

# Borough of Spotswood



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Reduce – Reuse  
Recycle

## 2022 SPRING/SUMMER SCHEDULE

**LEAVES** will be collected every Monday from **April 4** through **April 25**. Place leaves in **biodegradable paper bags only** (no plastic) and **place at curbside the night before**. The Borough does not supply bags for spring cleanup.

**GRASS** will be collected every Monday from **May 2** through **October 17**. Place grass in an open container (weight limit 50 lbs.) **NO PLASTIC BAGS**. If the date is a holiday, the grass will be picked up with the next household collection.

**BRUSH** collections will be scheduled twice a month, by appointment only, from **April 4** through **October 17**. Tree parts must be no more than five (5) inches in diameter, cut and tied with string or cord, in lengths not to exceed four (4) feet. The Borough is not responsible for removal of tree parts larger than five (5) inches in diameter. Please call (732) 416-1829 for an appointment.

**TWIGS** measuring less than one (1) inch in diameter by four (4) feet long can be put out with your trash in an open container.

**BULK** collections will be scheduled twice a month by appointment only; bulk includes such items as furniture, windows, and other large debris, **and should be placed at curbside no sooner than the night before collection**. Lumber must be cut and tied, and all nails removed or bent over. For appointment, please call (732) 416-1829.

**METAL** and **CONSUMER ELECTRONIC DEVICES (CEDs)** may be brought to the recycling drop-off center on Third Street, or you may schedule curbside pickup by calling 732-416-1829. **CEDs** include **computers** (desktop and laptop), **monitors**, **desktop printers**, **fax machines**, and **televisions only**. Items such as scanners, modems, cables, and keyboards should be included in household trash and **will not** be accepted at the recycling center.

**Sanitation Ordinance: #174.3 –Garbage Receptacles Regulated-** All receptacles shall be set by the opponent at the curb line no earlier than the evening proceeding the collection days.

**No receptacle may exceed 50 lbs.**





# RECYCLING DROP-OFF CENTER

1 Third Street @ DPW Yard  
(off of Brunswick Avenue)

SPOTSWOOD RESIDENTS ONLY

*John Mayer, Jr. 732-251-3120*

HOURS of OPERATION

Monday through Friday – 7:00 am to 3:00 pm

Saturday – 8:00 am to 12:00 noon

Sundays & Holidays – Closed



## NON-RECYCLABLE MATERIALS ARE PROHIBITED AT CENTER

### RECYCLABLES THAT ARE ACCEPTED

1. Glass, Aluminum, Bi-metal Cans (must be rinsed and free of food particles)
2. Newspapers tied with string or cord (no paper or plastic bags)
3. Cardboard (must be flattened)
4. Motor Oil (sealed in gallon containers)
5. Textiles (clothing/fabric)
6. Plastic Containers (only those identified with the recycling logo #1, #2, or PET-HDPE)
7. Mixed Paper/Junk Mail
8. Consumer Electronics (see page 1)

### HAZARDOUS WASTE NOT ACCEPTED

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|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Aerosol Cans        | Lighter Fluid             |
| Anti-Freeze         | Oil-Based Paint           |
| Car Batteries       | Paint Thinner             |
| Drain Cleaners      | Pesticides/Herbicides     |
| Driveway Sealer     | Photographic Chemicals    |
| Gas/Oil Mix         | Pool Chemicals            |
| Gasoline            | Propane Tanks             |
| Household Batteries | Stains/Varnishes          |
| Latex Paints        | Thermometers<br>(mercury) |

Please follow these simple rules:

### DO NOT

- \* **Include garden hoses, VHS tapes, used syringes, toys, carpet, plates, shoes, clothing, cups, utensils or plastic bags in your Curbside Recycling Bin**
- \* **Recycle any boxes or papers that are covered in food, grease or liquids.**
- \* **Recycle any bottles that contained hazardous materials (*empty motor oil, pesticide, antifreeze, or paint containers*).**

### DO

- \* Reuse your plastic bags at home, or see if the local grocery store accepts them for recycling.
- \* Recycle your pizza boxes if they do not have grease or other food on them, or consider only recycling the top of the box.
- \* Recycle your clothing at clothing drop – off boxes.
- \* Pour out liquids from food and beverage bottles/cans before putting in recycling bin.

