **DO NOT PLACE BRUSH OUT AFTER OCTOBER 4th.**

Brush will be collected **once during the month listed above.** Brush piles are to remain 10' away from storm drains, mailbox, poles, guidelines, street signs.

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'.**

Storm Damage Storm damage will be collected after a **severe storm**. Storm damage is defined as large branches or portions of a live tree. Leaves, small twigs, and limbs under 6 feet will not be considered Storm Damage. Dead limbs and dead trees will not be considered storm damage. The severity of a weather event to consider it a "severe storm" will be determined by Public Works. Brush put out for storm damage must be called in to Public Works and approved no more than (7) days after the severe storm. Any brush not approved will be considered a violation.

Christmas trees will be collected during the month of January.

NO DEBRIS RESULTING FROM TREE REMOVAL OR LOT CLEARING WILL BE COLLECTED. WE DO NOT COLLECT BAMBOO.

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 **once during any given month.** Collection will start on the second Tuesday of every month. Strathmere compost will be collected on Tuesday's.

No yard debris will be collected in plastic bags.

Loose Leaf Collection

Do not place Leaf pile within 15 feet of street (edge of asphalt) prior to allowed times listed below.

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, mailbox, poles, guidelines, street signs. **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 and may not be collected at all if collection in your area has concluded. Loose leaf piles cannot extend more than 5 feet on to the property from edge of the asphalt or the edge of the curb.**

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.

Roadside Tree Trimming Program Requirements

The 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 of 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.

Used Motor Oil and Used Anti-Freeze

Please be advised that effective January 1, 2026, the Township of Upper will no longer collect used oil or antifreeze as part of residential curbside pickup. Residents may continue to properly dispose of used oil and antifreeze at the Cape May County Municipal Utilities Authority (CMCMUA) facility located at 2050 Route 610, Woodbine. The CMCMUA will accept up to (5) five oil filters and (5) five gallons of motor oil per day, and up to (5) five gallons of antifreeze per day. For more information regarding hours and accepted materials, please visit www.cmcmua.com or contact them directly at (609)-465-9026.

Trouble Reporter

A new feature for our residents is the **Trouble Reporter** link on the Township's webpage www.uppertownship.com where residents can report issues such as potholes, damaged signs, etc., directly to the Public Works department.

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

The Township's 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 Sanitation 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 deliver a notice of the violation to the offending party. The 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 six-day removal date. If the items are not removed by this date a fine will be incurred.

You may reach the Sanitation Inspector by phone at (609) 628-2011 ext. 353.

The Superintendent of the Road Department 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 our voice mail.

Hours.

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