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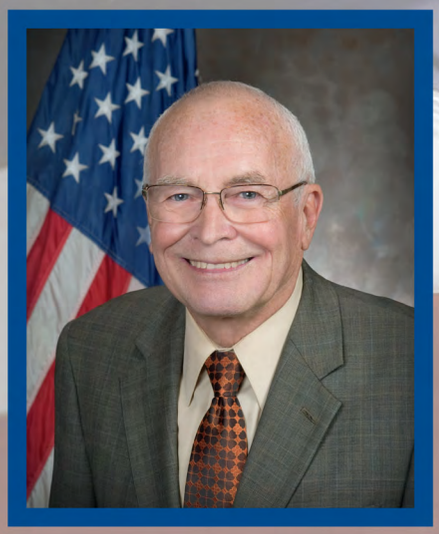

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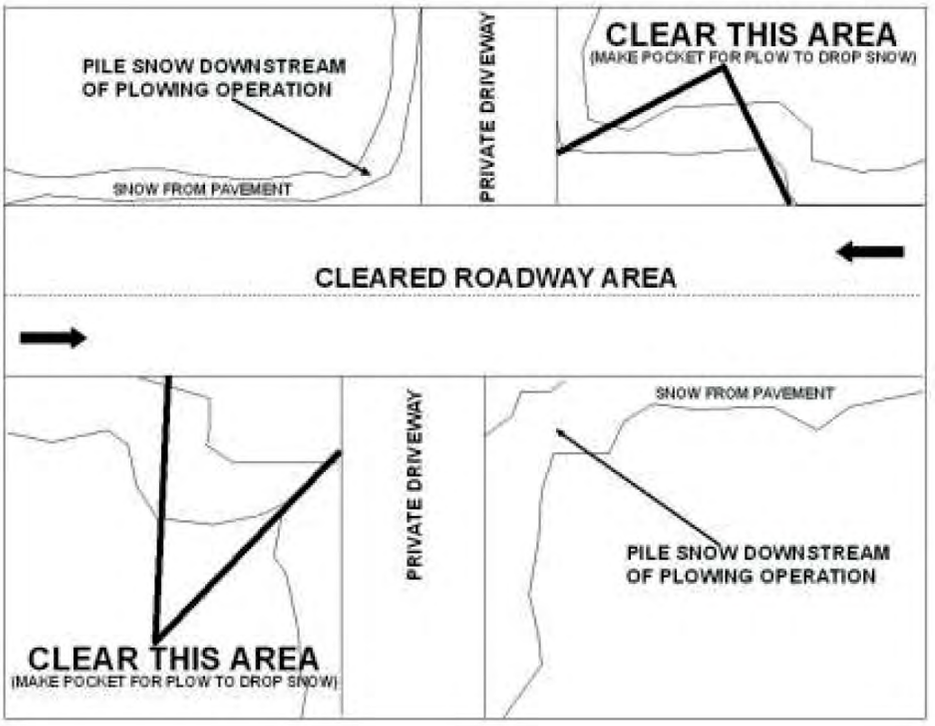
WINTER

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 their 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 curb to curb. 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

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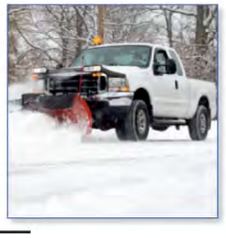
It is unlawful to shovel, plow, blow, deposit, or relocate any snow or ice from a sidewalk, driveway, parking lot, private roadway, or private property onto any borough maintained roadway either before or after the roadway has been cleared.

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 <u>not</u> 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

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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

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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.

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 TO BE ADDED TO THE SCHEDULE (856) 783-6320 EXT. 4600

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

SPRING LEAF COLLECTION IN APRIL

Please follow these rules for spring leaf collection

April is Spring Clean-up month. Please rake all leaves loose to the curb and do not bag leaves during the spring collection. Curbside pick-up is more cost effective for our community!

