

# 2020 Services Guide

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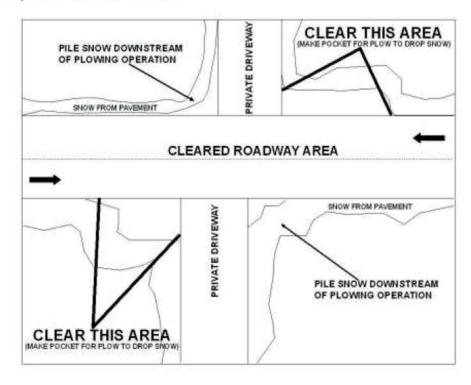


# SNOW REMOVAL



The public works department maintains approximately 15 miles of borough roadway and 4 miles of county roadway. The roadways are plowed in order of priority. Main roads are addressed first with special attention to hills and difficult intersections. Side roads, cul-de-sacs and dead end streets are done next. Side roads, cul-de-sacs and dead end streets will remain unplowed, until time permits, if the main roads require repeated plowing.

Plow designs make it impossible to plow roads without depositing snow in driveway entrances or sidewalks. The homeowner is responsible for access to his driveway. The only way to avoid extra shoveling is to wait until the plow crews have done their final clean up on the road. When possible, delay shoveling driveways and sidewalks until after roads have been totally plowed. We understand the inconvenience this presents, however the borough will not remove snow from driveway entrances. See the chart below for suggested placement of snow if you shovel before the end of the storm and the roadway has not yet been completely cleared curb to curb.



# **Snow Removal & Christmas Tree Recycling**



It is unlawful to shovel, plow, blow, deposit, or relocate any snow or ice from a sidewalk, driveway, parking lot, private roadway, or private property onto any borough maintained roadway either before or after the roadway has been cleared.

PLEASE REMOVE ALL BASKETBALL BACKBOARDS FROM THE ROADWAY.
THE BOROUGH WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY DAMAGE TO THE
BACKBOARDS CAUSED BY CLEARING THE ROADWAY OF SNOW

The Borough is not responsible for:

- Removing snow from driveway entrances
- · Removing snow from sidewalks
- Unpermitted items located within the public right-of-way
- Restoring / landscaping grassy areas in the public right-of-way damaged in the course of plowing snow



PLEASE REMOVE ALL VEHICLES FROM THE STREET
WHEN SNOW IS IMMINENT



**CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING** - Trees will be collected curbside on Mondays. All decorations, lights, stands, nails or screws from the stands, must be removed so the tree can be chipped.

# **FLOCKED CHRISTMAS TREES**



Flocked trees cannot be recycled. They must be placed in the bulk trash collection on regularly scheduled bulk collection day. Please wrap the flocked tree in a tree removal bag for collection.



# TREES LIMBS, BRANCHES & BRUSH

Branches will be collected on Monday's (conditions permitting)
The branches MUST be 4 foot long or longer and may be up to 6 inches in diameter.

### The cut ends MUST be stacked and facing the same direction







**INCORRECT** 

# DO NOT MIX THESE ITEMS WITH BRANCHES. THEY CANNOT BE CHIPPED AND WILL CAUSE DAMAGE TO THE EQUIPMENT:

WIRE, REBAR, STRING, VINES, BAMBOO, STICKER BUSHES, LUMBER, LOGS, STUMPS, SHRUBS, ROOTS, DECORATIONS, PIECES OF FENCING, TREE LIMBS WITH NAILS OR METAL OBJECTS, OR ANY OTHER MATERIAL OTHER THAN BRANCHES

Brush removal is intended for the incidental maintenance of ornamental trees & shrubs. It's not for property clearing or extensive thinning of large areas. A maximum of 20 MINUTES will be spent at any one stop, TIME PERMITTING, the crew may return after checking the entire town for brush OR the next scheduled collection day, the 20 MINUTE RULE will still be in effect.



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Tree branches less than 4 feet long MUST be placed in open containers or biodegradable paper bags and placed in the yard waste to be collected on the next scheduled Monday



# All tree work performed by a Tree Service/Contractors MUST be removed by the contractor

During FALL LEAF SEASON, brush will only be picked up when time, manpower, or weather permits CALL (856) 783-6320 ext. 4600 to be added to the collection schedule

# LOGS, STUMPS, AND ROOTS ARE THE HOMEOWNER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO DISPOSE OF PROPERLY

## SPRING LEAF COLLECTION

# Please follow these rules for spring leaf collection

Please rake all leaves loose to the curb and do not bag leaves during the spring collection. Curbside pickup is more cost effective for our community!

### SPRING CLEAN UP

Rake pile between sidewalk and curb
Do not place leaves in street
Do not cover storm inlets with leaves
Do not park in front of or on leaf pile
Rake pile into a long narrow strip along
curb line and not into a mounded pile
ONLY LEAVES ARE ACCEPTED

### **KEEP OUT OF THE LEAF PILE**

Sticks & branches, bricks, pet waste, toys, trash, recyclables, trash bags, plants, vines, wood or any other material other than leaves. These items will damage our equipment.

The leaf machine will be out a minimum of once a week during the Aprile clean-up event. Spring curbside collection will end on the last Friday of April

At the end of April - the leaf machine will not be out until fall leaf collection.

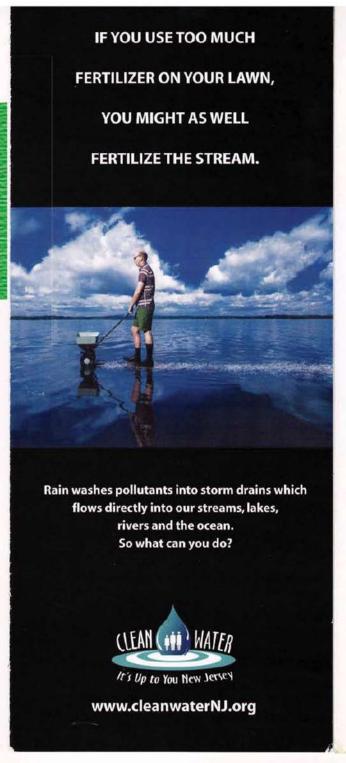
Please place all leaves in open containers not to exceed 32 gallons in size or paper biodegradeable bags on the appropriate yard/vegetative waste collection day (Monday)



**NEVER** use plastic bags, they will not be collected!

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# USING FERTILIZERS



# WHAT'S THE PROBLEM WITH FERTILIZERS AND PESTICIDES?

Fertilizers help plants grow by adding nutrients to the soil. Pesticides (including herbicides) are any toxic substances used to kill insects, animals or plants. If fertilizers or pesticides are improperly applied, they can wash off your lawn or garden into storm drains and directly to our lakes, rivers, and the ocean. These chemicals can contaminate your drinking water, as well as kill fish, wildlife and plants. Too much fertilizer washing into a lake can cause algae to bloom in lakes, which will affect swimming, fishing and boating.

### YOU CAN HELP!

- Test your soil at your County's Rutgers Cooperative Research and Extension office, or buy a self-test kit.
- Use natural, slow-release nitrogen, or low phosphorus fertilizers.
- Look into natural alternatives to fertilizers and pesticides, such as integrated pest management (IPM).
- If you need to use fertilizers or pesticides, follow the instructions on the label on how to correctly apply.
- Do not apply fertilizers or pesticides before it rains. This will not allow the fertilizers or pesticides to penetrate through the soil.
- Use drought-resistant native plants in gardens; they require less fertilizer and less water.
- Use a mulching mower instead of bagging grass clippings.

# WHY SHOULD YOU CARE ABOUT CLEAN WATER?

Stormwater pollution is one of the greatest threats to New Jersey's clean water supply. Clean water provides access to safe drinking water, places for recreation, commercial opportunities, healthy wildlife habitats, and adds beauty to our landscape. Rain washes pollution from streets, parking lots, and lawns into storm drains, then directly to our streams, rivers, lakes and the ocean.

