

TOWNSHIP OF RARITAN
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE No. 24-20

An Ordinance of the Township of Raritan, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, amending and updating *The Code of the Township of Raritan* to update and amend the Township's Public Works Recycling Program and Leaf Collection Program.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Raritan, in the County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. Section 382-16 entitled "Recycling at Township Public Works Center" of Article II entitled "Recycling" of Chapter 382 entitled "Solid Waste" of Part II entitled "General Legislation" of *The Code of the Township of Raritan* is hereby supplemented and amended to read as follows: [New language in **bold and underlined**; deleted language in ~~double strikethrough~~.]

Chapter 382. Solid Waste.

Article II. Recycling

§382-16. Public Works Recycling Program ~~at Township Public Works Center.~~

- A. ~~The Township Committee will promulgate reasonable rules and regulations for recycling at the Township Public Works Center. The rules and regulations shall include Appendixes A, B and C attached to this article. New rules and regulations promulgated after the effective date of this article shall be effective no earlier than 30 days nor later than 90 days from the date of promulgation and publication of the rules and regulations. Such regulations as may be promulgated under this article may be changed, modified, amended or repealed by resolution of the Township Committee.~~ **The Township of Raritan herein establishes a recycling program for all residential occupants and owners within the Township to be operated through the Department of Public Works. The Township's Recycling Program shall be subject to the terms of this Section, along with any additional operational rules, regulations and procedures established by the Department of Public Works.**
- B. ~~Appendix A establishes a schedule and collection preparation requirements at the Township Public Works Center.~~ **Recycling and Non-Recycling Permits.**

- 1. Prior to participating in the Township's Recycling and/or Non-Recycling Program, any resident of the Township shall obtain an annual permit from the Township Department of Public Works. Annual permits are issued online and at the office of the Raritan Township Public Works Department / Recycling Center located at 204 Pennsylvania Avenue, Flemington, New Jersey.**
- 2. The fee for a Recycling Permit (including e-waste) is \$5.00 for unlimited drop-offs. The fee for a Non-Recycling Permit is \$30.00 for a total of six (6) drop-offs. Raritan Township Veterans receive free permits with proper identification.**
- 3. All permits are issued on an annual basis, commencing as of January 1st of each year and terminated as of December 31st.**

C. ~~Appendix B designates materials that are required to be recycled by the residents, citizens, persons and commercial, industrial and institutional entities pursuant to the county and Township recycling plans.~~ **Collection Schedule. Collection of recyclable and non-recyclable materials shall be by delivery to the Public Works Center of the Township of Raritan, located on Pennsylvania Avenue, which shall be open for deliveries as follows, holidays excepted:**

- **Monday - 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**
- **Wednesday - 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**
- **Friday - 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**
- **Saturday - 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon**

The Township Committee reserves the right to temporarily amend the collection schedule by Resolution.

D. ~~Appendix C designates materials that are not required to be recycled in the Township.~~ **Recycling and Non-Recycling Materials Accepted.**

1. Recycling Permit Materials Accepted:

- **Newspapers, Paper, Magazines, Catalogs, Junk Mail, Phone Books and Shredded Paper**
- **Cardboard and Brown Paper Bags**
- **Plastic Bottles and Glass Containers**
- **Tin Cans**
- **Aluminum Cans**
- **Metal Items – Steel, Tin, Aluminum, Appliances**
 - **Note: Freon (refrigerant) must be removed from appliances. Propane tanks must have the valve removed (empty).**
- **Drain Oil (Used Oil Only)**
 - **No drums of any type. No antifreeze or other additives.**
- **Tires – Car - \$5.00 per tire; Light Truck - \$7.00 per tire**

- No Tires on Rims; No Mud; No Tractor Tires.
- Leaves – Drop off from October 2nd through December 29th
- Clothing donation boxes are available
- Christmas Trees – December 27th through January 31st
- Computers, Laptops, Monitors, Televisions, Personal Printers and Copiers
 - All other electronic devices and accessories are nonhazardous and should be disposed of in regular garbage or with the Township Non-Recycling Permit.

2. Non-Recycling Permit Materials NOT Accepted:

- No Materials Contained in Vehicles Larger than Pickup Trucks
- No Concrete, Rocks, or Bricks of Any Size
- No Sheetrock or Shingles
- No Hazardous Materials
- No Tree Stumps, Grass Clippings, Weeds or Garden Debris
 - Due to Strict NJDEP Guidelines Yard Waste Cannot be Accepted
- No Construction Material (Lumber)
- No Household Garbage or Trash
- No Recyclable Materials
- Tree and Brush Materials Will Require One Non-Recyclable Scan for Each Drop Made.