SPRING

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 the 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 (refer to collection calendar)

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

USING FERTILIZERS

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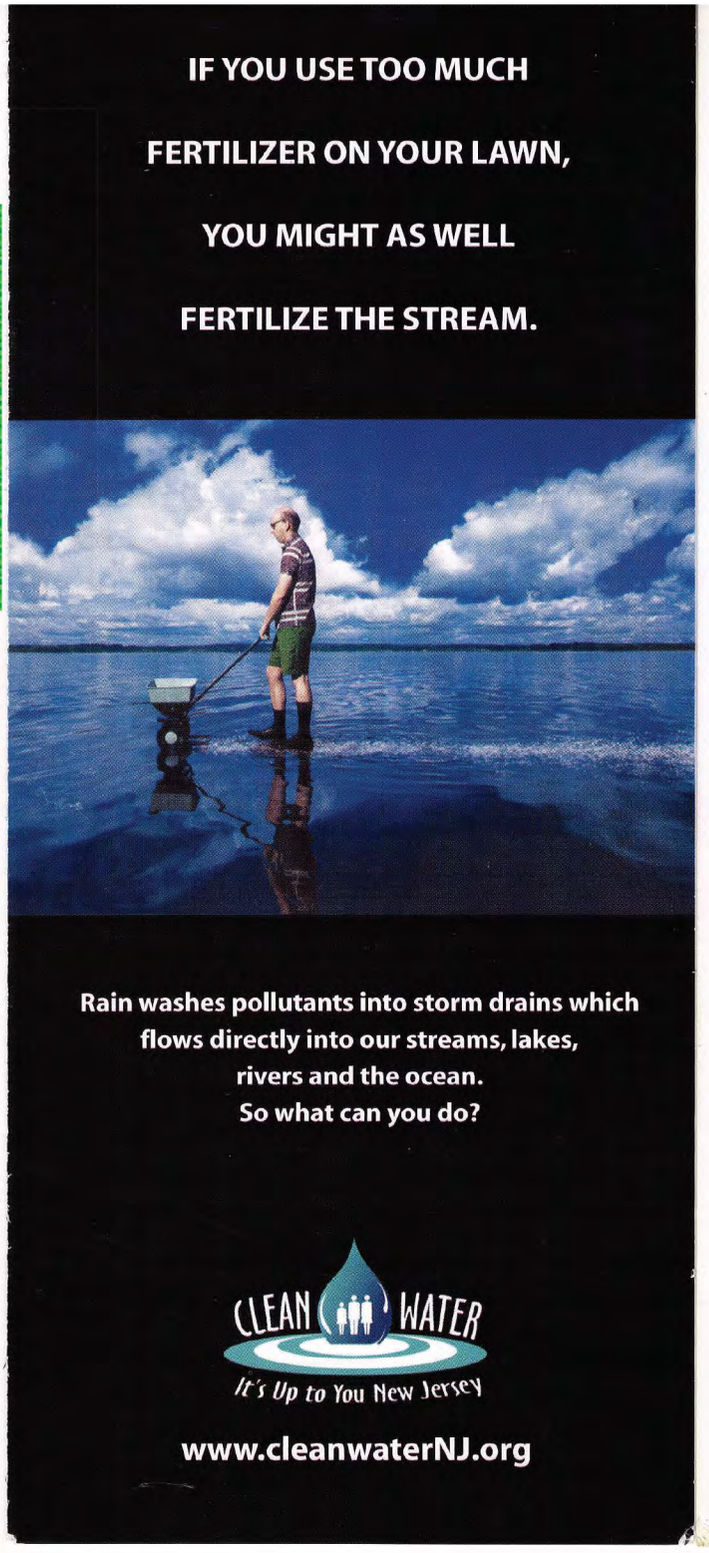

WHAT'S THE PROBLEM WITH FERTILIZERS AND PESTICIDES?

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.

CLEAN WATER
It's Up to You New Jersey

www.cleanwaterNJ.org

Thanks to the Washington State Department of Ecology, King County, and the cities of Bellevue, Seattle and Tacoma.

PET WASTE

Pet Waste Pollutes Our Waters

What You Can Do To Help Protect Our Water

Clean and plentiful water is important to our families, our environment, our economy and our quality of life.

Did you know that animal waste from pets can pollute our waters? When left on the ground, pet waste is washed by rain and melting snow and ice into storm drains that carry it to our rivers, lakes, the ocean and drinking water.

Animal waste contains a high concentration of nutrients as well as bacteria and disease-causing microorganisms that can cause problems.

