

# TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD

*January -December, 2010*

Important Telephone Numbers	
Municipal Building Administration, Garbage, Licenses, Voter Registration	973-912-2200
Building - Construction Permits	973-912-2220
Court - Traffic Tickets, Violations	973-912-2214
Emergency	911
Police, First Aid Squad	973-376-0400
Fire (non emergency)	973-912-2265
Engineering	973-912-2219
Health	1-908-789-4070
Public Works	973-912-8483
Recycling	973-912-2222
Recreation, Senior Citizens	973-912-2227
Tax Assessor	973-912-2207
Tax Collector	973-912-2204

### **Christmas Tree Disposal**

Weather permitting, Christmas trees will be collected at curbside until January 31.

### **Replacement Trees**

Residents interested in obtaining replacement trees should contact the DPW at 973-912-8483.

### **SNOW REMOVAL**

Sidewalks must be cleared within 18 hours of daylight after a snowfall. Plowing, blowing or shoveling snow into the street creates hazardous conditions and is **illegal**. Residents are responsible for the actions of their snow contractors. Streets are plowed on a priority basis, in accordance with traffic and safety requirements. Please do not call the Public Works Department with requests for plowing, we cannot deviate from our schedule.

Please note that the following streets are County roads and are plowed and salted by the County; Hillside Ave., from Mountain Ave. To Route 22, Meisel Ave., Mountain Ave. , Shunpike Road, and South Springfield Ave.

Morris Ave. and all entrance and exit ramps for routes 78, 22 and 24 are State responsibility and are plowed and salted by the State.

### **WHY RECYCLE??**

Help preserve our forests

\*Conserve minerals such as aluminum and iron

\*Conserve oil, plastics are oil based

\*Reduce the amount of waste going to landfills, disposal is paid for by taxpayers.

\* The more we recycle, the more tonnage \$\$\$ we receive from the State.

\* And, **in New Jersey, recycling is the law.**

**Curbside Recycling Dates,  
January - December, 2010**

January - 7, 21  
February - 4, 18  
March - 4, 18  
April - 1, 15, 29  
May - 13, 27  
June - 10, 24  
July - 8, 22  
August - 5, 19  
September - 2, 16, 30  
October - 14, 28  
November - 11, 26\*  
December - 9, 23

\* **Thanksgiving, Nov. 25 changed to  
Fri. Nov 26<sup>th</sup>**

ITEMS TO BE RECYCLED

MIXED PAPER

Mixed paper can now be placed with your newspapers if you prefer.

SHREDDED PAPER

Shredded paper should be placed in clear plastic bags for collection.

CARDBOARD

Includes corrugated cardboard, shipping cartons, and boxes. Flatten and tie with string.

NEWSPAPERS

Newspapers can be tied with string both ways or placed in bags for collection.

HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES

Alkaline batteries will no longer be accepted for recycling. Rechargeable & button cell batteries can be placed in a plastic bag and put with your newspapers.

COMMINGLED - (Glass, Aluminum, Plastic)

Includes glass bottles, plastic bottles, aluminum cans, tin cans, milk cartons, juice boxes, empty aerosol cans

For additional information, please call the Township Recycling Office at 973-912-2222. Taped information is available 24 hours a day.

CURBSIDE COLLECTIONS ARE SCHEDULED RAIN OR SHINE!

Place the items at the curb the evening before pick up after 6pm

CURBSIDE COLLECTED EVERY OTHER THURSDAY

**MISSED RECYCLING PICK UP? ...CALL 1-888-REUSE4U (1-888-738-7348)**

## **BULK WASTE DISPOSAL**

Bulk waste collection is conducted on a quarterly basis with collection to be either on a Wednesday or a Thursday, contingent upon your address.

For those residents whose weekly trash is collected on **Tuesdays and Fridays**, the bulk collection days will be on **Wednesdays, March 24, June 16, September 22 and December 15**.

For those residents whose weekly trash is collected on **Mondays and Thursdays**, bulk waste collection days will be on **Thursdays, March 25, June 17, September 23 and December 16**.

