

**BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN
GUIDELINES FOR GARBAGE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF OTHER ITEMS**

FOR APPOINTMENT OR QUESTIONS CALL 490-5115

(Or email – publicworks@hightstownborough.com)

REGULAR TRASH AND GARBAGE:

Collected on designated day – Garbage district 1 collected on Tuesdays, district 2 on Wednesdays, district 3 on Thursdays, and district 4 on Fridays. For more detail, please contact the Public Works Department or go to www.hightstownborough.com/garbage_schedule.pdf. The 65 gallon or the 95 gallon blue carts are the only carts accepted. They are to be placed curbside before 7:00 A.M. on the day of collection but not before 5:00 P.M. on the night prior to collection. Follow arrows on the cart for correct placement. All containers must be removed by 8:00 P.M. on the day that the garbage is collected.

WHITE GOODS, APPLIANCES, OUTDOOR GRILLS, METAL OBJECTS:

Major appliances and large bulky metal items, including stoves, washers, dryers, refrigerators, freezers, hot water heaters, metal beds and the metal portion of sleep sofas, will be collected by the Borough on the 1st Wednesday of each month **by appointment only**. No refrigerator, freezer or airtight compartment units can be placed curbside until all doors and/or closures have been removed from the hinges. We also require all freon be removed by an authorized contractor. The Borough requests a copy of the receipt confirming all freon has been removed with the contractor's license number listed on it. Other options would be to contact Mercer Wrecking (609-394-9494) or Beacon Metals (732-462-0543) for disposal of these items.

FURNITURE AND ODDS & ENDS, HOUSEHOLD JUNK:

Bulk is collected the last Monday of each month **by appointment only**. There is a limit of two pieces of household furniture items on any one-collection day. Homeowners are encouraged to donate usable furniture items to charities.

The Borough will collect small amounts of carpet each Friday **by appointment only**. It must be cut into 36" widths, rolled and tied into bundles not heavier than 45 pounds each. Your contractor should dispose of your old carpeting when it is replaced.

Fluorescent light tubes must be taken to the Mercer County Hazardous Waste Collection Day held several times per year. For more information call 609-278-8086 or log onto their website at www.mcia-nj.com/recyclinghazwastedisposal.

CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS/WOOD/SHEET ROCK/DOORS/WINDOWS

Construction debris will not be collected. This is the responsibility of the homeowner.

Mercer Group/Mercer Wrecking will accept construction debris from private citizens at their Trenton facility, located at 1519 Calhoun St., Trenton. They will not accept tires or fiberglass. Please call 609-393-4834 for current pricing, hours of operation and directions.

PROHIBITED ITEMS

Placement of the following items for collection is prohibited: explosive, highly flammable materials or hazardous waste, including but not limited to benzene, gasoline and other petroleum by-products, explosive powders, fluorescent light tubes and bulbs, chlorinated solvents, pesticides, herbicides and other hazardous materials; vehicles; tires; vehicle batteries; auto and truck bodies or parts; construction

debris (except as noted above); scrap wood; tiles; wallboard; fencing; decking; computer equipment; oil-based paint; or latex paint in liquid form.

PAINT/HAZARDOUS WASTE

Latex paint cans must be dried and empty. They will be collected with bulk on the last Monday of the month **by appointment only**. All cans must be placed at your curb with the lids off. Any can that is not empty and dry will not be collected. To dry them, open up all cans, let them dry out, you can also use kitty litter to assist in the absorption. Once the latex paint is dry, it will dry into a clump. This clump when dry is non-hazardous and can be placed in your regular trash.

Oil paint and all other hazardous waste must be disposed of at the Mercer County sponsored Hazardous Waste Clean Up held several times per year. For more information on this program, please contact 609-278-8086 or log onto their website at www.mcia-nj.com/recyclinghazwastedisposal.

*****NOTE: The Borough has experienced a high incidence of some residents placing full or partially full paint cans in their garbage, causing the paint to drip out of the truck onto the roadway after the garbage is compacted. Effective immediately, residents who do not comply with the regulations of paint disposal happen will be responsible for the cost of the road cleanup.***

BRANCHES, LIMBS (NO THICKER THAN 10" IN DIAMETER):

Branches are chipped curbside each Wednesday **by appointment only**. Please place curbside prior to 8:00 A.M. Stumps or limbs larger than 10" in diameter will be the homeowner's responsibility to dispose of.

GENERAL YARD DEBRIS, RAKINGS, STICKS, TWIGS, STICKER BALLS, WEEDS WITH SOD, BUSH TRIMMINGS TOO SMALL FOR CHIPPER:

Collected **by appointment only** every Tuesday between April and October. Yard waste must be in open containers. This does not include grass and leaves. Please place curbside prior to 8:00 A.M.

LEAVES (NO STICKS OR OTHER DEBRIS):

FALL: Collected by posted schedule and instructions. Schedule is subject to change. Residents of Rte. 33, bagged leaves collected **by appointment only**.

SPRING: Call for instructions. Schedule is subject to change.

GRASS CUTTINGS:

Grass must be placed in biodegradable compost bags purchased from the Borough. They are to be placed curbside on Mondays between April 15th and October 15th for collection. No appointment is necessary. The biodegradable compost bags can be bought for \$2.50 each at the Public Works Office or the Borough Clerk's office. The price of the bags includes the Borough's disposal costs.

CORRUGATED CARDBOARD:

Boxes will be picked up on recycling days – Boxes need to be cut into 3' square pieces and bundled. If corrugated is contaminated with food, paint, soap, etc., put in regular garbage.

USED MOTOR OIL/ANTIFREEZE:

Drop off center at end of Borough Hall, 148 N. Main Street between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Pour into appropriate tank.

DRY CELL BATTERIES:

Place in regular garbage. The MCIA has ceased their battery recycling program.

USED ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT:

It is recommended that all used and obsolete electronic equipment (computers, televisions, VCR players, DVD players, printers, copiers, etc.) be taken to the Mercer County sponsored Hazardous Waste Clean Up Days held in the spring and the fall. For more information on this program, please contact 609-278-8086 or see their website at www.mcia-nj.com/recyclinghazwastedisposal.

**RECYCLING PROGRAM
PICKUP EVERY OTHER WEDNESDAY**

Effective August 1, 2008, All recyclable items except corrugated cardboard may be placed in either container (yellow or green only) for collection as we have changed to a “Single Stream” collection. There is no longer any need to separate them, and you will see that they are picked up and placed into the same truck on collection days. Recyclables will be separated by machines.

These items include:

Juice bottles & cans
Soda bottles
Baby food jars
Vegetable cans
Liquor & beer bottles
Fruit jars & cans
Coffee cans & jars
Pet food cans
Milk & water jugs
Milk & juice cartons

Glass salad oil bottles
Soda & beer cans
Pickle & olive jars
Soup cans
Glass ketchup bottles
Tuna fish cans
Glass peanut butter jars
Spaghetti sauce jars
Detergent, bleach, fabric
softener containers

Newspaper and associated inserts
Magazines, catalogs and junk mail
Office paper
Coated folding box-board including cereal, cracker, dry soap, beverage carrier and shoe boxes
Kraft paper, including corrugated cardboard, paper bags and sacks

Corrugated Cardboard should be placed in bundles at curbside.

We will now also take #3 and #4 containers in addition to envelopes with windows.

Food containers and cans must be *emptied and rinsed or washed out*. Detergent, bleach and fabric softener bottles must be double rinsed, remove all tops, leave labels.

If pickup is missed, call the Public Works Department at 609-490-5115.