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What you can do

Pet owners or anyone who takes your pet for walks must properly dispose of the waste by picking it up, wrapping it and either placing it in the trash or flushing it unwrapped down the toilet.

Your municipality is required to adopt and enforce local pet-waste laws. At a minimum, your community must require that pet owners or their keepers **immediately** and **properly** dispose of their pet's solid waste deposited on **any public or private property not owned or possessed by that person.** People with assistance animals such as Seeing Eye dogs are exempt.

Make sure you know what your municipality requires – and follow it.

Thank you for doing your part to keep New Jersey's waters clean.

For more information, please contact the following:

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Water Quality
Bureau of Nonpoint Pollution Control
Municipal Stormwater Regulation Program
(609) 633-7021

Visit www.njstormwater.org or www.nonpointsource.org

Additional information is also available at U. S. Environmental Protection Agency Web sites www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater or www.epa.gov/nps

Jon S. Corzine, Governor
Lisa P. Jackson, Commissioner

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LANTERNFLY TIPS

SPOTTED LANTERNFLY (SLF)
Lycorma delicatula

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DESCRIPTION

Egg Mass: Egg masses are approximately 1 inch in size and can contain between 30-50 eggs. They are laid by female spotted lanternflies between September and December and can be seen between September and June. Egg masses are often laid on flat surfaces including tree bark and lawns.

Nymphs: There are four nymphal instars, the first 3 are black with white spots appearing between May through July, the fourth is red with white spots, appearing between July through September. All nymphal stages are strong jumpers to avoid capture or predators.

Adults: Adults can be seen between July and December. The forewing is gray with black spots and the wing tips have black spots outlined in gray. Hind wings have contrasting patches of red and black with a white band. The abdomen is yellow with broad black bands. While the adults can fly, they generally prefer to hop/jump and glide exposing their hindwings.

Egg Mass

Nymphal Stages 1-3

Nymphal Stage 4

Adult

Circle Trap

HOSTS

The Spotted Lanternfly (SLF) prefers, possibly requires, the Tree of Heaven (Ailanthus altissima) but will feed on over 70 other host plants including woody trees, ornamental trees, fruit trees, vegetables, herbs, grains and vines. This feeding behavior varies with the life stage, with early instar nymphs having a broader host range than adults.

CONTROL METHODS

Egg Mass Removal: Egg masses can be scraped off, double bagged and thrown away between the months of September and June. They can also be placed into alcohol, bleach or hand sanitizer to kill them.

Trapping: Circle traps can be set on infested trees to collect Spotted Lanternfly nymphs or adults without the use of chemical pesticides. More information can be found through the PennState Extension.

Pesticide Applications: Many commonly available insecticides that kill insects on contact are effective against the Spotted Lanternfly. A list of available products can be found on the NJDA website listed below. Read each label carefully and apply according to the label directions.

OTHER RESOURCES

Camden County Mosquito Commission
www.camdencounty.com/service/mosquito-commission/

NJ Department of Agriculture
www.badbug.nj.gov

NJ Agricultural Experiment Station at Rutgers
njaes.rutgers.edu/spotted-lanternfly/

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.

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https://twitter.com/camdencountynj www.facebook.com/camdencountynj YouTube www.youtube.com/user/freeholders1/videos

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FALL LEAF COLLECTION

Collection will begin in late October and continue until December. Leaves must be raked between the sidewalk and curb. Absolutely no leaves will be pick-up curbside after the last scheduled collection day in December. Leaves shall then be disposed in the regular scheduled yard waste collection. *(Please follow the requirements for yard waste disposal when disposing of the leaves at the conclusion of the fall collection, refer to our collection calendar for specific start and end dates).*
Please call the DPW for more info 856-783-4648

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.

All leaf piles MUST BE REACHABLE WITH THE LEAF MACHINE SUCTION 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 reach the pile of leaves.
WE WILL NOT BACK THE MACHINE OFF THE ROADWAY INTO A DRIVEWAY OR INTO A PARKING LOT.

Please do not place leaves close to basketball backboards, telephone poles, mailboxes, etc. located along the curb line, the borough will not be responsible for any damage to these items if leaves are piled around them, AND, it may result in the pile not being collected.