Did you know more than 60 percent of water pollution comes from things like motor oil, fertilizers, pet waste and detergents? By sharing the responsibility and making small, easy changes in our daily lives, we can keep common pollutants out of stormwater.

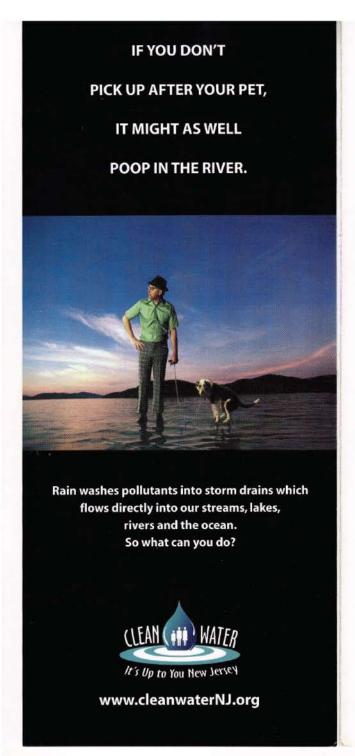


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### **PET WASTE**



# WHAT'S THE PROBLEM WITH PET WASTE?

Rain can wash pet waste that sits on a lawn or unpaved surface into storm drains, ultimately ending up in our lakes, rivers and the ocean. Pet waste contains coliform bacteria and other pollutants that can make people sick, and often cause beach closures on lakes or the ocean. Coliform bacteria can contaminate shellfish, which causes people to get very sick when they are eaten. Bacteria from pet waste can also pollute your drinking water, as well as kill fish, wildlife and plants. Pet waste is not only a health hazard but also a nuisance in our neighborhoods.

### YOU CAN HELP!

- Use newspaper, plastic bags, or a pooper-scooper to pick up the waste when you walk your pet.
- Properly dispose of pet waste into the trash or toilet. (Do NOT dispose of newspaper or plastic bags in the toilet.)
- Do not dispose of pet waste in storm drains.

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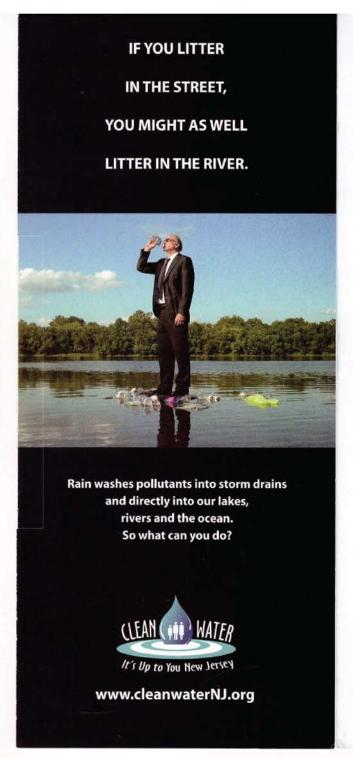
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# THE PROBLEM WITH LITTERING



### WHAT'S THE PROBLEM WITH LITTER?

When was the last time you saw someone littering? Litter just doesn't appear — it's the result of careless actions. No matter where litter is discarded, it usually ends up in the street, where it washes down storm drains and ultimately flows to local waterways.

Littering is not only unsightly, it's a threat to wildlife and their habitat. Before you flick a cigarette butt out of your window or throw out a plastic bottle, consider this: Cigarette filters have been found in the stomachs of marine life, birds, and other animals, because they thought it was food. Birds and marine life have also been found trapped or tangled in plastic items such as six-pack drink holders, plastic bags and fishing line. Please be considerate, and protect our wildlife and our water.

#### YOU CAN HELP!

- Set an example for others, especially children, by not littering.
- Carry a litterbag in your car.
- Make sure trash cans have lids that can be securely fastened.
- If you have curbside trash collection, don't put loose trash in boxes.
- Prevent trash cans from being knocked over by the wind and
- Tie papers in a bundle before placing them in a curbside recycling
- If you own a business, check dumpsters daily to see that top and side doors are closed.
- If you or a family member is involved in a civic group, scouting, or recreational sports program, encourage the group to "adopt" a spot in your town and maintain it on a regular basis.
- Report areas where people have illegally dumped garbage and debris and ask that the material be removed.
- Volunteer to help organize a cleanup.

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# **MOSQUITO TIPS**

# PROTECT YOURSELF AGAINST MOSQUITOES: TIPS FROM CAMDEN COUNTY MOSQUITO COMMISSION

PRESENTED BY THE CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF FREEHOLDERS



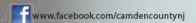
You are the first line of defense against mosquitoes in your yard. This summer's rainy weather has produced a bumper crop of them. Camden County's Mosquito Commission does spraying on public roads throughout the County during the breeding season to knock down adult mosquito populations, several factors are taken into consideration in determining where to spray and when. In addition, inspectors are on the job every day to lessen the occurrence of mosquito breeding. But the frontline to mosquito control is you. Here are some tips from the Commission on how to fight the battle of the Buzz and make sure your property doesn't become a breeding ground for mosquitoes.

#### Tips:

- Mosquitoes need stagnant water to breed. Check your property regularly for anything that holds water for more than a few days. These include among other items, trash cans/lids, flower pots, bird baths, buckets, tires, rain gutters, kids toys, swing sets, kiddie pools, and even bottle caps.
- Dispose of any unnecessary containers that hold water and empty remaining items after each rain event or at least twice a week. If possible, store remaining containers indoors.
- Check folds in pool covers and tarps that can trap rainwater and become a breeding site.
- Store boats upside down so they drain. If covered, keep the tarp tight so water doesn't pool on top.
- Check for items under bushes, in tall grass, and other areas that are shaded.
- Check downspout extensions. If ribbed, or at an angle that allows rainwater to pool inside the extension, this creates a perfect habitat for mosquitoes to breed.
- Change water in bird baths, fountains, and animal troughs weekly. Stock fish or add mosquito larvicide to ornamental ponds.
- Maintain backyard pools. Poorly maintained pools can become a mosquito breeding ground within days after you stop adding chlorine or some other disinfectant.
- Buy mosquito repellant to spray yourself and family members when going outdoors.
- Maintain screens on doors and windows to keep mosquitoes from entering your home.
- Consider hiring a private contractor to spray if you're planning an outdoor event.

For more information on the Mosquito Commission or for schedules on spraying, visit www.camdencounty.com , where you can also register to receive weekly email updates on news and information useful to you.









# **FALL LEAF COLLECTION**



Collection will begin in late October and continue until mid-December. Leaves must be raked between the sidewalk and curb.

The leaf machine will systematically go through the town. We will check every street for leaf piles, once your street has been checked the machine WILL NOT return until every other street in town has been cleared of leaves. The machine will return within approximately 7 to 10 days, sometimes quicker, depending on the weather and quantity of leaves on every other street.

# Please follow these rules when raking leaves to the curb for collection.

⇒Rake pile between sidewalk and curb ⇒Do not park in front of or on leaf pile

⇒Do not place leaves in street ⇒Rake pile into a long narrow strip along curb line and not into a mounded pile

⇒Do not cover storm inlets with leaves

⇒Only leaves are accepted

### Please rake all leaves loose to the curb and do not bag leaves



# Keep out of the leaf pile

Sticks & branches, bricks, pet waste, toys, trash, recyclables, trash bags, plants, vines, wood or any other material other than leaves. These items will damage our equipment.

