



LEAF COLLECTION REGULATIONS



The Borough of Hopatcong shall provide curbside collection of leaves during the months of **APRIL** and **MAY** and from **OCTOBER 15th** through **DECEMBER 10th**. Only **LEAVES** shall be accepted. Branches, twigs, grass clippings, rocks or other vegetative matter shall not be accepted. Leaves are required to be placed in biodegradable brown paper bags only. Leaves in proper bags as detailed above may be brought directly to the Hopatcong Recycling Center. Brush no wider than 4" in diameter will be accepted at the recycling center. **Hopatcong Residents can only utilize the recycling center. No contractors allowed. Must show proof of residency by obtaining a window decal from Borough Hall.**

GRASS RECYCLING

The Borough does not pick up or accept grass clippings either at the curbside or recycling center. Leave your clippings on the lawn when you mow and let Mother Nature do the recycling. Grass clippings provide a natural fertilizer for growing a lawn.

UNDER NEW JERSEY STATE LAW, GRASS CLIPPINGS CANNOT BE COLLECTED FOR DISPOSAL AT THE LANDFILL

Here are some alternatives:

1. GRASS — CUT IT AND LEAVE IT!

Leaving grass clippings on the lawn: Reduces mowing time by 20% - 25%. Saves the expense of buying lawn bags. Cuts the amount of fertilizer required. What could be easier than cutting your lawn and not bagging clippings anymore? You will save time because you will not have to stop to empty your lawnmower bag. Homeowners that leave clippings on the lawn can actually reduce their total annual mowing time by 20% - 25%. You will also spend less on fertilizer since clippings left on the lawn recycle nutrients, such as nitrogen, back to the soil. You might consider purchasing a mulching/recycling mower or adding a mulching attachment to your present mower. These attachments chop clippings into fine pieces which slip easily down to the soil.

2. MULCH CLIPPINGS INTO YOUR GARDEN

To mulch your grass clippings into your garden, place about an inch of grass clippings directly on the soil around plantings to moderate soil temperature and to reduce weed growth, soil spattering, erosion, compaction, evaporation and runoff. As a precaution, please wait at least 3 weeks and 2 lawn cuttings to utilize grass clippings in your garden after your lawn has been treated with herbicides. Another method of recycling grass clippings into your garden is to mix them directly into the garden soil. Since most **NEW JERSEY** soils are low in organic materials, applying fresh or composted clippings adds valuable organic matter. Grass clippings contain more nitrogen than horse manure.

3. CONSIDER BACKYARD COMPOSTING

Grass clippings are an excellent addition to the backyard compost pile.

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

The Borough of Hopatcong shall commence curbside collection of Christmas trees in January. As the Christmas trees are composted, the trees must have the stand and ornaments removed and cannot be in plastic or other bags. The trees can also be brought, at no charge, to the Recycling Center during normal operating hours.



PLEASE HELP PROTECT LAKE HOPATCONG ONLY USE PHOSPHOROUS FREE FERTILIZERS ON YOUR LAWN

Solutions to Stormwater Pollution

Limit the use of fertilizers and pesticides

Do a soil test to see if you need fertilizer. Testing kits are available at nurseries.

Do not apply fertilizers if heavy rain is predicted.

Look into alternatives for pesticides.

Maintain a small lawn and keep the rest of your property in a natural state with trees and native vegetation.

Dispose of yard waste properly

Keep leaves and grass out of storm drains.

Follow Hopatcong's yard waste collection rules.

Cut It and Leave It. Use a mulching lawn mower that recycles grass clippings into the lawn.

Properly Use and Dispose of Hazardous Products

Hazardous products include some household or commercial cleaning products, lawn and garden care products, motor oil, antifreeze and paints.

Recycle used motor oils.

Contact the DPW office for locations of hazardous waste disposal facilities.

Keep Pollution Out of Storm Drains

Do not pour hazardous products down a storm drain because storm drains are usually connected to local water bodies and the water is not treated.

Do not let sewage, gray water or other wastes flow into a stormwater system.

Clean Up After Your Pet

The Borough has adopted and enforces local pet waste rules.

Pet owners and keepers must pick up and properly dispose of pet waste dropped on public or other people's property.

Never discard pet waste in a storm drain.

Use newspapers, bags and pooper scoopers to pick up wastes.

Dispose of the wrapped pet waste in the trash or unwrapped in a toilet.

Don't Feed Wildlife

Do not feed the wildlife such as **DEER, DUCKS, and GEESE**.

The Borough has adopted an ordinance prohibiting wildlife feeding.

Don't Litter

Place litter in trash receptacles.

Recycle. Recycle. Recycle.

Participate in community cleanups.

For More Information:

Visit www.njstormwater.org or www.nonpointsource.org

Additional information is also available at U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Websites.

www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater or www.epa.gov/nps

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Division of Water Quality

Bureau of Nonpoint Pollution Control

Municipal Stormwater Regulation Program

(609)633-7021.