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- ⇨Rake pile between sidewalk and curb, NOT in the roadway
- ⇨Do not park on, near or in front of a leaf pile
- ⇨Rake pile into a long narrow strip, not into a mounded pile
- ⇨Do not cover storm inlets, keeping 10 feet away
- ⇨ONLY LEAVES ARE ACCEPTED! NO TRASH, STICKS,BRANCHES,PLANTS, BRICKS, PET WASTE,WOOD, VINES, LOGS, OR ANY OTHER DEBRIS!

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

Please remember, raking leaves loose to the curb-line for collection is more cost effective for our community. Compared to bagging leave and placing them in the yard waste collection. So please rake your leaves to the curb-line during the designated collection days in Spring and Fall!!

NEVER USE PLASTIC BAGS FOR DISPOSAL
SCHEDULES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTIFICATION

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 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 *MUST* call 856-783-6320 ext. 4600 at least 24 hours prior to your collection day to schedule a bulk pick-up.

Never place trash outside of, or on top of a cart, as it will not be collected. If you need an additional cart for a special event at your home, you can request a loaner cart 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.

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. Additional carts can be purchased by calling (856) 783-6320 ext. 4600

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 ***MUST*** 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

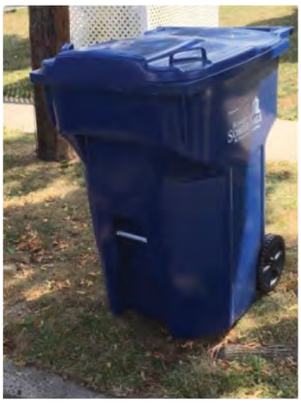
Never place hazardous waste in the trash carts

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

TRASH/RECYCLING CART PLACEMENT

DO - 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…



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

DO NOT – have anything outside of the cart 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

Collection Days:

⇨East Side of Atlantic Ave
1st & 3rd Friday of each month

⇨West Side of Atlantic Ave
2nd & 4th Friday of each month

BULK TRASH DEFINITION – Bulk items consist of regular household items that do not fit into your BLUE trash cart, such as furniture, mattresses and/or box springs, carpet or carpet padding (must be cut, rolled, & taped in pieces no longer than 3ft in length), wood fencing (cut down into maximum 3ft by 3ft sections with all nails/screws removed). Any item that CAN BE dismantled and placed in the blue trash cart, should be dismantled and discarded in this manner.

NO DEMOLITION MATERIAL WILL BE ACCEPTED - Please keep in mind the 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 discarding normal bulky household items such as furniture and other large items that are too big, or can't be dismantled to fit in the trash cart.
Waste generated from a dwelling under renovation/construction is the responsibility of the individual or contractor performing the work to have it disposed of properly (acquire a dumpster from a private hauler).

When moving and/or clearing out the contents of dwelling, you will need to acquire a dumpster from a private hauler to have the contents of the dwelling removed.

Bulk material should be placed curbside before 6:30am on collection day, or the night before the scheduled collection day, never place bulk curbside more than 24 hours prior to collection.

YOU MUST CALL AT LEAST ***24 HOURS PRIOR*** TO COLLECTION DAY
TO GET ON THE SCHEDULE – 856-783-6320 x-4600

BULK TRASH COLLECTION INFORMATION

EAST SIDE - 1st & 3rd FRIDAY WEST SIDE - 2nd & 4th FRIDAY

- You *MUST* call 856-783-6320 X-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.
  (Please follow the 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.
- Disposal of the waste resulting from dwellings under renovation is the responsibility of the individual or contractor performing the work. (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

DEFINITION OF BULK TRASH

Bulk items consist 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), wood fence cut into maximum 3-ft sections with all nails/screws removed. Bulk trash CANNOT contain hazardous materials, paint, electronics, construction and/or remodeling debris.

Wood fence cut into 3-ft sections (MAX); nails & screws removed!!

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, 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 Collections

Camden County sponsors special "household waste" collection days throughout the year. These collections are for Camden County residents only.