PLEASE DO NOT PILE LEAVES NEAR
BASKET BALL BACKBOARDS THAT
ARE LOCATED NEAR THE CURB, THE
BOROUGH WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE
FOR ANY DAMAGE THAT MAY OCCURE
WHILE COLLECTING THE LEAVES

ALL LEAF PILES MUST BE REACHABLE WITH THE LEAF MACHINE HOSE. IF PILES ARE AT A DEAD END OR IN A CUL-DE-SAC, THE LEAVES MUST BE PLACED WHERE THE HOSE OF THE MACHINE CAN GET TO THE PILE. WE WILL NOT BACK THE MACHINE OFF THE ROADWAY, INTO A PARKING LOT OR INTO A DRIVEWAY.

STATE LAW REQUIRES THAT NO LEAVES BE PLACED WITHIN 10 FEET OF A STORM INLET

# TRASH/SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL

### **INFORMATION & GUIDELINES**



The DPW
recommends
placing your cart
curbside the night
before collection day,
but no later than
6:30am on your
scheduled
collection day.

### TRASH COLLECTION:

The DPW collects residential trash/garbage every week on specific days depending on your location in town. Tuesday on the East Side and Wednesday on the West Side of Atlantic Ave. Make sure the lid is closed, without packing your trash in tightly. On collection day place your cart as close as possible to the curb or roadside, NOT in the street (especially when SNOW is imminent) Trash carts are the property of the Borough of Somerdale and are assigned to your street address.



Never
place
Latex Paint
or hazardous
material in
the carts

### **IMPORTANT:**

Make sure the cart is at least 3 feet from mailboxes, parked vehicles, light posts or any other obstruction. Please have the LID OPENING FACING THE STREET, please ensure lid is closed to prevent damage to the cart.



NO HAZARDOUS WASTE IN TRASH CARTS

Liquids such as paint thinners, oil base paints, varnishes, shellac, oils, acids, gasoline, pool chemicals, bleaches, cleaning products, lawn chemicals, ETC. are never acceptable in household trash collections. Medical waste, needles, oxygen, propane, or helium tanks are not accepted and all of the above mentioned items should be disposed at the County hazardous waste collection events.



NEVER
PLACE
HOT ASHES
IN
TRASH CARTS



### PLEASE SEE BULK DISPOSAL PAGE FOR MORE DETAILS ON HOW TO DISPOSE OF BULK TRASH

Bulk items will be collected on designated FRIDAYS, East Side of Atlantic Ave 1st & 3rd Friday – West Side of Atlantic Ave 2nd & 4th Friday. Bulk trash consists of household items that do not fit in the cart such as mattresses and/or box springs, furniture, etc.

You <u>MUST</u> call 856-783-6320 ext. 4600 at least 24 hours prior to your collection day to schedule a bulk pick-up.

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Never place trash outside of, or on top of a cart, it will not be collected. If you need an additional cart for a special event at your home, you can request a loaner can on a first come basis for a one week use by calling 856-783-6320 ext. 4600. Please leave the cart at the curb after it is emptied so it can be picked up.

If you move DO NOT take the cart with you, please call 856-783-6320 ext. 4600 to have it held for the next resident. Pg. 11

## TRASH/SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL

### **INFORMATION & GUIDELINES**



Trash Removal – The Somerdale Public Works Department collects residential trash/garbage on specified days depending on your location in town.

Tuesdays East of Atlantic Ave. Wednesdays West of Atlantic Ave.

Borough Ordinance 147-7 states trash cannot be placed at the curb prior to 24-hours before your scheduled collection day.

The only carts accepted are the blue borough issued carts, no other carts will be picked-up.

NO CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS will be accepted. The removal and disposal of construction debris (sheet rock, lumber, roofing, tile, vinyl/aluminum siding, concrete, brick, block, fencing, etc.) is the responsibility of the homeowner or contractor doing the work. The SDPW recommends you acquire a dumpster for the debris removal.



Construction permits <u>MUST</u> be obtained from the construction office at Borough Hall Call 856-783-6320 ext. 1500 for more information on permits.

\*\*\*ALL TRASH MUST BE IN YOUR BLUE CART(S) FOR COLLECTION\*\*\*

QUESTIONS CONCERNING TRASH CALL: 856-783-6320 ext. 4600

Never place hazardous waste in the trash carts

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Bulk trash collection is on Fridays –
East of Atlantic Ave.
1st & 3rd Fridays
West of Atlantic Ave.
2nd & 4th Fridays



Never place recyclables in the trash carts

### BLUE TRASH CART REPLACEMENT REMINDER

<u>DO</u> - place Carts at curb with the wheels in towards sidewalk and metal support bar and opening facing the street like in picture on left, picture on right is how NOT to place at curb...



**≒ CORRECT** 



**INCORRECT ⇒** 

Be sure the Cart is at least 3 feet from any parked cars, mailboxes, trees, light posts, fire hydrants, etc.

<u>DO NOT</u> – have anything outside of the can on the ground except bulk items (chair, mattress, couch, etc.) All items should be inside of the Cart, if an additional Cart is needed, they can be purchased through the borough hall (call for current rate) 856-783-6320 x-4600, the Blue Carts are the only acceptable trash Carts for collection of trash.

### DO NOT USE THE BLUE CART FOR RECYCLING OR VEGETATIVE WASTE DISPOSAL







# BULK TRASH COLLECTION INFORMATION & GUIDELINES

### **BULK COLLECTION WILL BE THE SAME WEEK AS YOUR RECYCLING COLLECTION**

(BUT NOT ON THE SAME DAY AS YOUR RECYCLING COLLECTION)

### EAST SIDE - 1ST & 3RD FRIDAY

### **WEST SIDE 2ND & 4TH FRIDAY**

- Bulk items will be collected on the assigned Fridays, East or West Side of town remember if it's you recycle week, it's your bulk week
- You MUST call 856-783-6320 ext. 4600 to schedule your pick-up
- You MUST call at least 24-hours prior to your scheduled collection day to be on that week's schedule. No additional items will be added to the list on the bulk collection day, those items will be added to the next scheduled collection.
- You must provide the items to be collected, chair, mattress, carpet, Etc. only the items requested and listed will be collected. (Please follow rules for disposal or the items will not be collected)
- If you do not notify the DPW with the bulk item(s), the item(s) WILL NOT BE COLLECTED until you call and get on the bulk collection schedule.
- Waste resulting from dwellings under renovation is the responsibility of the individual or contractor performing the work to have it removed. (acquire a dumpster from a private hauler)
- When moving and/or clearing out the contents of a dwelling, you will need to acquire a dumpster from a private hauler to have the contents of the dwelling removed.





# BULK TRASH COLLECTION INFORMATION & GUIDELINES

### **DEFINITION OF BULK TRASH**

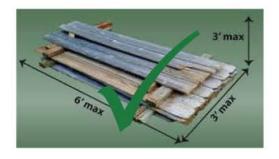
Bulk items consisting of household items that do not fit in your blue cart, such as furniture, mattresses and/or box springs, carpet & padding (cut, rolled, & taped in 3ft lengths), car tires (not on rim, limit - 2 tires per bulk collection), wood fence cut into maximum 3-ft sections with all nails and screws removed.











Bulk trash CANNOT contain hazardous materials, electronics, construction and/or remodeling debris.

Please keep in mind that Somerdale's bulk trash collection is NOT for the purpose of discarding materials from demolition and construction projects or household trash. The intended purpose is to assist residents in removing normal bulky household items such as furniture, mattresses, wood materials, car tires (without rims) and other large items that are too big to fit in the trash carts.

Items should be placed curbside the night before collection, never more the 24 hours prior to collection.

