

GARBAGE & REFUSE COLLECTION RULES

6:00 A.M.

ALL

GARBAGE & RECYCLING
MUST BE AT THE CURB BY
6:00 A.M. ON THE SCHED-
ULED DAY OF PICK-UP.

1. All household garbage and refuse must be kept in a proper container with a secure lid.
2. Containers must be placed out at the edge of the road for collection and cannot exceed **forty (40) pounds in weight**. Containers may not exceed **35 gallons**. Items larger than the foregoing will not be collected. **A maximum of 3 containers is permitted per week.**
3. Garbage and refuse cannot be stored outside in paper bags, cardboard containers or baskets.
4. **Garbage containing recyclables, household hazardous waste, bulk waste, construction debris or grass clippings will not be accepted for pick-up.**

RECYCLING CENTER
FLORA AVENUE
(Adjacent to Veteran's Field)

OPEN TO RESIDENTS
(NO CONTRACTORS)

OPEN

WEDNESDAY
9:00 AM—NOON

SATURDAY
8:00 AM—4:00 PM

BOROUGH HOLIDAYS

The Borough observes the following holidays where all offices and the Recycling Center shall be closed. If the Borough is unable to pick up your garbage due to inclement weather, pickup will be the next day. If a holiday falls on your recycling day, or there is inclement weather, there is no additional pickup. Consult the enclosed detailed schedule or contact the Public Works Department with additional questions.

New Year's Day	January 1, 2009
President's Day.....	February 16, 2009
**Good Friday.....	April 10, 2009
Memorial Day (observed).....	May 25, 2009
**Independence Day.....	July 3, 2009
Labor Day.....	September 7, 2009
Columbus Day.....	October 12, 2009
**Election Day.....	November 3, 2009
**Veteran's Day.....	November 11, 2009
**Thanksgiving Day.....	November 26, 2009
**Day after Thanksgiving.....	November 27, 2009
**Christmas Day.....	December 25, 2009
**New Year's Day.....	January 1, 2010

**Check detailed schedule, Schedules shift due to holidays.

The Recycling Center will be open on November 27, 2009 (the Saturday after Thanksgiving from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

BULK COLLECTION

- A container for bulk waste is located at the Recycling Center and is available to residents during normal Recycling Center hours.
- Proof of residency will be required. No household garbage shall be accepted.
- Household hazardous wastes or recyclables will not be accepted.
- Construction debris will not be accepted.
- **All White Goods (curbside) require a \$10.00 sticker and an appointment. White Goods will be accepted "FREE OF CHARGE" at the Recycling Center.**
- **Bulk items collected at curbside or Recycling Center require a \$10.00 sticker.**
- White Goods will be picked curbside by appointment only
- **Stickers may be purchased at the Health Department.**

Construction debris or other waste from Private Contractors is also not accepted.

Residents may also bring bulk items for a charge to the SCMUA Landfill on all operating

**PLEASE PICK UP ANY OLD
TELEPHONE BOOKS AND
NEWSPAPERS THAT ARE
LEFT CURBSIDE BY
MAILBOXES AND
DRIVEWAYS**

**TELEPHONE BOOK
RECYCLING**

Telephone books should be put out with waste paper (NOT newspaper) on your regular recycling day. Telephone books can also be brought to the Recycling Center.

**SALVATION ARMY
"THRIFT STORE"**

**ACCEPTS FURNITURE,
ELECTRONICS AND
CLOTHING
CALL 973-366-6626**

CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP

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 operating hours.

TIRES ACCEPTED FOR A FEE

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

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

The fee 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 your tires. Fees cannot be accepted at the Recycling Center.

LEAF COLLECTION REGULATIONS

- The Borough of Hopatcong shall provide curbside collection of leaves during the months of April and May and from October 15 through December 15.
- Only LEAVES shall be accepted.
- Branches, Twigs, Grass Clippings or other vegetative matter shall not be accepted.
- Leaves are required to be placed in biodegradable brown paper bags only.
- **Leaf bags will no longer be available at the Municipal Building.**
- Leaves in proper bags as detailed above may be delivered directly to the Hopatcong Recycling Center located on Flora Avenue on Wednesdays from 9:00 AM to Noon and Saturdays from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. all year.