Automotive – Antifreeze, Brake Fluid, Car Batteries, Car Wax and Polish, Carburetor Cleaner, Degreasers, Diesel Fuel, Engine Starting Fluid, Gasoline
Grease, Lead-Acid Batteries, Motor Oil, Power Steering Fluid, Transmission Fluid

Paint-Related Products – Creosote, Driveway Sealer, Epoxies, Linseed Oil, Oil-Based Paint, Paint Strippers, Paint Thinners, Primers, Pruning Paint, Resins, Shellac, Solvent-Based Paint, Spray Paint, Stains, Turpentine, Varnish, Water Sealer,

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

Pesticides/Lawncare – Baygon, Chlordane, Diazinon, Dursban, DDT, Fertilizers, Flea Collars/Spray, Fungicides, Herbicides, Insecticides, Lindane, Malathion, Moth Balls/Crystals, Mouse & Rat Poison, Pyrethrins, Strychnine, Stump Killer, Weed Killer, Wood Preservatives,

Fuels - Camping Fuel, Gasoline, Kerosene, Lighter Fluid,

Personal Care - Fingernail Polish & Remover, Hair Coloring, Hydrogen Peroxide, Iodine, Mercury Thermometers,

Home and Hobby - Chemistry Kits, Cutting Oil, Fluorescent Bulbs, Glues and Adhesives, Gun Cleaning Solvents, Mercury Thermostats, Pool Chemicals, Propane Tanks (25 LB & under)

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, Latex Paints, Medications, Scrap Metal, Smoke Detectors, Tires.

HAZARDOUS WASTE MATERIAL SHALL NOT BE DISCARDED IN THE REGULAR TRASH OR RECYCLING COLLECTIONS

Residential Waste only – No Businesses – Events are Rain or Shine

For the most up to date information on the collection schedules from the County, please visit;
https://www.camdencounty.com/event/household-hazardous-waste-event

Safe Disposal of Needles

DO's and DON'Ts

Safe Disposal of Needles and Other Sharps Used At Home, At Work, or While Traveling

Do

- Immediately place used needles and other sharps in a sharps disposal container to reduce the risk of needle-sticks, cuts, or punctures from loose sharps.
- Use an FDA-cleared sharps disposal container, if possible. If an FDA-cleared container isn't available, some organizations and community guidelines recommend using a heavy-duty plastic household container (i.e. laundry detergent container) as an alternative.
- Make sure that if a household disposal container is used, it has the basic features of a good disposal container. (See box at right for more info.)
- Be prepared — carry a portable sharps disposal container for travel.
- Follow your community guidelines for getting rid of your sharps disposal container.
- Call your local trash or public health department (listed in the county and city government section of your phone book) to find out about sharps disposal programs in your area.
- Ask your health care provider, veterinarian, local hospital or pharmacist
  - o where and how you can obtain an FDA-cleared sharps disposal container,
  - o if they can dispose of your used needles and other sharps, or
  - o if they know of safe disposal programs near you.
- Keep all needles and other sharps and sharps disposal containers out of reach of children and pets.

All sharps disposal containers should be:

- made of a heavy-duty plastic;
- able to close with a tight-fitting, puncture-proof lid, without sharps being able to come out;
- upright and stable during use;
- leak-resistant; and
- properly labeled.

Don't

- Throw needles and other sharps into the trash.
- Flush needles and other sharps down the toilet.
- Put needles and other sharps in your recycling bin — they are not recyclable.
- Try to remove, bend, break, or recap needles used by another person. This can lead to accidental needle sticks, which may cause serious infections.
- Attempt to remove the needle without a needle clipper device because the needles could fall, fly off, or get lost and injure someone.

Best Way to Get Rid of Used Needles and Other Sharps:

Step 1: Place all needles and other sharps in a sharps disposal container immediately after they have been used.

Step 2: Dispose of used sharps disposal containers according to your community guidelines.

For more information visit, www.fda.gov/safesharpsdisposal.

FDA

Safe Disposal of Needles and Other Sharps
www.fda.gov/safesharpsdisposal

VEGETATIVE/YARD WASTE COLLECTION

Vegetative/Yard waste consists of leaves, grass clippings, tree parts too small to be chipped, shrubbery, and garden wastes generated from residential properties.