# **Camden County Special Household Hazardous Waste Collection**

### HAZARDOUS WASTE MATERIAL CANNOT BE DISCARDED IN THE REGULAR TRASH

Camden County sponsors special household waste collection days throughout the year. The list below shows some of the material that is accepted

- Pesticides, herbicides, fungicides, insecticides
- **Fertilizers**
- Lawn/garden chemicals
- Swimming pool chemicals
- Driveway sealers
- Gasoline (including boat gas)
- Kerosene
- Mercury thermometers and thermostats

- Cleaners (bathroom, rug, upholstery, all-purpose spot removers)
- Metal polishes and rust
- Oven and drain cleaners
- Hearing aid/watch batteries
- Automotive fluids
- Mineral spirits/turpentine
- Varnishes and stains

- Wood preservatives
- Oil based paint or lead paint
- Propane tanks

### LATEX PAINT IS NOT HAZARDOUS WASTE

For a complete list of dates, drop off locations and acceptable and unacceptable waste go to:

http://www.camdencounty.com/parks/going-green/special-household-waste-collections



Flammable



Corrosive





Explosive

# HOUSEHOLD **HAZARDOUS WASTE**

2020 COLLECTION EVENTS

### CAMDEN COUNTY RESIDENTS ONLY - NO BUSINESSES ACCEPTED

HOURS: 8:30AM - 3:00PM - RAIN OR SHINE

MARCH 21 . CHERRY HILL PUBLIC WORKS COMPLEX I PERINA BOULEVARD CHERRY HILL

APRIL 25 • COLLINGSWOOD PUBLIC WORKS COMPLEX 713 N. ATLANTIC AVE. COLLINGSWOOD

MAY 16 • ATCO PARKING AREA AT CORNER OF ATCO AVE. AND RARITAN AVE.

JUNE 13 • GLOUCESTER TWP, CAMDEN COUNTY COLLEGE PARKING LOT OFF OF PETER CHEESEMAN RD.

SEPTEMBER 26 • PENNSAUKEN SANITARY LANDFILL 9600 N. RIVER ROAD PENNSAUKEN

OCT. 17 • LINDENWOLD CAMDEN COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS COMPLEX 2311 EGG HARBOR RD., LINDENWOLD

#### WHAT TO BRING

### Automotive Antifreeze

Broke Fluid

Degreasers

Diesel Fuel

Gasoline

Car Batteries

Car Wax and Polish

Carburetor Cleaner



Resins Shellac

Spray Paint Stains Turpentine Vamish

Grease Lead-Acid Batteries Motor Oil Power Steering Fluid

Engine Starting Fluid

Transmission Fluid Paint-Related Products



Creosote Driveway Sealer Epoxies Linseed Oil Oil-Based Paint **Paint Strippers Paint Thinners** Primers **Pruning Paint** 

#### **Paint Related** Products cont.



Water Sealer

Household Cleaners



Aluminum Cleaners Bleach Cesspool Cleaners Disinfectants Drain Opener **Dry-Cleaning Solvents** Floor Wax Furniture Polish Metal Polish Oven Cleaner Rug & Upholstery

#### Pesticides/ Lawncare



Baygon Chlordane Diozinon Dursban

DDT Fertilizers Flea Collars/Spray Fungicides Herbicides Insecticides Lindana Malathion Moth Balls/Crystals Mouse & Rat Poison **Pyrethrins** Strychnine Stump Killer Weed Killer

### Fuels



Camping Fuel Gasoline Kerosene Lighter Fluid

### Personal Care



Fingernail Polish & Remover Hair Coloring Hydrogen Peroxide lodine Mercury Thermometers

#### Home and Hobby



Chemistry Kits Cutting Oil Fluorescent Bulbs Glues and Adhesives **Gun Cleaning Solvents** Mercury Thermostals Pool Chemicals Propane Tanks (25 LB & under)

# Call (856) 858-5241 for more information

#### WHAT NOT TO BRING







ACETYLENE/CO2 TANKS AIR CONDITIONERS CEMENT/CEMENT MIX COOKING OIL **EMPTY CONTAINERS** FIBERGLASS INSULATION HEATING OIL TANKS HELIUM/OXYGEN TANKS JOINT COMPOUND LANDSCAPE TIMBERS **MEDICATIONS** SCRAP METAL SMOKE DETECTORS TIRES



Cleoner





# VEGETATIVE/YARD WASTE COLLECTION

Vegetative waste consists of leaves, grass clippings, tree parts too small to be chipped, shrubbery and garden wastes.

Vegetative waste will be collected weekly from the first Monday in April through the last Monday in October. November through March collection will be once per month on the last Monday of the month.



\*\*Please note: weeks with a Monday holiday, vegetative waste WILL NOT be collected until the next scheduled collection day\*\*

We recommend placing vegetative waste in open containers with handles and drain holes. Each container must not exceed 32 gallons in size or weigh over 40 lbs.

(the old 32 gallon RED recycle buckets preferred)

If you must bag the vegetative waste, you *MUST* use biodegradeable paper bags - *NO PLASTIC BAGS!* 





DO NOT INCLUDE
PET WASTE, TRASH, STONES, BRICK, BLOCKS, OR ANY OTHER
NON-VEGETATIVE MATERIAL

PLEASE CONSIDER COMPOSTING AS AN ALTERNATIVE FOR INFO ON GETTING STARTED COMPOSTING, VISIT:

http://vegweb.com/composting/ http://www.howtocompost.org http://eartheasy.com/grow\_compost.html

Please call for more info @ 856-783-6320 ext. 4600

# DISPOSING OF A MATTRESS OR BOX SPRING

Somerdale DPW require mattress and box springs set out for disposal to be wrapped in plastic and securely taped.

We will not pick up mattress or box spring without being wrapped in plastic & taped securely.









### WHY MUST THESE ITEMS BE SECURELY WRAFFED:

### The issue is worker health & safety caused by:

- Sanitary conditions
- Soiled mattress
- Weather "rain soaked"
- Bed bugs

### Materials that can be used to wrap the mattress and/or box spring:

- Plastic mattress bag
- Painter's plastic drop cloth
- Sheet plastic
- Plastic covering from the replacement mattress and box spring

### Alternatives to disposing in municipal trash collections:

- Have the company delivering your new mattress/Box Spring take the old ones
- Utilize a private disposal service: 1-800 Got Junk, or Junk Lion @ 856-334-0433

### Benefits:

- · Reduce worker exposure to health issues
- Reduce worker compensation claims
- Reduce health risk to the neighborhood
- · Limit liability
- Control cost

Mattress/box springs will be collected on your scheduled bulk collection day (see schedule on page 14)

You MUST call (856) 783-6320 ext. 4600 to schedule a pick-up

# DISPOSAL OF USED MOTOR OIL & BATTERIES

# Small Scale Used Motor Oil Collections (Do-It-Yourself Oil Changes)

Many people in New Jersey perform their own oil changes on their garden equipment and motor vehicles. The relatively small quantities of used motor oil generated by do-it-yourself oil changers must still be disposed of in a safe way. You can take used motor oil and oil filters to a local automobile service station and ask them to add it to their motor oil recycling container. NJ State law dictates that all automobile service stations within the state must accept motor oil from Do-It-Yourself oil changers. These fine establishments will accept your oil and other fluids for proper disposal...



Advanced Auto Parts, AutoZone, Firestone Complete Auto Care, Jiffy Lube, Pepboys, Walmart Tire & Lube Centers...\*\*NEVER pour motor oil down the drain or onto land and do not discard your old oil filter in the trash





If you cannot take your used oil to one of the establishments and you want the oil collected curbside on your regular scheduled single stream recycling day (1st/3rd or 2nd/4th Thursday), follow these rules...

