

# Trash & Recycling Guidelines

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## **General Guidelines**

All trash and recyclable materials must be placed curbside no earlier than 5:30pm on the evening prior to collection day and all emptied containers must be removed no later than 5:30pm once collection is made. On your trash day, collection begins at 7am. Please ensure that containers are placed curbside in a timely manner. *Late outs will not be collected*.

## **Automated Residential Solid Waste Collection**

Residential solid waste needs to be placed into the *green 95 or 64-gallon containers*, which were distributed by the township. <u>Solid waste</u> <u>placed loosely, into bags or containers other than those provided by the Township will not be collected.</u> Residents needing additional containers should contact the Department of Public Works at (856) 424-4422 for more information.

<u>Wood/Lumber and Construction Materials</u> must be tied, bundled, weigh less than 50 pounds and may not exceed 4 feet in length. *Nails, spikes and screws must be removed/bent over to prevent injury.* Waste resulting from homes under renovation is the responsibility of the individual or contractor performing the work to have removed. **Concrete and similar material** may be disposed of in the **Green** Cherry Hill issued tote, once broken into small palm sized pieces; (*totes are able to hold about 150lbs*). **Private contractors** shall remove the debris materials from the site and shall dispose of the debris properly at their own cost. This debris is not to be placed for normal residential collection. (Solid Waste/Recycling Ord. #19-2.13)

<u>Furniture/Bulk</u> items such as mattresses, couches, dressers, cabinets, toilets, wooden bed frames, etc. are collected on your normally scheduled trash day and must be placed out the night before or by 7am collection morning. <u>Mirrors, windows and similar glass pieces</u> under 4 feet by 4 feet must be taped and secured for trash day. Larger mirrors, windows and similar glass pieces must be broken down, bagged and put into your green issued trash tote.

Furniture/Bulk pickups do not have to be scheduled in advance. Please contact the DPW office at (856) 424-4422 the morning after your collection day to notify us if your pickup was missed. Furniture, if in good condition, may be donated to Habitat for Humanity Restore (856) 439-6717, 530 NJ-38, Maple Shade Township, NJ 08052.

<u>Carpet/Rugs & Padding</u> must be cut into 4-foot lengths, rolled and tied into bundles weighing no more than 50 pounds. *Bags will not be collected outside the issued trash tote(s)*.

<u>Railroad Ties and thicker lumber</u> must be cut no longer than 2 feet in length and neatly stacked. *Nails, spikes and screws must be removed/bent over to prevent injury.* 

<u>Household Hazardous Waste</u> Paints, varnishes, gasoline, aerosols, anti-freeze and combustibles **cannot be placed curbside**. Events are planned by Camden County Environmental Department, call (856) 858-5241 for scheduled drop-off days March through October.

<u>Appliances and Metal Items</u> are collected each Wednesday, <u>by appointment only.</u> This includes refrigerators, grills, stoves, washers, dryers, water tanks and other metal items. Remember to remove doors from refrigerators, stoves, freezers, and dishwashers. Item must be placed curbside by 7am Wednesday morning to ensure its collection. Call the Department of Public Works at (856) 424-4422 by Tuesday 3pm to schedule a metals pickup.

#### **Automated Single-Stream Recycling Collection**

All recyclable material is to be placed into the Township issued blue 95 or 64-gallon containers for collection.

<u>Cardboard</u> should be cut into smaller, manageable pieces with a box cutter and placed into the **blue** Cherry Hill issued recycling container or brought to the Department of Public Works located at 1 Perina Blvd. Monday through Friday from 7:30am to 3:00pm. *Items placed outside of the blue recycling container will not be collected.* <u>Trash cannot be placed into boxes, it will not be collected.</u> <u>Styrofoam must be removed.</u>

<u>Plastic bags should NEVER be placed in your recycling bins.</u> Plastic bags are easily tangled in the processing equipment and can shut down the recycling facility. Plastic bags can be recycled at the main entrance of many big box stores, local grocery stores, or can be brought to the Department of Public Works, the Municipal Building, and the Cherry Hill Public Library.

#### **Yard Waste Collection**

Grass clippings, small tree and shrub trimmings, leaves and similar debris are collected one time per week on your normal solid waste and recycling collection day. The Township recommends that these items be placed into open lid containers that are between 25 and 35 gallons (please keep in mind that residents are permitted to use up to 50 gallon container(s) but the contents cannot exceed the 50 pound weight limit that is clearly marked "Yard Waste." Yard waste labels are available free of charge at the DPW facility. **Dirt and mulch are not yardwaste**, containers and paper bags contaminated with dirt/mulch will not be removed curbside. Small amounts of dirt and mulch can be placed into your green trash tote for trash day.