Collection Days (Entire Town) –
April through October – Every Monday
November through March – Last Monday of the month
Monday Holidays – NO COLLECTIONS

****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.

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, LUMBER, TOYS, FLOWER POTS 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

DISPOSING OF A MATTRESS OR BOX SPRING

The public works department requires all mattress and/or box spring set out for collection to be wrapped in plastic and securely sealed with tape.

Public works **WILL NOT** pick up the mattress and /or box spring without being wrapped, securely sealed, and included on the bulk collection schedule.

WHY MUST THESE ITEMS BE SECURELY WRAPPED?

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 11)

YOU MUST CALL TO SCHEDULE A PICK-UP, call 856-783-6320 x-4600 to get on the collection list

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, 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
- ⇨ UNCONTAMINATED oil only, no water, antifreeze or any other substance mixed with the oil.
- ⇨ 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. Go to https://www.camdencounty.com and search for hazardous waste collection pages for info.

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 (East of Atlantic Ave. Tuesdays/West of Atlantic Ave. Wednesdays)

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 bag and 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 95 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 Nonrecyclable 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.

NO PACKING PEANUTS – STYROFOAM – PLASTIC BUBBLE WRAP
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 X-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

Questions? Please contact:
Division of Environmental Affairs
856-858-5241

camden county
BOARD OF FREEHOLDERS
Making It Better, Together.

AIM FOR MAXIMIZED RECYCLING

REVISED COLLECTION DAYS FOR E-WASTE, WHITE GOODS, LIGHT IRON, AND METAL WASTE

COLLECTION WILL BE ON YOUR REGULARLY SCHEDULED BULK COLLECTION DAY
EAST SIDE, 1ST & 3RD FRIDAY and WEST SIDE 2ND & 4TH FRIDAY

Electronic Recycling

Any tube type televisions 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.

Acceptable Electronic Items Include:

Desktop PCs, monitors, keyboards, mice, cords & cables, modems, laptop PCs, stereos, main frames, cameras, camcorders, radios, typewriters, printers, fax machines, phones, microwaves, DVD & Blue-ray players, VCRs, typewriters, wires, televisions, scanners, copy machines, hand held electronic organizers.

CALL TO SCHEDULE A PICK-UP 856-783-6320 X-4600
E-Waste Collection days - 1st & 3rd Friday for the East Side or 2nd & 4th Friday for the West Side

WHITE GOODS

LIGHT IRON

METAL

Acceptable Items Include: **Appliances, washer, dryer, water heater, refrigerator with doors removed, microwaves, bicycles, tire rims (no tires), barbeque grills (no propane tanks), metal doors, iron furniture & railings, fencing post (no concrete), fencing - chain link and wire (rolled for easier collection), piping, copper, brass, steel, aluminum, exercise machines, treadmills, weight benches, lawn mowers (no fluids)**

ALL LARGE ITEMS (swing sets, pianos, basketball posts / backboards, etc.)
SHALL BE DISASSEMBLED FOR COLLECTION

CALL TO SCHEDULE A PICK-UP 856-783-6320 X-4600
Metal Waste Collection days - East Side - 1st & 3rd Friday or West Side - 2nd & 4th Friday

REVISED COLLECTION SCHEDULE
FOR TRASH & RECYCLING

Monday
Entire Town

Yard Waste – weekly on the first Monday in April through the last Monday in October.
November 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 brush / branches out for collection)

Tuesday
East Side

Trash Collection – weekly - East Side of Atlantic Ave.

**Only borough issued blue carts will be picked-up

Wednesday
West Side

Trash Collection – weekly - West Side of Atlantic Ave.

**Only borough issued blue carts will be picked-up

Thursday

East Side
1st & 3rd Thursdays

Single Stream Recycling –
1st and 3rd Thursday East side of Atlantic Ave.
**Only borough issued RED carts will be picked-up

West Side
2nd & 4th Thursdays

Single Stream Recycling –
2nd and 4th Thursday West side of Atlantic Ave.
**Only borough issued RED carts will be picked-up

Friday
Bulk, E-waste,
Light iron/metal,
White Goods

East Side
1st & 3rd Fridays

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

** E-waste, white goods, light metal- must call for pick-up
856-783-6320 X-4600

West Side
2nd & 4th Fridays

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

** E-waste, white goods, light metal- must call for pick-up
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NO WIPES IN THE PIPES!