- → Put oil in SEALED containers, not to exceed 1 gallon in size
- NO FILTERS, or any other fluids are accepted

You must take your used oil filters and other hazardous auto fluids (antifreeze, brake fluid, hydraulic oil, gear oil, power steering and transmission fluid) to one of the establishments above or to the County on a hazardous waste collection day. For more info, go to https://www.camdencounty.com/service/environmental-affairs/recycling-events/

### **DISPOSAL GUIDE FOR BATTERIES**



Household dry-cell batteries include alkaline and carbon zinc, 9-volt, D, C, AA, and AAA should be placed in the regular household trash collection (in the blue cart)

### All NICKEL CADMIUM, BUTTON OR SILVER OXIDE BATTERIES

Home depot and Lowes will accept rechargeable batteries, a second option for disposal is the County Hazardous waste collections go to www.camdencounty.com to find the next date and location. These batteries should be disposed of properly and not discarded in the trash

### LEAD-ACID AUTOMOTIVE BATTERY DISPOSAL

Most retailers who sell batteries want the old battery core returned. If you have a lead-acid battery for disposal call the DPW at 856-783-4648 to schedule a pick-up. Lead -acid batteries are collected on your regular scheduled trash collection day (E. of Atl. Ave Tues/W. of Atl. Ave Wed.)





# Disposing of Leftover Latex Paint

There are two types of paints commonly sold for home use: water based latex paints and oil-based paints. Oil-based paints, (as well as wood finishes, shellacs, varnishes, wood protectors, mildew resistant paints, and "preservative" paints) must all be brought to a household hazardous waste drop-off day to be disposed of properly.

# LATEX PAINT OVER 20 YEARS OLD MAY CONTAIN LEAD & MUST BE DISPOSED OF AT A COUNTY HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF DAY



Liquid paint is not picked up because it would run out of the can when the garbage is compacted, and/or may leach out of a landfill and pollute neighboring wells.







If there is more than a little paint in the can, a pint or more of paint can take a long time to dry. Below are a couple of suggestions to speed up the process:

- 1. Line a box with a plastic bagand pour a thin layer of paint (less than 1" thick) into the box. Store the box in a well ventilated place, where children and animals won't get into it. When the first layer has hardened, pour in another layer. When you've dried out all of the paint, put the box and paint can out with your regular trash.
- 2. Either in the can (if there's room) or in a plastic-lined box, mix the paint with an equal amount of cat box filler (kitty litter) or oil dry. You will still need to store it until it is fully hardened.

# SECOND ALTERNATIVE:

### What you'll need:

- 1. Newspaper, drop-cloths, or plastic sheeting to protect the area where you plan to work
- 2. Screw driver and/or other tools to open the cans
- 3. Scoopable kitty litter
- 4. Stir sticks
- 5. Coffee cans, ice cream buckets, or similar containers with lids (if your paint cans are over 2/3 full)
- 6. Paper towels or rags for clean up

### What to do:

- 1. Open up can. If more than 2/3 full, pour some of it into a coffee can, ice cream bucket, or similar container.
- 2. Put in some kitty litter and stir it up. Start with a cup or two of kitty litter. How much you need will depend on the nature and condition of the paint.
- 3. When your paint has hardened, you can put it and the metal can out with your trash.
- 4. Put the can (with the lid off) where the garbage hauler can see the paint has hardened.

\*\*EMPTY PAINT CANS ARE NOT RECYCLABLE\*\*



DO NOT POUR PAINT DOWN
ANY KIND OF DRAIN
(STORM DRAIN, SEPTIC
SYSTEM) OR PUT LIQUID
PAINT IN THE REGULAR
TRASH

# AUTOMATED SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING COLLECTION

Somerdale has gone to an automated collection for recycling your single stream material, #1 & #2 plastic bottles, jars, & jugs. Aluminum, metal food & beverage containers. Glass bottles & jars. Milk, & juice cartons. Newspaper, junk mail, office paper, cardboard. All loose do not tie or bundle.

NO PLASTIC BAGS - ALL CONTAINERS MUST BE - EMPTY-CLEAN-DRY



## ALL MATERIAL MUST BE IN THE RED 96 GALLON CART

### **NEVER PUT THESE ITEMS IN YOUR RECYCLING CART**

No Plastic Bags – No Materials in Plastic Bags – No Shredded Paper – No Scrap Metal
No Hazardous Waste – No Diapers or Bio-Hazardous Waste – No Non-recyclable Plastics (#1 & #2 ONLY)
No Flattened can/jugs – No Caps/Lids – No Liquids (empty/clean/dry)
No Ceramics or Nonrecyclable glass (glassware, cups, mugs, plates, mirrors, etc.)
–No Frozen Food Containers – No Pizza Boxes – No Food Contaminated Containers

Only #1 and #2 plastics bottles, jugs, & jars are accepted, all other plastics should be discarded in the regular trash collection.





All corrugated cardboard must be placed in the 96-gallon recycling cart, no cardboard or any other recycling items outside the recycling cart will be collected.

NO PACKING PEANUTS – STYROFOAM – PLASTIC BUBBLE WRAP NO PIZZA BOXES OR TRASH!!



A limited number of recycling loaner carts will be available on a first come, first serve basis, same as our trash cart loaner program. Call 856-783-6320 ext. 4600 to request a loaner cart.

### RECYCLING COLLECTION SCHEDULE

EAST SIDE – 1ST & 3RD Thursday WEST SIDE – 2nd & 4TH Thursday Please check our Newsletter the Somerdale Voice for Holiday schedule changes

# SINGLE STREAM

# RECYCLING



Milk, juice cartons, etc.



Glass bottles & jars



#1 & #2 plastic bottles, jars, and jugs



metal food, & beverage containers



Loose metal jar lids & steel bottle caps



Paperback books



Junk mail, envelopes, post it notes, greeting cards, etc.



Newspaper, magazines, circulars, brochures, inserts, etc. (no bags, do not tie & bundle)



Telephone books



office paper



Corrugated cardboard & paper pays-



Paperboard boxes (cerear, passa; tustire; etc.)



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For more information visit CamdenCounty.com/Recycling

AIM FOR MAXIMIZED RECYCLING





- Plastic bags NO
- Plastics other than #1 and #2 (identified above)
- NO Plastic (or paper) to-go containers, cups, straws, or utensils
- NO Plastic film, wrap, or bubble wrap
- NO Pizza boxes
- Styrofoam of ANY kind
- Frozen food, ice cream, or frozen juice containers
- Organic material or food waste
- Hoses or hangers

### NO NEED TO REMOVE:

Paper clips, stamps, address labels, staples, metal fasteners, cellophane address windows, rubber bands, spiral bindings, plastic tabs.

- **Empty & Rinse** All Containers.
- Please follow these guidelines carefully.



Making It Better, Together.

# Electronic Recycling / E-Waste

Electronic waste will be collected on your <u>regularly scheduled trash collection day.</u>

(Tuesday - East Side) and (Wednesday - West Side)

YOU MUST CALL TO SCHEDULE A PICKUP @ 856-783-6320 ext. 4600 to be added to the list for pick-up.

Any tube type television with a broken screen or taken apart in any way is considered HAZARDOUS waste, it WILL NOT be picked up by the public works department.

### **Electronic items that are accepted include:**

Desktop PCs, monitors, keyboards, mice, cords & cables, modems,

laptop PCs, stereos, main frames, typewriters, printers, fax machines, Blueray players, VCRs, typewriters,



cameras, camcorders, radios, phones, microwaves, DVD & wires, televisions, scanners,

copy machines, hand held electronic organizers, & games





DO NOT PLACE ELECTRONICS IN THE BLUE TRASH CART
PLACE ITEMS NEXT TO THE CART CURBSIDE ON YOUR REGULARLY
SCHEDULED TRASH COLLECTION DAY
REMEMBER TO CALL AND SCHEDULE A PICK-UP
(856) 783-6320 ext. 4600 Pg. 25

# G E N E R A L

### **NEW COLLECTION SCHEDULE FOR 2020**

### FOR TRASH & RECYCLING

### MONDAY-

**Entire Town** 

Yard Waste – weekly on the first Monday in April through the last Monday in October. Nov to March it will be collected on the last Monday of the month.