REFRIGERANT DISPOSAL

The Borough of Hopatcong cannot pick up any item that contains refrigerant without the refrigerant being removed; and a proper certificate of removal attached. Each resident is responsible to contact a private contractor to have the refrigerant removed properly. The Borough urges residents when buying new appliances containing refrigerants, that they check with the store to see if disposal arrangements can be made.

CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS

- **Construction debris is not collected by the Borough of Hopatcong. It is also not accepted at the Recycling Center.** This debris must be brought to SCMUA or other authorized disposal sites.
- Hopatcong building regulations require that you obtain a receipt for the proper disposal of construction debris and provide a copy to the Hopatcong Construction Code Office prior to the issuance of any Certificate of Occupancy (CO).

BRUSH DISPOSAL

Brush is not picked up by the Borough. However, residents can bring their brush (up to 3" in diameter) to the Recycling Center during normal operating hours. Brush can also be brought to SCMUA .

ANIMAL OWNERS

All dogs and cats must be licensed.

We license from June to June and rabies shots must not expire before March 31, 2010.

Cat license:

Spayed/Neutered \$11.00
Not Spayed/Neutered \$13.00.

Dog license:

Spayed/Neutered \$11.00
Not Spayed/Neutered \$14.00.

The Health Department will sponsor a FREE rabies clinic at Firehouse #3 on May 15, 2009 from 9:00 AM to NOON.

EVERYONE IN THE BOROUGH OF HOPATCONG MUST RECYCLE THE FOLLOWING MATERIALS:

Material	How to Prepare	YES!	NO! (Contaminants)
Newspapers	Cross-tie securely with string or twine in bundles no higher than one (1') foot	"What comes with it, goes with it." Includes only the inserts that come with the newspaper.	No plastic bags, grocery bags, magazines, circulars, junk mail, telephone books, cardboard or other paper.
Magazines, Junk Mail, Mixed Paper, Circulars, Telephone Books	Cross-tie securely with string or twine in bundles no higher than one foot or tie in a paper bag.	Glossy magazines, bond paper, photo copy paper, envelopes (Including window envelopes), junk mail, wrapping paper, telephone books.	Hard/Soft cover books, rubber binds, newspapers.
Commingled: Glass Cans Aluminum Plastic	Place together in one plastic or metal can (no baskets or plastic bags), not to exceed 32 gallon size or 50 pounds. All bottles & cans should be rinsed clean!	Aluminum foil, clear, green or brown glass bottles and jars, clean aluminum, tin plated steel cans, empty paint cans, empty aerosol cans w/o chemicals, plastic (PETE 1) & (HDPE 2) only.	No caps on bottles, no window glass, light bulbs, dinnerware, ceramic glass, mirrors, chemical aerosol cans, drinking glasses, no plastics marked 3,4,5,6,7, no plastic bags. No containers w/contaminants such as sludges, motor oil, antifreeze
Corrugated Cardboard: Non-Corrugated Cardboard:	Cardboard should be placed out in a secure manner so as not to blow away. Corrugated cardboard + non-corrugated cardboard including cereal boxes, shoe boxes, gift boxes.	Double-layer. BROWN cardboard with an inside "waffle" layer or chipboard.	No packing materials (styrofoam, plastic foam), tape or food; no waxed or yellow cardboard.
Leaves	Placed at the curb in biodegradable paper bags. Picked up during April and May and October 15 to December 15. Leaves may also be brought to the Recycling Center during hours of operation.	Leaves can be used for compost or mulch in your yard.	No grass, twigs, weeds or other yard debris. No burning or dumping in the woods; both pollute our environment.
Used Motor Oil:	Collect in a clean plastic container with a tight lid.	Take to a used Oil Collection Site: * service stations * oil retailers (must accept used oil but may impose a charge) * SCMUA - 973-579-6998	Do not mix with anything else: no paints, gasoline, solvents, antifreeze or cooking oil. Anti-freeze may also be brought to SCMUA.
Tires:	Bring Tires to Recycling Center after paying fee. (See page 3 herein)	With or without rims. Truck Tires.	Tires will not be accepted without paying the fee.
Batteries:	Household batteries accepted at Recycling Center and at Municipal Building Lobby.	Household batteries ONLY.	No car batteries. Bring car batteries to any dealer. Under NJ Law dealers must accept these batteries for recycling. (A charge may apply).