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

Basically, the only things you should ever flush down a toilet are human waste (urine and feces) and toilet paper. ***Even though some products such as wipes and baby diapers claim to be flushable, they aren't.***

Here is a list of some things to keep out of the toilet:

- *disposable diapers*
- *tampons and tampon applicators*
- *sanitary napkins*
- *cotton balls and swabs*
- *mini or maxi pads*
- *condoms*
- *medicine patches, pills, tablets*

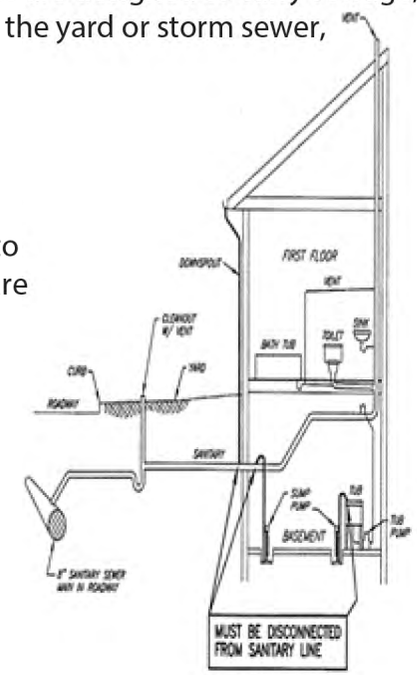
- *cleaning wipes of any kind*
- *facial tissue*
- *bandages and bandage wrappings*
- *automotive fluids*
- *paint, solvents, sealants and thinners*
- *poisons and hazardous waste*
- *pet poop*

Sump Pumps into the Sanitary Sewer Causes Big Problems

Besides the fact that connecting sump pumps to the sanitary sewer is illegal, it causes big problems! Sump pumps are designed to pump groundwater and rainwater. Sanitary sewer pipes are designed to carry sewage, not groundwater and rain water. It is critical that sump pumps discharge to the yard or storm sewer, not to the sanitary sewer.

PROHIBITED CONNECTIONS – **§ 212-1. Prohibited connections.**
The use of the sanitary sewer system for the following is prohibited, and under no circumstances will any of the following be connected to the system directly or indirectly, and any such existing connections are hereby prohibited and shall be removed forthwith.

- Sump pumps
- Downspouts
- Developer's cellar pits
- Floor drains
- Equipment drains
- A/C Equipment
- Cellar drains
- Stormwater inlets
- Foundation underdrains
- Area or Yard drains
- Conductors
- Catch basins



THE RECYCLING BIN'S DIRTY DOZEN

1 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.

2 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.

3 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.

4 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.

5 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.

6 NO Diapers or Bio-Hazardous Waste

Syringes and needles, diapers and other sanitary products are not recyclable.

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THE RECYCLING BIN'S DIRTY DOZEN

7 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.

8 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.

9 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.

10 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.

11 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.

12 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.

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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. T he 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 Thursday 8:00 am to 5:15 pm

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

Staff :

Pete Carbone - Building, Fire & Plumbing Inspector
- Inspections (Tuesday & Thursdays) 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm (Time Approximate)

Electrical Inspectors

Henry Skala - Inspections (Monday & Wednesday) 11:00 am to 2:00 pm (Time Approx.)
Walter Kennerup - Inspections (Tuesday & Thursday) 9:00 am to 1:00 pm (Time Approx.)

* **For electrical inspections, please call the week before inspection is needed**

Sharon DiNardo - Technical Assistant to the Construction Official
Construction Coordinator
Planning/Zoning Board Secretary
Email– Sdinardo@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 (856) 783-6320 ext. 4600 for Certificate of Continued Occupancy Inspections.

Inspections are scheduled on Tuesday and Thursday mornings between 8:00am and 9:30am.
The cost for inspections are $50.00. Reinspections cost $10.00
Priority inspections required within 10 days of occupancy are $75.00

Construction Office Inspections are as follows:

Building – footings, foundation, slab, frame, trusses, insulation and final.
Plumbing – rough, gas, sewer, water and final, all mechanicals
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; Green-sewer; 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

If you need further information call 877-256-2697

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 ext. 2500 or email Somerdalepd@somerdale-nj.com.