No collection on weeks with a Monday holiday, yard waste will be collected on the next scheduled collection day

Brush/Branches Collected - (please see info in this book for more information on how to put out brush and branch for collection)

### TUESDAY -

**East Side** 

Trash Collection - weekly East Side of Atlantic Ave.

E-waste, white goods, light metal- must call for pick-up 856-783-6320 ext. 4600. \*\*Only borough issued blue carts will be picked-up

### WEDNESDAY -

**West Side** 

Trash Collection - weekly West Side of Atlantic Ave.

E-waste, white goods, light metal- must call for pick-up 856-783-6320 ext. 4600. \*\*Only borough issued blue carts will be picked-up

### THURSDAY -

East Side 1st & 3rd Thurs. Single Stream Recycling - 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday east side of Atlantic Ave.

### THURSDAY -

West Side 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thurs. Single Stream Recycling – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday west side of Atlantic Ave.

### FRIDAY -

East Side 1st & 3rd Fri. Bulk Trash collection – you must call to be on the collection schedule 856-783-6320 ext. 4600. Please call at least 24 hours prior to collection day. (please see bulk info in this book for more information)

### FRIDAY-

West Side 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Fri. \*\*Bulk trash collection is the same week as your recycling collection

Bulk Trash collection – you must call to be on the collection schedule 856-783-6320 ext. 4600. Please call at least 24 hours prior to collection day. (please see bulk info in this book for more information)

# NO WIPES IN THE PIPES!

The biggest sources of sewer backups are rags and debris, mostly flushable wipes.

The Borough has been experiencing major issues in our pump stations and mains. We have had over \$10,000.00 in damages to our pumps due to the wipes fouling the impellers and that is just at the Sunset Pump station alone.

Flushable baby wipes and sani-wipes: No matter what's on the label, "flushable" wipes do not disintegrate in water as quickly as toilet tissue does.

Municipal sewer systems where thousands of users may be using flushable wipes have a higher risk of problems. The wipes do not break down quickly enough for the system to handle the high volumes being flushed. Their cloth-like material block sewer lines, clog equipment and increase cities' maintenance and repair costs. Our sewers are designed to dispose of very specific things. Using your toilet for disposal of many modern products can result in pipe blockages.

DO NOT flush these items down the toilet.

- Personal Wipes (bum, facial, baby wipes)
- Wet Wipes (bathroom cleaners, future polishing. antibacterial wipes)
- Antibacterial wipes (bathroom cleaners, furniture polishing)
- Sanitary Wipes
- Sanitary Liners and backing strips
- Tampon applicators
- Cotton balls or Q-Tips
- Incontinence pads
- Medicine patches, pills, tablets
- Dental Floss
- Cigarette Butts
- Plastic wrappers
- Dirty liquid from wet vacuum contains clumps of carpet fibers.

Human waste and toilet tissue are the only products the wastewater system was designed to handle. As a Borough of Somerdale resident this affects you because continued abuse of our sewer system contributes to system failures and increased operation and maintenance costs. With everyone's help the Borough of Somerdale can limit the number of sewer back-ups due to blockages in the system thereby eliminating the need for costly clean-ups and possible contamination of our waterways and endangerment of public health.







# THE RECYCLING BIN'S DIRTY DOZEN



NO Plastic Bags

Plastic bags are the WORST contaminant in the recycling bin. When placed in a curbside bin, they get wet and dirty and cannot be recycled. Plastic bags with a #2 or #4 can be recycled at the CHaRM (Center for Hard-to-Recycle Materials) if they are clean, dry and empty. They may also be recycled at participating grocery stores; find a list of participating stores.



NO Materials in Plastic Bags
Workers have to slow the conveyor belts to rip open bags that contain recyclables and then add the bag to the heap of bags bound for the landfill. These inefficiencies waste time and money.



NO Shredded Paper

Shredded paper is too small to sort. The pieces fall through the cracks of the sorting machines, stick to the belts and end up all over the floor. Please avoid shredding when possible because it destroys the potential for recycling. Compost shredded materials in your curbside compost bin (if you have one) or recycle at your local Recycling Drop-off Center.



NO Scrap Metal
Scrap metal items of any size should not go into your curbside bin. These items cause excessive damage to the recycling equipment.



NO Hazardous Waste

Hazardous waste such as paint, automotive fluids, car batteries and pesticides must be taken to your local Hazardous Waste Facility, not to the Recycling Center.



NO Diapers or Bio-Hazardous Waste
Syringes and needles, diapers and other sanitary products are not recyclable.



# THE RECYCLING BIN'S DIRTY DOZEN





### **NO Nonrecyclable Plastics**

While we have added new plastic items, many plastics are still not recyclable. Plastic lids, foam (Styrofoam®) and any other plastics not listed in our recycling guidelines are not recyclable because stable markets do not exist for these materials.





### **NO Flattened Containers**

The single-stream sorting equipment separates "flats" (paper) from "rounds" (containers). When containers are flattened, the equipment mistakenly sends them to the paper side of the facility, significantly contaminating the paper we're sending to market.





### NO Caps/Lids on Glass Bottles or Jars

Metal lids can be removed and recycled loose in the bin. Plastic lids and caps from glass bottles and jars should be thrown away.





### **NO Liquids**

When we compact bottles for shipping, liquids drip, splatter and explode all over the floor, creating a sticky, smelly mess on the sorting floor. Please completely empty and quickly rinse out all containers before recycling.



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### **NO Ceramics or Nonrecyclable Glass**

Ceramic, china, dishes, mirrors, light bulbs, Pyrex®, porcelain and window glass should not go into the bin! Their different melting points and chemical compositions will ruin new glass bottles.



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### **NO Frozen Food Containers**

Paperboard boxes that were designed for freezer foods, such as frozen pizza and entrées, have a plastic polymer sprayed on them to protect against freezer burn. That same coating prevents the box from breaking up in the recycling process. These materials are not recyclable OR compostable.

# MUNICIPAL STORMWATER ORDINANCES

In accordance with our NJDEP Tier A Municipal Stormwater General Permit, the Borough has adopted various Ordinances to regulate the impact of stormwater runoff and pollutants on the environment. As part of our Local Public Education Program, the purpose of this letter is to highlight the requirements and environmental benefits of these Ordinances.

- 1. Pet Waste: This Ordinance requires pet owners to pick up and properly dispose of pet waste dropped on public or other people's property. It prevents fecal contamination from impacting the local waterways.
- 2. Litter: This Ordinance states that it is unlawful to throw, drop, discard or otherwise place litter of any nature upon any public or private property, other than in a litter receptacle. The purpose of the Ordinance is to prevent unsightly and unsanitary conditions and prevent litter from impacting waterways.
- 3. Improper Disposal of Waste: This Ordinance states that it is illegal to dispose of waste in any place not specifically designated for the purpose of solid waste storage or disposal. The purpose of the Ordinance is to prevent unsanitary conditions and groundwater pollution.
- 4. Wildlife Feeding: Feeding of water fowl on municipal park property is prohibited by Ordinance. The Borough enacted the Ordinance as a method to reduce water fowl population in response to health concerns regarding bacteria which is harmful to human and fish populations.
- 5. Yard Waste: Yard waste is regulated via Ordinances which establish the current zone collection system and the methods of collecting leaves, brush and other yard waste. The purpose of the Ordinance is to keep grass and leaves out of the storm sewer system.
- 6. Illicit Connections: This Ordinance makes it unlawful to connect any pipe or device to the municipal storm sewer system that is intended to discard, spill or dump any material other than stormwater runoff or groundwater (sump pumps) into the system. The purpose of this Ordinance is to prevent pollution and contamination of waterways which receive discharge from our storm sewers.
- 7. Refuse Containers/Dumpsters: This Ordinance requires dumpsters and other refuse containers that are outdoors or exposed to stormwater to be covered at all times and prohibits the spilling, leaking, or otherwise discharge of liquids, semi-liquids or solids from the containers to the storm collection system. The purpose of the Ordinance is to prevent unsanitary conditions and groundwater pollution.
- 8. Private Storm Drain Inlet Retrofitting: This Ordinance requires the retrofitting of existing storm drain inlets which are in direct contact with repaving, repairing, reconstruction, or resurfacing or alterations of facilities on private property. The purpose of this Ordinance is to prevent the discharge of solids and floatables to prevent litter from impacting waterways.