All material should be out at curbside the evening before pick up.

**NO APPOINTMENT IS NECESSARY.**

Bulk waste is comprised of a collection of large and/or non-routine waste items collected on a quarterly basis. Bulk waste constitutes larger household waste including household furniture, appliances, light brush not to exceed six feet in length, bundled and tied and not to exceed 60 pounds, broken crockery, old clothing, carpeting, not to exceed six feet in length, rolled and tied, not to exceed 60 pounds, hot water heaters, and barbecue grills. **Specifically excluded** are construction material and debris such as sheet rock, lumber, pipe and paneling, concrete and large rocks, stones or logs greater than six inches in diameter, stumps and tree roots, recyclables, computer components, video games, propane tanks and all other hazardous waste. **Refrigerators and freezers must have the doors removed. Please note, freon no longer has to be removed by the homeowner from air conditioners, freezers, and all other cooling devices.**

## **IMPORTANT NOTES**

### **GRASS COLLECTION:**

At this point in time information regarding grass collection for 2010 has not been finalized. Currently, solutions are being sought to enhance our service in this area without increasing our costs. Notification regarding 2010 grass collection procedures will be forthcoming in the near future. Undoubtedly, the best alternative to grass collection is to adopt a "cut it and leave it" approach, which would completely eliminate the need for any money being expended for the collection of grass clippings.

A few facts concerning leaving grass clippings after cutting lawns are listed below;

- ✓ Using a mulching type mower will chop the clippings into fine pieces that are barely visible.
- ✓ Grass clippings contain 80 to 85 % water and decompose very quickly when left on the lawn.
- ✓ Clippings help keep moisture in the soil for a longer period of time, reducing the need for frequent watering.
- ✓ Up to 25% of a lawn's total fertilizer needs can be met if cuttings are left on the lawn.
- ✓ Average mowing time can be reduced by 30% when clippings are not bagged.
- ✓ Contrary to myth, grass clippings do not cause thatch problems.

**PLEASE NOTE: THE DPW CAN NOT PICK UP ANY MATERIALS IN PLASTIC BAGS.**

**HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION** - Union County sponsors free programs to collect hazardous waste such as aerosol cans, fluorescent light bulbs, antifreeze, caustics, cleaners, corrosives, oil based paints, etc. Dates are announced in the Spring and Fall. For more information call 908-654-9889.

**COMPUTER & ELECTRONICS COLLECTION** - The County also sponsors free programs to collect computer and electronic equipment such as TV, monitors, phones, speakers, circuit boards, etc. **EQUIPMENT NOT ACCEPTED:** microwaves, air conditioners, and white goods. For more information please call 908-654-9889.

**Flyers for hazardous waste and computer and electronic collection which contain collection dates and locations can be obtained in the vestibule of the DPW office at 22 Mountain Ave.**

Remember the Clean Communities Program - Volunteer to take part in this year's Clean Communities Day, (more information will be forthcoming). Community organizations, families, and interested individuals are invited to work together to reduce the amount of litter in the parks, playgrounds, on public property and roadsides. Sponsored by the Springfield Environmental Commission.

**2010 HOLIDAY INFORMATION**  
**NO TRASH COLLECTION ON THE FOLLOWING DATES**

<b>FRIDAY, JANUARY 1</b>	<b>NEW YEAR'S DAY</b>
<b>MONDAY, MAY 31</b>	<b>MEMORIAL DAY</b>
<b>MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6</b>	<b>LABOR DAY</b>
<b>THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25</b>	<b>THANKSGIVING</b>

Municipal Building  
100 Mountain Avenue  
Springfield, NJ 07081

**Residential Postal Customer**  
**Springfield, NJ 07081**

<b>BULK RATE</b> <b>U.S. POSTAGE</b> <b>PAID</b> <b>Springfield, NJ</b> <b>Permit No.23</b>
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**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**2010 YARD WASTE DISPOSAL**

*SAVE FOR REFERENCE*