GRASS-RECYCLING

Grass clippings can be added to the list of common home wastes that can be recycled. 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:

1. Reduces mowing time by 20% - 25%
2. Saves the expense of buying lawn bags
3. 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. For more information on backyard composting, call the Rutgers Cooperative Extension Service at 973-579-0985 or check your local library.

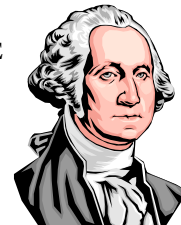
PROTECT LAKE HOPATCONG

ONLY USE PHOSPHOROUS FREE FERTILIZERS ON YOUR LAWN

2009 ELECTION INFORMATION

- April 21, 2009 — Hopatcong Board of Education Election
- June 2, 2009 — Regular Primary Election
- November 3, 2009 — General Election

PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU MUST REGISTER TO VOTE AT LEAST 21 DAYS PRIOR TO THE ELECTION. FOR MORE INFORMATION ON VOTER REGISTRATION AND TO OBTAIN AN APPLICATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE HOPATCONG MUNICIPAL CLERK AT (973) 770-1200.



2009 VOTING DISTRICTS

DISTRICT #	POLLING PLACE	LOCATION
1	Municipal Building	River Styx Road
2	Firehouse #2	Maxim Drive
3	Firehouse #4	Jefferson Trail
4	Ambulance Building	Maxim Drive
5	Middle School	Frances Avenue
6	Civic Center	Lakeside Blvd.
7	Firehouse #2	Maxim Drive
8	Bd. of Ed. Meeting Rm.	Windsor Avenue
9	Municipal Building	River Styx Road
10	St. Jude's Church	Maxim Drive
11	Firehouse #3	Hopatchung Road
12	Middle School	Frances Avenue

To maintain your lawn properly, avoid mowing more than the top third of the grass so that the small clippings will filter down to the soil. Most NJ lawns thrive when mowed to about 2 to 3 inches, especially in the summer. Since grass clippings provide a natural fertilizer, your lawn will be healthier and the taller grass will shade the soil, cooling roots and preventing weeds.

Lawn experts agree that lawn clippings **DO NOT CREATE THATCH** in the lawn. Rather, thatch is formed from the accumulation of dead roots and stems. Remember that the more you fertilize and water your lawn the faster it grows and the faster thatch will build up.



Primary Business Address
Your Address Line 2
Your Address Line 3
Your Address Line 4

Mayor
 Sylvia Petillo

Council
 Richard Bunce
 Michael Francis
 Marie Galate
 Madeline McManus
 John Young

PRSR STD
 US POSTAGE
 PAID
 HOPATCONG, NJ
 PERMIT NO. 21

Postal Customer

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

HOPATCONG MUNICIPAL BUILDING ... (973) 770-1200
 HOPATCONG PUBLIC WORKS..... (973) 398-3611
 HOPATCONG WATER/SEWER UTILITY.(973) 770-1150
 HOPATCONG POLICE DEPARTMENT... (973) 398-5000
 HOPATCONG RECREATION DEPT. (973) 770-2701
 HOPATCONG HEALTH DEPARTMENT.. (973) 770-1200
 HOPATCONG GENERAL FAX MACHINE(973) 770-0301

SUSSEX COUNTY MUA.....(973) 579-6998
 N.J. OFFICE OF RECYCLING.....(609) 530-8000

GENERAL COMMUNITY INFORMATION

ZONING PERMITS

A Zoning Permit is required for many of the projects we undertake. The safe thing to do is to call the Zoning Department and ask if a permit is needed. A Zoning Permit only costs \$20.00 and is much cheaper than a fine, and the possible expense of removal. Some of the common projects requiring a permit are, but not limited to: fencing, walls, driveways, walks, patios, sheds, decks, docks, seawalls, pools, hot-tubs, and additions.