Yard waste containers should not have lids placed on them while they are out at the curb for weekly collection. In addition, containers with attached or hinged lids are not permitted to be used as yard waste containers.

Yard waste is also permitted to be placed out for collection in biodegradable, paper bags. The Township provides brown, biodegradable bags as a courtesy to our residents; bags are available at the DPW facility. Residents must provide proof of residency (ID, driver's license) to receive bags. Yard waste is not permitted to be placed out in plastic bags; Yard waste placed out in plastic bags will not be collected.

Branches must be cut into lengths that do not exceed 4 feet and securely bundled in a manner that does not exceed 50 pounds. Trunks/Logs must be cut to lengths no larger than 2 feet, no thicker than 6 inches in diameter, no heavier than 50 pounds then neatly stacked curbside for removal.

Christmas trees are to be put curbside and must be removed of all decorations/stands with branches tied back using string or twine. Trees cannot be disposed in plastic bags. Natural trees may also be dropped off at Public Works in the weeks following the Christmas Holiday, please contact the DPW Office (856) 424-4422 for more information. <u>Flocked trees are not yardwaste</u> and should be treated as bulk (collected curbside loosely, not bagged or boxed, with the decorations/stands removed or placed into your green trash tote as long as the lid can close.)

Do NOT mix recyclables with trash!

Do NOT placed hazardous waste out for collection!

## Do NOT place in Blue Recycle Tote

- Plastic bags, Styrofoam, coat hangers, pots, pans, buckets, or paint cans
- Ceramics, light bulbs, dishes, mirrors or window glass
- Antifreeze bottles, used oil containers or hazardous materials
- Hardcover cooks (books can be donated to the Cherry Hill Library)

#### **Electronic Waste (E-Waste)**

- State law no longer permits residents to place their TVs, computers and unwanted electronics out for curbside trash collection. However, Cherry Hill provides a designated drop-off site for residents.
- TVs, small appliances, computers, printers, and other electronics are to be dropped off at the Department of Public Works facility located at 1 Perina Blvd Cherry Hill NJ 08003. Please drop off your E-Waste items Monday through Friday from 7:30am to 4:30pm and Saturday from 7am to 11am.

DO NOT add these items to the trash/recycle stream.

## Frequently Asked Questions

#### Q. How do I know which plastics are recyclable?

A. Plastic containers #1 & #2 are recyclable; the numbers can be found at the bottom of the container. All other plastics would go into the green Cherry Hill issued trash can. Plastic bags should NEVER be placed in your recycling bins.

#### Q. When do I put out sofas, chairs, mattresses, toilets, dressers etc.?

A. Place these items curbside on your regular trash day, they are considered "BULK. A separate truck should arrive to collect by the end of the day (about 6pm). If missed, please call the Department of Public Works at (856) 424-4422 the morning following your collection.

#### Q. What do I do with bicycles, hot water heaters, household appliances and large pieces of metal?

A. Call the Department of Public Works by Tuesday 3pm at (856) 424-4422 to schedule a White Goods Wednesday pickup.

## Q. The Recycling Truck just took my Recycling but left my Yard Waste, why?

A. Yard Waste is picked up by a separate truck as a recyclable item later in the same day.

#### Q. Can residents recycle shredded paper?

A. No. Once paper is shredded, it may go into your green Cherry Hill issued tote as trash.

### Q. How can I dispose of tires, used motor oil and batteries?

A. Bring used oil, car tires (off the rim) and **RECHARGABLE** batteries to the Department of Public Works building, 1 Perina Blvd. or save these items for Camden Country Hazardous Waste collection day.

## Q. Can residents get additional Recycling and/or Trash totes (95/64 gallon blue/green totes)?

A. Yes! Residents are able to purchase additional totes for a onetime payment, check or money order only, of \$50.00 made out to Cherry Hill Township. Payment may be mailed to 820 Mercer Street Cherry Hill NJ 08002 with attention to the Department of Public Works on the envelope. Please include your address, best contact phone number, which tote you need (Green Trash and/or Blue Recycle tote) and your normally scheduled collection date.

## We are here to help!

Have other questions? Please call the Department of Public Works at (856) 424-4422.