

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

**FOR APPOINTMENT OR QUESTIONS CALL 490-5115**

(Or email – [publicworks@hightstownborough.com](mailto:publicworks@hightstownborough.com))

**REGULAR TRASH AND GARBAGE:**

Collected on designated day –

**WEEKLY TUESDAY (DISTRICT 1 AND 2) COLLECTION**

Ashton Lane  
Bank Street  
Barton Drive  
Brakeman Court  
Chamberlin Avenue  
Cranbury Station Rd.  
Ely Court  
Franklin Street

Glenbrook Place  
Grant Avenue  
Greeley Street  
Hagemount Avenue  
Hight Blvd.  
Hutchinson Street  
Lincoln Avenue  
Main Street

Maple Avenue  
Mechanic Street  
North Academy Street  
Norton Avenue  
Oak Lane  
Park Avenue  
Parkway

Purdy Street  
Reed Street  
Rev. Wm. L. Powell Drive  
Rocky Brook Court  
Sunset Avenue  
Wilson Avenue  
Wyckoff Mills Road

**WEEKLY THURSDAY (DISTRICT 3) COLLECTION**

Bennett Place  
Center Street  
Church Street  
Dey Street  
Dutchneck Road  
First Avenue

Forman Street  
Gilman Place  
Harron Avenue  
Hausser Avenue  
Joseph Street

Mercer Street  
Morrison Avenue  
Outcalt Street  
Prospect Drive  
Railroad Avenue

Rogers Avenue  
Second Avenue  
South Academy Street  
Stockton Street  
Summit Street

**WEEKLY FRIDAY (DISTRICT 4) COLLECTION**

Broad Street  
Brook Drive  
Clinton Street  
Clover Lane  
Cole Avenue  
East Ward Street  
Etra Road  
Farr Avenue

Franklin Street  
Grape Run Road  
Leshin Lane  
Main Street  
Manlove Avenue  
Maxwell Avenue  
Meadow Drive  
Monmouth Street

North Main Street  
Orchard Avenue  
Pershing Avenue  
Schuyler Avenue  
South Main Street  
South Street  
Springcrest Drive

Spruce Court  
Taylor Avenue  
Vanrensaler Avenue  
Ward Street  
Westerlea Avenue  
West Ward Street  
William Street

For more detail, please contact the Public Works Department. 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 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month **by appointment** only, provided that each item to be disposed of has a Waste Disposal Sticker attached. No metal item will be collected without a sticker attached. One sticker is required for each item to be placed for collection.

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:**

Acceptable bulk is collected the last Monday of each month **by appointment only**, provided that each item to be disposed of has a Waste Disposal Sticker attached. No bulky item will be collected without a sticker attached. One sticker is required for each item to be placed for collection.

Carpeting must be cut into 36" widths, rolled and tied into bundles not heavier than 45 pounds. Bundles of identical carpeting shall be considered one item and shall require on Waste Disposal Sticker to be placed on one of the bundles.

Fluorescent light tubes can be brought to the Public Works Office and placed in the Blue Garbage Cart on the Mechanic St. side of the Public Works Building or 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](http://www.mcia-nj.com/recyclinghazwastedisposal).

### **CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS/WOOD/SHEET ROCK/DOORS/WINDOWS**

**Small** amounts of construction debris will be collected only to the extent that the debris is contained **entirely** within the container provided by the Borough. The Borough has the right to refuse collection of any Borough provided container that holds more than a small amount.

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](http://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 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 15<sup>th</sup> and October 15<sup>th</sup> 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:**

Used computer equipment, printers, fax machines, printers and copiers can now be brought to the Public Works office for disposal. Televisions, VCR players, DVD players, etc., must 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](http://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 any 33 gallon container for collection as we have changed to a “Single Stream” collection. 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.