REMINDER: PARKING/SNOW REMOVAL

Please keep in mind in order for Borough roads to be properly maintained cars must be removed from paved portions of the roadway so the DPW can remove the snow.

Also, do not deposit snow from sidewalks or driveways onto public roads.

BOROUGH WIDE GARAGE SALE DAYS

May 2, 2009 and May 3, 2009

September 12, 2009 and September 13, 2009

UPCOMING HEALTH DEPARTMENT PROGRAMS

- **Well-Baby Clinic** — First Wednesday of Every Other Month (Starting February 4, 2009).
- **Foot Clinic** — Second and Fourth Thursday of Every Month (Starting January 6, 2009).
- **Blood Pressure Clinic** — First Thursday of Every Month starting in March at St. Jude’s Parish Hall; Second Friday of Every Month at Hopatcong Health Department Office, Third Thursday of Every Month at Hopatcong Civic Center.
- Please call Hopatcong Health Department at (973) 770-1200 for a complete schedule, including dates for Female Cancer Screening, Skin Cancer Screening, Male Cancer Screening, SMAC Blood Test and Flu Shot Clinic.

HOPATCONG SENIOR’S, INC. MEMBERSHIP

Hopatcong Senior’s, Inc. is looking for new members. If you are interested in learning more about becoming a member of this social organization and learning about the activities available to its membership, please contact Hopatcong Nutrition Center at (973) 398-9111.

You may also obtain information at the above referenced telephone number concerning the Hopatcong Nutrition Center program operated by Catholic Family Services. Ask for Judy.

Dear Hopatcong Residents:

It is my pleasure and privilege to contact you through the Borough's Annual Recycling Newsletter. This newsletter is to provide you with important news and regulations related to refuse collection, recycling and miscellaneous community information. I urge you to read this newsletter to familiarize yourself with the various rules and regulations in the municipality. Please keep this information so you can refer to it throughout the year.

Many Borough residents are aware that the Borough is in the process of soliciting bids from private refuse contractors in an effort to evaluate the potential of reducing municipal operating costs providing some relief to the Borough's taxpayers. The Borough currently has scheduled a bid opening for the Refuse Collection contract for March 10, 2009 and anticipates a two or three week review process to thoroughly evaluate the bids once they are opened. A **"Town Hall Meeting"** will be scheduled and the date will be posted on our website and on our Town Hall bulletin board. Residents are invited to attend this meeting in order to discuss the results.

However, because the Borough's proposed 2009 budget faces a significant shortfall in revenues, the municipality needs to revise the Borough's current refuse collection policies whether Borough Council approves the privatization of refuse collection or continues collection through the Hopatcong Department of Public Works.

At the January 21, 2009 Hopatcong Council meeting the Borough's policies associated with the collection of Refuse and White Goods were revised. The Borough has limited the amount of municipal refuse that will be collected by the DPW from each residential and commercial property.

Please note the following changes regarding Garbage Collection:

Garbage shall be collected curbside. The maximum number of containers per residential unit shall be three (3) 35 gallon cans, not to exceed 40 pounds per can.

All *White Goods* will require a \$10.00 sticker and an appointment if placed at curbside. Stickers may be purchased at the Health Department. Refrigerants must be removed from all *White Goods*.

White Goods will be collected "*Free of Charge*" at the Recycling Center.

Bulk items collected at curbside or at Recycling Center will require a \$10.00 sticker. A "*Bulk List*" is included inside this newsletter, on the website and at the Health Department. Stickers may be purchased at the Health Dept.

Seniors will receive stickers without charge. Proof of Residency is required to purchase stickers, and to bring items to the Recycling Center.

Changes take effect the week of March 2, 2009.

Institutional and Commercial Properties have been notified by mail of collection policy changes. The collection of "dumpsters" will be discontinued the week of March 2, 2009.

In the event you have any questions or require additional information concerning the content of this newsletter, you may contact our professional Department of Public Works staff at (973) 398-3611 or the Hopatcong Municipal Building at (973) 770-1200.

Wishing you and your family a happy, healthy, and prosperous 2009.

Sincerely yours,

Sylvia Petillo, Mayor

days. Call SCMUA 973-579-6998 for details.