3. The Township DPW shall have the right to reject any recyclable or non-recyclable materials at its sole discretion.

E. Preparation of Recyclable Materials.

1. The following materials are required to be recycled and shall be separated by individual category:

- Corrugated cardboard
- Aluminum cans
- Tin cans
- Tires
- Used motor oil
- Brush
- Leaves
- Textiles

2. The following materials may be commingled together:

- Glass bottles and jars with plastic bottles
- Mixed office paper with newspaper
- Heavy iron with light iron

- Computer towers with laptops, monitors, televisions, personal printers and copiers

Materials to be recycled shall be prepared in a manner as established by the rules and regulations promulgated by the Raritan Township Committee.

F. Compliance with the Township and County Recycling Plan. All residents of the Township of Raritan are required to comply with the Hunterdon County and Raritan Township Recycling Plans, which may be amended from time to time.

G. Non-Mandatory Recyclable Materials. The following materials are not required to be recycled in the Township, but are encouraged to be recycled by the Township:

- Grass clippings and weeds
- Food waste
- Construction/demolition debris components resulting from the construction and/or demolition of a building or structure, both residential and commercial, including, but not limited to, brick, sheetrock, glass, wood, tree stumps, and other like material found in the demolition and/or construction industry.

[Note to codifier: Appendix A, B and C are hereinafter deleted and removed in their entirety.]

Section 2. Chapter 382 entitled “Solid Waste” of Part II entitled “General Legislation” of *The Code of the Township of Raritan* is hereby supplemented and amended to add new Article III to be entitled “Leaf Collection Program” to read as follows: [New language in **bold and underlined**; deleted language in ~~double strikethrough~~.]

Chapter 382. Solid Waste.

Article III Leaf Collection

§382-18. Leaf Collection Program.

A. Program Established. The Township of Raritan herein establishes a leaf collection program, which shall consist of curbside pickup throughout the Township estimated to be conducted between October and December of each year. Leaf collection shall continue until every Township road has been collected. The Department of Public Works shall determine if multiple rounds of leaf collection is necessary for any particular year.

B. Preparation of Leaves for Collection.

- 1. Property owners shall have all leaves for collection located and placed in a windrow fashion at the edge of their property, adjacent to the roadway but not within the roadway.**
- 2. No leaves shall be placed closer than ten (10') feet from any storm sewer inlet.**
- 3. Leaves shall not be placed in bags or near a silt fence.**
- 4. No branches, rocks, debris or other foreign material shall be placed or located within the leaf pile for collection.**
- 5. The Township will collect the leaves placed in the appropriate location. While efforts will be made to clean up all leaves placed at the curb, if there are any remaining leaves after collection, the property owner shall rake such remaining leaves back into the appropriate location at the edge of the property so that they can be collected if there is a subsequent round of collection. It is the property owner's responsibility to re-rake the leaves to the property location for leaf collection no matter the reason for the leaves displacement.**

C. Leaves may be brought to the DPW Recycling Facility with the Recycling Permit pursuant to Section 382-16 of the Township Code. Leaf drop-off will be accepted between the months of October through December of each year.

D. The Township Committee reserves the right to terminate or temporarily suspend the Leaf Collection Program by Resolution.


Section 3. If any article, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional or invalid in any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance and they shall remain in full force and effect, except so far as the section or provision so declared invalid shall be inseparable from the remainder or any portion thereof.

Section 4. In the event of any inconsistencies between the provisions of this Ordinance and any prior ordinance of the Township of Raritan, the provisions hereof shall be determined to govern, and the inconsistencies of the prior ordinance are hereby repealed. All other parts, portions and provisions of the Ordinances of the Township of Raritan are hereby ratified and confirmed, except where inconsistent with the terms hereof.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon: (i) adoption; and (ii) publication in accordance with the laws of the State of New Jersey.

CERTIFICATION

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the attached Ordinance was adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Raritan, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey on second reading at their meeting held in the Meeting Room of the Municipal Complex, One Municipal Drive, Flemington, NJ 08822 on August 6, 2024.



Donna Kukla, RMC
Raritan Township Clerk