The transport of pollutants into local water bodies can result in the destruction of fish, wildlife and habitats; threats to public health and the loss of recreational and aesthetic value.

The Borough has enacted the above Ordinances to protect OUT environment, and to keep pollutants that are commonly conveyed by stormwater from adversely impacting our waterways and groundwater supplies. These Ordinances may be found on the official Borough of Somerdale website at www.somerdale-nj.com in the section "Residential Resources" under Public Works.

# CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT

Office Hours - Monday through Friday - 8:30am to 4:30am

To request an inspection, call: 856-783-6320 ext. 1500

### Staff:

Michael DePalma – Building and Plumbing Inspector – Tuesday and Thursday mornings Inspections between 8:00 am to 12:00 pm (Time Approximate)

Rick Napier – Electrical and Fire Sub Code Inspector – Tuesday and Thursday afternoons Inspection's between 4:30 pm and 6:30 pm (Time Approximate)

Debra Reino – Technical Assistant to the Construction Official
Construction Coordinator
Planning/Zoning Board Secretary
Email – dreino@somerdale-nj.com

Rob Shaw – Concrete/Asphalt Inspections – must give 24 hour notice.

Cost of Permit - \$25.00. Permit includes repair or replacement of sidewalks,
driveways and aprons. A concrete survey may be required.

Forms must be inspected prior to pouring.





\*\*\* CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY IS REQUIRED WHENEVER THERE IS A CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP IN A RESALE PROPERTY OR CHANGE OF TENANTS IN A RENTAL PROPERTY.

Call the Construction Office for Certificate of Continued Occupancy Inspections.

Inspections are scheduled on Tuesday and Thursday mornings between 8:30am and 10:00am. The cost for inspections are \$50.00. Reinspections cost \$10.00

Priority inspections required within 10 days of occupancy are \$75.00

### Required Inspections are as follows:

**Building** – footings, foundation, slab, frame, trusses, insulation and final. **Plumbing** – rough, gas, sewer, water and final. **Electrical** – service, rough, trench and final. **Fire** – rough and final.

Any questions in regards to permits being required, please feel free to call our office.

PHONE - 856-783-6320 EXT. 1500 FAX - 856-435-0420

Please visit our website for permit applications at www.Somerdale-NJ.com







# Call Before You Dig!

The Underground Facility Protection Act, better known as the "One Call Law," was signed into law in October 1994. This law requires that anyone digging must call 1-800-272-1000 or 811, so that operators can mark out their underground utilities. Anyone digging (Schools, Police, Public Safety, Public Works, Municipalities and Homeowners) to install, remove or replace trees, tree stumps, curbs, street and sign posts, mailbox posts, fences, construct decks, additions, or create new gardens, etc. must call 1-800-272-1000 or 811.

The One-Call system will notify the operators of underground facilities to mark out your planned activity. You must wait three business days for your mark out and not more than 10 days before you start your project. The person/company doing the excavation is required to call the Center. The information needed to process your request is as follows: Name, address, the dig address and the nearest intersection, depth you are digging, the type of work and where you need the property marked out. You cannot work outside the scope of work stated on your request. You must hand dig within 2 feet of mark outs before using mechanized equipment. Be sure to have this information available when you call the Center.

For your information the color code markings for utilities are: Red-electric; yellow-gas, oil, dangerous materials, product & steam lines; Orange-CATV communication; Blue-water; Greensewer; White-proposed excavation.

### Here's How It Works in a Nutshell:

- Always call the One Call Center prior to digging. 1-800-272-1000 or 811.
- Be ready with all-important information
- Then, wait for the site to be marked! Marking could be paint, flags or stakes.
- Respect and protect the facility operator's marks. Note the color of all markings used and what type of facilities they indicate.
- Dig with care! Always hand dig within 2 feet on either side of any marked lines.
- If damage, dislocation, or disturbance of an underground utility line occurs, immediately notify the affected facility, utility or pipeline.
- If damage creates an emergency, take immediate steps to safeguard health and property.

### Results of not calling:

- Personal injury, including loss of life
- Damage to the environment
- Costly property damage
- Damage to these utilities lines: communication (i.e. telephone, long distance communications, cable television, 911 emergency, fire and police communication), electric, gas, pipelines, sewer, traffic signals and water lines
- Costly delays and expensive repairs
- Legal problems/Civil Penalties

# POLICE DEPARTMENT SERVICES



### **Vacation Property Checks:**

Somerdale police Department will conduct property security checks while you are away on vacation. Request forms can be picked up at Somerdale Police HQ or printed from the Somerdale web site.

#### Child Car Seat Installation:

Somerdale Police Department has a state certified Car Seat Technician who will install you child's car seat in your vehicle upon your request. Requests can be made by calling 428-6324 x2500 or email at somerdalepd@somerdale-nj.com.

### Child ID Kits:

In conjunction with the "The National Center For Missing & Exploited Children", upon request, officers will electronically print your children and provide parents with the Child ID Kits. All information is given to the parents; no information is retained by the Police Department. Requests can be made by calling 428-6324 x2500 or email at somerdalepd@somerdale-nj.com. We also give out the kits during National Night Out which occurs annually in August.

### **Bicycle Registration:**

Upon request, Somerdale Police Department will mark your Bicycles with specific identifiable marks for recovery purposes if you bicycle should become lost or stolen. Requests can be made by calling 428-6324 x2500 or email at somerdalepd@somerdale-nj.com.

### Street of the Week:

Somerdale Police Department offers a program to resident's who are experiencing suspicious or quality of life issues. Upon request, all officers, all shifts, will be instructed to addressing your complaint for an initial one week period. Request forms can be picked up at Somerdale Police HQ or printed from the Somerdale web site.

### **Home Security Screening:**

Somerdale Police Department, upon request, will do a security evaluation of your property and give tips on how to better secure your property. While the officer is there, they will share their experience about what is happening in your neighborhood or in the town. You'll receive first hand knowledge from the officer his experience as to how the criminals would attempt to make you a victim. Requests can be made by calling 428-6324 x2500 or email at somerdalepd@somerdale-nj.com.

### **Camera Registration Program:**

Crime prevention is a cooperative effort between those we serve and our agency. In furtherance of the concept of community partnerships, the Somerdale Police Department is requesting residents, businesses, and organizations that have security cameras in place on their property to complete a short registration form. The registration does not give the Somerdale Police Department access to your camera system, but allows our agency to maintain a database of active cameras in the event a crime occurs in the area. For example if a burglary occurs down the street from your property, we would know your camera may have captured an image of a vehicle or suspect that could connect us to the suspects involved in the burglary. An officer would phone you and ask to review the footage.

GENERAL

# TAX DEPARTMENT

### **Property Taxes**

Property taxes are paid quarterly. If you have a mortgage on your property, it is likely that your mortgage company pays your property taxes directly to the municipality. However, in the event that you pay your property taxes directly (in the case where you have no mortgage or your taxes are not included in your mortgage payment), you must submit your tax payments to the tax collector according to the following schedule:

- February 1st
- May 1st
- August 1st
- November 1st

There are occasions where your August payment due date may be extended for a month because of the timing of the striking of a new tax rate for a given year. In those cases, your notification and bill will reflect the grace period and include specific instructions on your payment for that period.