Child ID Kits:
In conjunction with the "The National Center For Missing & Exploited Children", upon request, officers will electronically fingerprint 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 ext. 2500 or email 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 your bicycle should become lost or stolen.
Requests can be made by calling 428-6324 ext. 2500 or email Somerdalepd@somerdale-nj.com.

Street of the Week:
Somerdale Police Department offers a program to residents who are experiencing suspicious or quality-of-life issues. Upon request, all officers, all shifts, will be directed to address 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 there, they will share their experience about what is happenng in your neighborhood or in the town. You'll receive first hand knowledge from the officer and his experience as to how the criminals would attempt to make you a victim. Requests can be made by calling 428-6324 ext. 2500 or email Somerdalepd@somerdale-nj.com.

I.M.P.A.C.T. Initiative (Immediate Mobilization of Police Assisted Crisis Teams)
The Somerdale Police Department and Volunteers of America Delaware Valley (VOADV) are committed to a meaningful partnership based on the philosophy of promoting organizational strategies, and proactively provide immediate services and support to individuals and families who would benefit from services in areas including, but not limited to; mental health, substance abuse, homelessness, housing instability, and needs associated with the same, in various aspects of police operations. We are committed to providing a coordinated service delivery model within the community through the Immediate Mobilization of Police Assisted Crisis Teams (I.M.P.A.C.T) Initiative, facilitating effective communication, adhering to the core values and relevant principles of each organization, and immediately addressing identified organizational and systemic barriers that impede service delivery for those in need.

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 r certain 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 bene administered 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 p Unmarried 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

The ANCHOR Program:
This program provides property tax relief to New Jersey residents who owned or rented their principal residence (main home) and met the income limits. This benefit is paid directly to the applicant and is not applied to property taxes. General online information: nj.gov/treasury/taxation/anchor/index.shtml
Homeowners file applications by phone: 1 (877) 658-2972 To ask questions: 1 (888) 238-1233

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.

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 - When the clocks change so should batteries in all detectors.

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

If your smoke detector or carbon monoxide detector go off for any unknown reason please dial 9-1-1. Error on the side of caution.

October is Fire Prevention Month

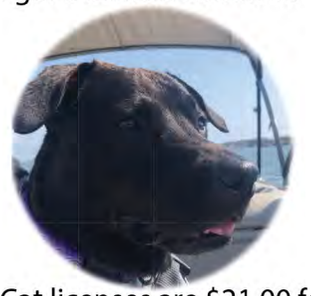
The Fire Marshal's Office along with our Somerdale Fire Department, visit our day cares and schools. We give the children an assortment of give aways. The program we present consists of fire safety and life safety lessons. We also discuss 911 and emergency service response to name just a few.

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 on-line 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.

Appointments are highly recommended. For more information you can call (856) 783-6320 ext. 1300 or 3300

At the time of this printing, the state of New Jersey has waivedthe fee for marriage applications. This is subject to change.

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) 374-6037	paschal.nwako@camdencounty.com
Council	(856) 783-6320 x3300	MMiller@Somerdale-NJ.com
Construction Office	(856) 783-6320 x1500	SDinardo@Somerdale-NJ.com
Finance Office	(856) 783-6320 x1600	VCiminera@Somerdale-NJ.com
Fire Prevention Bureau	(856) 783-6320 x2100	DMarx@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@njcourts.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	CodeCompliance@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	LZappone@Somerdale-NJ.com
Trash (Bulk Pickup/Loaners)	(856) 783-6320 x4600	LDerrico@Somerdale-NJ.com
Vital Statistics	(856) 783-6320 x1300 or x3300	KWharton@Somerdale-NJ.com
Zoning Officer	(856) 783-6320 x1300	KWharton@Somerdale-NJ.com

Department of Public Works

Normal Operating Hours - Monday to Friday 7:30 am to 3:30 pm

Summer Hours - Memorial Day through September 30th 6:30 am to 2:30 pm

Office - (856) 783-4648

Fax - (856) 783-0524

After Hours Sewer Emergency: Call (856) 924-0149

Meeting Schedule

Caucus - 2nd Wednesday of the Month, 6:00 pm
Council - 2nd Wednesday of the Month, 7:00 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

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