# MIDDLESEX COUNTY PAPER SHREDDING EVENT

*Please refer to the Middlesex County website for updated information.  
Dates are subject to change.*

<https://www.middlesexcountynj.gov/government/departments/department-of-public-safety-and-health/office-of-health-services/solid-waste-management-program/recycling-programs-and-events>

**All times are from 9:00 am - 12 pm, or until shredding truck is filled, whichever occurs first. Events are held rain or shine.**

**SPOTSWOOD EVENT: Saturday, July 23, 2022 – Spotswood High School**

Residents must keep their vehicle windows closed and stay in their vehicles at all times. Please have your materials in your trunk, cargo area or truck bed, easily accessible to our staff, who will remove it from your vehicle.

## **Important Guidelines**

Following the rules below will assist us in getting you through the event as quickly as possible.

- Limit of 5 file boxes or 100 pounds per car. ●

No Plastic Bags. Use a box, crate or other sturdy container – we will give it back to you. Paper must be in a liftable, manageable container. If it is hard for you to bring it to your car, it is too heavy! ***NOTE: No need to remove paper clips or staples.***

***DO NOT BRING: Plastic binders/sheet protectors, newspapers, magazines, hardcover books, junk mail, photos, x-rays, CDs, shredded paper or garbage. Loads containing unacceptable items may be rejected.***

**RESIDENTIAL PAPER ONLY - NO BUSINESSES.**

**LOADS CONTAINING UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS WILL BE REJECTED.**

**2022**

**CURBSIDE RECYCLING  
COLLECTION SCHEDULE**



Place containers at curbside the night before scheduled pick-up.

Every other Wednesday, as follows:

MAR 2, 16, 30	AUG 3, 17, 31
APR 13, 27	SEPT 14, 28
MAY 11, 25	OCT 12, 26
JUN 8, 22	NOV 9, 23
JUL 6, 20	DEC 7, 21

Go to [www.mciauth.com](http://www.mciauth.com) for additional information.  
Recycling Hotline: (800) 488-MCIA (6242)

Due to the current public health emergency, some Middlesex County Solid Waste Management programs have changed. Please check each program page of the MCIA Recycling Page for the most up to date status.

<https://www.middlesexcountynj.gov/government/departments/department-of-business-innovation-education-and-opportunity/middlesex-county-improvement-authority/recycling>

# 2021 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAYS

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY RESIDENTS ONLY

Hours of Operation 8:00 am – 2:00 pm

Sun. March 20	8am-2pm	Middlesex County College 2600 Woodbridge Avenue Edison, NJ 08837
Sat. May 21	8am-2pm	Middlesex County Public Works 97 Apple Orchard Lane North Brunswick, NJ 08902
Sun. June 26	8am-2pm	Old Bridge Dept. of Public Works 1 Old Bridge Municipal Plaza, Old Bridge, NJ 08857
Sat. September 17	8am-2pm	Woodbridge Department of Public Works 225 Smith Street Keasbey, NJ 08832
Sat. October 15	8am-2pm	Middlesex County Public Works 97 Apple Orchard Lane North Brunswick, NJ 08902
Sun. November 20	8am-2pm	Middlesex County College 2600 Woodbridge Avenue Edison, NJ 08837

*Visit [www.co.middlesex.nj.us](http://www.co.middlesex.nj.us) for additional information*

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## MIDDLESEX COUNTY RESIDENTIAL PAINT DROP-OFF PROGRAM

Hours of Operation 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

- 1<sup>ST</sup> Saturday – East Brunswick Reclamation Center, 357 Dunhams Corner Road  
Middlesex Borough Recycling Center, 1200 Mountain Avenue
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday – Helmetta, 51 Main Street (Behind Borough Hall)  
Monroe Public Works, 76 Gravel Hill-Spotswood Road

*Acceptable items include: latex (water-based) paint, oil-based paint, stains, varnishes, lacquers, thinners, spray paint (aerosol), and driveway sealer. Items must be labeled.*