HOPATCONG BOROUGH RECYCLING CENTER

The Recycling Center is located on the Veterans Way portion of Flora Avenue and is open on Wednesdays from 8AM— 12PM and on Saturdays between 8AM—4PM. **Proof of residency is required to enter the Center.** Residents may drop off mixed recyclables, magazines, mixed paper, card board, newspapers, and metal items to the Center on days when they are not scheduled for their section pickup.

ELECTRONICS

All electronics including computers, monitors, scanners, printers, televisions, stereo equipment, microwaves, etc. can be brought to the Recycling Center or you can purchase an electronics sticker and place your item curbside **BEFORE** calling DPW for pickup (973-770-1200 x401).

CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS

CONTRACTORS ARE NOT PERMITTED to dispose of construction debris at the Center. All construction debris must be brought to the **Sussex County Municipal Utilities Authority** (973-579-6998) located at 34 South Route 94, Lafayette, NJ. **SCMUA** is open to all residents to drop off solid waste and/or bulk items Monday—Saturday 7AM-2PM for a fee. You can visit their website for more information at www.scmua.org.

BULK WASTE/BULK METAL DISPOSAL

One (1) large item can be placed at the curb for disposal each week on your **regularly scheduled garbage pickup day with the purchase of a BULK sticker.** You can also purchase a sticker for **BULK METAL** items that are too big to bring to the Recycling Center and place your item curbside **BEFORE** calling DPW for pickup. **973-770-1200 x 401**

TIRES ACCEPTED FOR A FEE

The Borough accepts tires at the Hopatcong Recycling Center during normal operating hours for a fee:

Automobile tire without rim: \$ 3.00	Automobile tire with the rim: \$ 6.00
Truck tire without rim: \$ 15.00	Truck tire with rim: \$ 18.00

Fees **MUST** be paid in advance at the **TAX COLLECTOR'S** office at Hopatcong Borough Hall during normal business hours and the receipt must be turned in at the Recycling Center when the tire(s) are dropped off. The fee represents the cost to the Borough of Hopatcong to recycle tires. Fees **CANNOT** be accepted at the Recycling Center.

BULK COLLECTION FOR PICKUP

Bulk items are collected only at curbside and require a \$10.00 sticker which can be purchased at Borough Hall with proof of residency. Seniors 62 Years or older with proof of identification will receive 2 free stickers per calendar year per household.

REFRIGERANT DISPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

Hopatcong Borough **CANNOT** pick up any item containing refrigerant without prior removal of such contaminants. Each resident is responsible to contact a private contractor and have the refrigerant removed properly. *The Borough urges residents when purchasing new appliances containing refrigerants to check with the store to see if disposal arrangements can be made.*

WHITE GOODS (with Freon) \$10.00 Stickers FREON REMOVAL REQUIRED BEFORE COLLECTION

Window Air-Conditioner	Refrigerator
Central Air-Conditioner	Freezer

WHITE GOODS (Metal) \$10.00 Stickers (no refunds or exchanges) Stickers never expire.

Bath Tub	Furnace	Stove
Bicycle	Gas Grill (without tank)	Swing Set (metal)*
Dishwasher	Lawn Mower*	Washer
Dryer	Shed (metal)*	Water Tank/Heater

BULK WASTE \$10.00 Stickers (no refunds or exchanges) Stickers never expire.

Box Spring (full or larger)	Mattress & Box Spring (twin)	Love Seat
Mattress (full or larger)	Picnic/Outdoor Chairs (2)	Desk
Carpet (9x12)*	Recliner/Chair	Table
Chairs (4)	Sink/Vanity	Sofa



*Carpet—must be tied in bundles no longer than 4 feet in length. A limit of 3 bundles will be collected per collection day.

*Lawn Mower—gas and oil **MUST** be removed.

*Shed—disassembled and tied in bundles of less than 4 feet.

*Swing Set—pipe must be less than 4 feet and cement must be removed.

For more information, please contact the Hopatcong DPW at 973-770-1200 x 401.

GARBAGE PICK UP

All household garbage and refuse must be kept in a proper can with a secured lid. If you exceed the 3 can limit you can purchase a \$10.00 bulk sticker which will enable you to put out 3 **EXTRA** bags of garbage for pickup. **IMPORTANT:** Garbage cannot be stored outside in paper bags, cardboard containers or baskets. Cans and containers cannot exceed 40 lbs. or exceed 35 gallons. **Additional garbage (NOT BULK) collection will be permitted by the contractor from December 26, 2019 to January 3, 2020 to accommodate residents with additional garbage during the holiday season.** Please call Suburban Disposal at 973-227-7020 for any questions or concerns.

SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING

Remember, **ALL** of the following items can now be placed for pickup in one container or clear plastic bag.

Paper Cardboard Plastic Glass Cans

Please refer to the "Streets and Roads" section of the calendar for your designated pickup section which will be posted on each month of the calendar.