### Sewer Fees

Paid quarterly, these fees are always paid separately from your property taxes on the following schedule:

- March 1st
- June 1st
- September 1st
- December 1st

### **Deductions/Exemptions**

### **Annual Property Tax Deduction for Senior Citizens, Disabled Persons:**

Annual deduction of up to \$250 from property taxes for homeowners age 65 or older or disabled who recertain income and residency requirements. This benefit is administered by the local municipality.

http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/pdf/other\_forms/lpt/ptd.pdf

#### Annual Deduction for Veterans:

Annual deduction of up to \$250 from taxes due on the real or personal property of qualified war vetera their unmarried surviving spouses/surviving civil union partners/surviving domestic partners. This beneadministered by the local municipality.

http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/pdf/other\_forms/lpt/vss.pdf

### **Property Tax Exemption for Disabled Veterans:**

Full exemption from property taxes on a principal residence for certain totally and permanently disable war veterans and their unmarried surviving spouses/surviving civil union partners/surviving domestic pulmarried surviving spouses/surviving civil union partners/surviving domestic partners of servicepers died on wartime active duty may also qualify. This benefit is administered by the local municipality.

http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/pdf/other\_forms/lpt/dvsse.pdf

### **Homestead Rebate Program:**

To file applications by phone or to check the status of a filed application,, call 877-658-2972 Tto file applications online, go to www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation

### Property Tax Reimbursement (Senior Freeze) Program

This program reimburses eligible senior citizens and disabled persons for property tax or mobile home park site fee increases on their principal residence. To qualify you must meet all the eligibility requirements for each year from the base year through the application year. Please go to the following state website for current eligibility requirements.

To ask questions or check status of filed application, call 1-800-882-6597.

To order an application, call 1-800-323-4400

http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/ptr/

# FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU



### Fire Drills at Home

\* Pre-plan with your family - Practice two ways out, feeling the door with the back of your hand, getting low if needed, getting out and staying out. Also, practice a meeting place that all your family will gather at to assure accountability. Children practice fire drills in school. Families should practice at home. If you need help with your pre-plan, feel free to call our office.

### Ten Year Sealed Smoke Detectors and Carbon Monoxide Detectors (it's the law)

\* Smoke Detector installation - where to locate detectors:

Detectors are to be located at every level of a residence including basements (not in crawl spaces or unfinished attics). They should be in every separate sleeping area and in hallways and areas between sleeping areas and other living areas. Detectors in basements should be located in close proximity to the bottom of the basement stairwells.

### Where not to locate detectors:

- Kitchens smoke from normal cooking may cause a nuisance alarm
- Bathrooms steam from a shower may cause a nuisance alarm
- HVAC ducts- air flow near ducts could prevent smoke from reaching a detector
- Near furnace normal combustion products and dust movement may cause a nuisance alarm
- Dead air space avoid placing a detector within 8 inches of where the ceiling meets a
  wall detectors placed in these areas may not alarm.

### Diagrams for proper location placement are available in our office.

### \* Carbon Monoxide Detector location

Since we are most vulnerable to CO poisoning while we sleep, placement should be near or in all sleeping areas at knee-to-chest level. Combo Units must be mounted on ceilings to assure activation by smoke.

# TIPS - Unsealed smoke and carbon detectors (When the clocks change so should batteries in all unsealed detectors)

DID YOU KNOW - Manufactures state Smoke Detectors are to be replaced every 10 years and carbon monoxide detectors every 7 years?

### October is Fire Prevention month

The Fire Marshal's Office along with our Somerdale Fire Department, visit our day cares and schools. We give the children an assortment of give aways. The program we present consists of fire safety and life safety lessons. We also discuss 911 and emergency service response to name just a few.

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# OFFICE OF THE CLERK

### Dog Licenses

Borough Ordinance requires dogs and cats to be licensed. Dog owners should get a license within 30 days of:

- \* Acquiring a dog that is over six months old
- The dog turning six months old
- Moving into the Borough with the dog
- The expiration of a pet license





Dog licenses are \$21.00 for un-neutered dogs and \$10.00 for a neutered dog. Cat licenses are \$21.00 for un-neutered cats and \$10.00 for a neutered cat. Dogs and cats must be licensed before March 31st or there is a \$25.00 late fee.

When licensing your pet, please bring a copy of their current rabies vaccine from the veterinary's office. The rabies shot must be valid through November 1st of the current year.

Licenses last one calendar year (January 1st thru December 31st).

### **Landlord Rental Agreement**



When renting to a new tenant, it is the landlord's responsibility to register their rental location with the Borough Clerk's office. The form is available <u>on-line</u> and must be accompanied by a payment of cash or check for \$50.

### Marriage Licenses

Marriage licenses are obtained from the Borough Clerk's Office. Both parties must be at least 18 years old. The couple must go together to the Borough Clerk's Office to complete the Marriage Application Form along with a witness that is 18 years or older that knows both parties. This form may not be taken out of the office. The couple must complete it in person together.

There is a \$28 application fee. Appointments are suggested. For more information, you can call (856) 783-6320 ext. 1300 or ext. 3300



# **Borough Contacts**

Regular Hours: Monday - Thursday 8:00 am to 5:15 pm (Closed Friday) www.Somerdale-nj.com

Abandoned Properties	(856) 783-6320 x4600	LDerrico@Somerdale-nj.com
Board of Health (County)	(856) 374-6035	Anne.Walters@camdencounty.com
Council	(856) 783-6320 x3300	MMiller@Somerdale-NJ.com
Construction Office	(856) 783-6320 x1500	DReino@Somerdale-NJ.com
Finance Office	(856) 783-6320 x1600	KFoley@Somerdale-NJ.com
Fire Prevention Bureau	(856) 783-6320 x2100	JGarufi@Somerdale-NJ.com
Mayor's Office	(856) 783-6320 x1700	GPassanante@Somerdale-NJ.com
Mosquito Control (County)	(856) 566-2945	Skeeters@camdencounty.com
Municipal Court	(856) 783-0958 x2200	Jackie.Vicari1@nj.courts.gov
Municipal Clerk	(856) 783-6320 x3300	MMiller@Somerdale-NJ.com
Police Department (Non-Emergency)	(856) 783-4900	SomerdalePD@Somerdale-NJ.com
Police (Emergency Only)	Dial 911	
Police Department HQ/Records	(856) 428-6324 x2500	PSantoro@somerdale-nj.com
Property Maintenance/Code Enforcement	(856) 783-6320 x1100	JGarufi@Somerdale-NJ.com
Public Works	(856) 783-4648	GRuggieri@Somerdale-NJ.com
Tax Assessor	(856) 783-6320 x1400	SomerdaleAssessor@Somerdale-NJ.com
Tax Collector	(856) 783-6320 x1200	VKnecht@Somerdale-NJ.com
Deputy Tax Collector	(856) 783-6320 x1900	LaSefchick@Somerdale-NJ.com
Vital Statistics	(856) 783-6320 x1300 or x3300	KWharton@Somerdale-NJ.com
Zoning Officer	(856) 783-6320 x1100	JGarufi@Somerdale-NJ.com
	Department of Public Works	
Normal O	perating Hours - Monday to Friday 7:30 am t	o 3:30 pm
Summer Hours -	Memorial Day through September 30th 6:3	0 am to 2:30 pm
	Office - (856) 783-4648	
	Fax - (856) 783-0524	
Afte	r Hours Sewer Emergency: Call (856) 924-	0149

# Meeting Schedule

Council Work Sessions - Monday 6:00 pm (if needed)
Caucus - 2nd Wednesday of the Month, 6:00 pm
Council - 2nd Wednesday of the Month, 7:30 pm
Planning/Zoning Board - Last Wednesday of the month, 7:00 pm
Note: Meetings are subject to change. Please check the Borough Website to confirm times/dates