# MIDDLESEX COUNTY RESIDENTIAL TIRE DROP-OFF PROGRAM

*Middlesex County Residents Only.*

East Brunswick Reclamation Center  
357 Dunhams Corner Rd., East Brunswick, NJ 08816  
Monday - Friday 7:30 AM - 3:30 PM  
Saturday 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Sayreville Recycling Center (Fort Grumpy)  
3775 Bordentown Ave., Sayreville, NJ 08872  
Monday & Friday 7:30 AM - 2:30 PM  
1st & 3rd Saturday 7:00 AM - 12 noon

*No Businesses,  
4 tires per household per month,  
Automobile and light trucks only.*

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## COOKING OIL RECYCLING PROGRAM

**EAST BRUNSWICK RECLAMATION CENTER**  
357 Dunhams Corner Road, East Brunswick, NJ 08816  
Every Saturday 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**OLD BRIDGE PUBLIC WORKS**  
1 Old Bridge Plaza (Route 516 & Cottrell Road)  
Every Saturday 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**MONROE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**  
76 Gravel Hill-Spotswood Road, Monroe, NJ  
Every Friday 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

*• Middlesex County Residents Only (proof of residency required) • Liquid vegetable oils only•  
No shortening, coconut oil, lard or motor oil• NO BUSINESSES• Residents must see an  
attendant before unloading their vehicle.*



# SANITATION HOLIDAYS for 2021



<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>Friday, April 15, 2022 – NO COLLECTIONS</b> Sanitation will be collected on Monday, April 18 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Memorial Day</b>	<b>Monday, May 30, 2022 – NO COLLECTIONS</b> Grass will be collected with the next household pick-up
<b>Labor Day</b>	<b>Monday, September 30, 2022 – NO COLLECTIONS</b> Grass will be collected with the next household pick-up
<b>Columbus Day</b>	<b>Monday, October 10, 2022 – NO COLLECTIONS</b> Grass will be collected with the next household pick-up
<b>Veteran’s Day</b>	<b>Friday November 11, 2022 – NO COLLECTIONS</b> Thursday route will be picked up on Friday
<b>Thanksgiving Day</b>	<b>Thursday, November 24, 2022 – NO COLLECTIONS</b> Sanitation will be collected on Friday, November 25 <sup>th</sup> .
<b>Christmas Day</b>	<b>Monday, December 26, 2022 – HOLIDAY OBSERVED</b>
<b>New Year’s Day</b>	<b>Monday, January 2, 2023 – HOLIDAY OBSERVED</b>

## NOTE TO HOMEOWNERS PLANNING OUTSIDE REMODELING

Per Borough Ordinance 205-5 Meters Section C. Meter Tampering:

*“All meters shall be examined periodically by a representative of the Borough and resealed and/or repaired, where required. Meters shall be tagged with a warning notice if any unusual circumstances exist. If any meter is tampered with, a penalty shall ensue at the amount of \$50 plus an additional \$40 for each quarter year which has elapsed since the last meter reading.”*

For questions or concerns, please call the Spotswood Water and Sewer Utility Department at 732-416-1827.



- 💧 A copy of the Spotswood Borough Annual Water Quality Report may be picked up at the Spotswood Municipal Building, or viewed on the Water & Sewer Utility page of the Borough's website.
- 💧 Odd/even water restrictions are in effect May 1 through September 15.

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### PET WASTE POLLUTES OUR WATERS

Your everyday activities can affect water quality. Help reduce the amount of pollution that flows into our waterways by following the tips below:

- 💧 Pick up after your pet. Properly dispose of pet waste into the trash or toilet. Animal waste contains coliform bacteria, which is harmful to our health, and, when washed into swimming waters, can result in beach closings.
- 💧 Carry newspaper or plastic bags to pick up the waste when you walk your pet. Nuisance laws prohibit you from allowing your pet's waste to remain on private or public land.
- 💧 When treating your pet and yard for fleas and ticks, check with your veterinarian for safe substitutes. Never dispose of flea dip liquid on the ground or in the storm drain. It should be disposed of as a household hazardous waste. For a list of county household hazardous waste disposal centers, please visit [www.co.middlesex.nj.us](http://www.co.middlesex.nj.us).
- 💧 Do not feed wildlife such as geese, pigeons, ducks, and deer. Feeding results in additional pollution from their waste.

