

**TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE STORAGE,
COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF REFUSE AND RECYCLABLES**

HOUSEHOLD REFUSE REGULATIONS

DESCRIPTION OF HOUSEHOLD WASTE

Acceptable for Collection: Garbage (when drained and wrapped), rags, metal, ashes, crockery, grass, latex paint after drying in can, carpeting (must be securely tied so as not to exceed 3 feet in length, nor 25 lbs. in weight), and large bulky items such as furniture and bedding. **Household refuse must be placed in watertight containers not to exceed 32 gallons capacity and 50 lbs. in weight. Large cans with metal lifting bars and/or in excess of 32 gallon capacity will not be collected due to risk of injury.**

Proper disposal of hypodermic syringes is extremely important. Please do not throw loose hypodermic needles into the trash. Utilize the American Medical Association approved protected containers to properly dispose of hypodermic needles.

Not Acceptable For Collection: Appliances such televisions, refrigerators, freezers, hot water tanks, ranges, washers, dryers, etc., computers, monitors and other electronics, lawn mowers, auto parts (including tires), and items containing gasoline or oil.

NO BUSINESS TRASH. All materials resulting from the repair, excavation, construction or demolition of buildings or structures shall be removed by, and at the expense of, the owner of the property or the contractor doing the work.

The following hazardous materials are not acceptable for collection by the Township: pesticides, herbicides, drain and oven cleaners, spot removers, dry cleaning fluid, rug cleaners, dyes, lighter fluids, photographic chemicals, concrete and asphalt sealers, swimming pool chemicals, oil based paint, paint thinner, turpentine, paint remover, furniture strippers and furniture refinishing products. Montgomery County sponsors a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program to safely dispose of these items. **For more information about the Household Hazardous Waste Program, please call 610-278-3618 or visit www.montcopa.org.**

RECYCLABLE REFUSE REGULATIONS

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GLASS, all colors. (No ceramics, light bulbs, plate glass, head lights, mirrors, windshields, or glass blocks).

CANS, aluminum beverage cans and bi-metal cans.

PLASTICS, #1 through #7 containers including soft drink/water bottles, milk jugs, detergent bottles and food/yogurt containers.

NEWSPAPER, MAGAZINES, JUNK MAIL, OFFICE PAPER, COMPUTER PAPER, TELEPHONE BOOKS

CORRUGATED CARDBOARD AND PAPERBOARD containers including pizza boxes, cereal boxes, cracker boxes, and cartons from beer and soda, are recyclable. Please remove contaminants such as trash, food waste, Styrofoam, plastic and other packing materials.

ALL RECYCLABLE REFUSE MAY BE COMBINED IN ONE CAN OR CONTAINER NOT TO EXCEED 32-GALLON CAPACITY OR 50 LBS. IN WEIGHT. **PLEASE DO NOT USE PLASTIC BAGS!**

NEW AND REPLACEMENT RECYCLING CONTAINERS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE TOWNSHIP BUILDING AT A COST OF \$15 PER CONTAINER

PLEASE PLACE ALL ACCEPTABLE RECYCLING MATERIALS AT YOUR CURB FOR COLLECTION ON YOUR REGULAR COLLECTION DAY; **PLEASE LOCATE RECYCLABLES AWAY FROM REGULAR REFUSE**

CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION

Christmas trees will be collected during the first three weeks of January. Please place your tree at the curbside along with your refuse on your normal collection day. Please do not "wrap" your tree in plastic as the trees are chipped into mulch and will be made available to our residents free of charge at the township property on West Wissahickon Avenue. Please call the Township Building after February 1 for more information about the mulch.

SEASONAL LEAF AND YARD WASTE COLLECTION

All yard and garden waste must be placed in **approved biodegradable paper bags** and placed at the curb line by 7:00 AM on the morning of your regular household collection day during the weeks of September 19 and 26, October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 and November 7, 14, 21, and 28. Fifteen (15) bags of leaf waste will be collected on a weekly basis. To the extent that additional bags are placed at curbside for collection, the Township will make reasonable efforts to remove same in a timely manner. The bags are not to exceed 50 lbs. in weight. You are encouraged to voluntarily compost leaves and garden debris as a means of recycling this material as valuable mulch for your garden. Leaf mulch is available to our residents free of charge. Please call the Township Building after March 15 for more information about this mulch. **Note: It is illegal to rake leaves into the public street or highway.** At all other times of the year, please dispose of all leaf and yard waste in an environmentally responsible manner, including home-based composting, grass-cycling, and the seasonal drop-off program held on the last Saturday of each month (March – August) from 7:30AM – 11:30AM at the Public Works Garage.

GENERAL INFORMATION AND HOLIDAY PICK-UP SCHEDULE

Refuse and recyclables must be placed at the curb, in front of premises, **no earlier than 7:00 PM on the evening prior to collection and no later than 7:00 AM** on the day of collection. Within eight hours after collection, containers must be returned to the household. **Please locate refuse and recyclables a suitable distance apart from one another at the curbside so that the proper truck can identify your materials.** When the regular refuse and recycling collection day falls on a legal holiday (or day celebrated as such) or when a snow emergency is declared, **refuse collection** will be made on the **following day** (except Friday holidays when collection will be on the following Monday), but **recyclable materials will be collected the following week** on the regular collection day. The only exceptions will occur following the Christmas and New Years holidays on December 25 and January 1. Households located along the Monday collection route will have their refuse and recyclables collected on the Tuesday after both holidays so that residents do not have to hold their recyclables for two consecutive weeks.

The following is a list of legal holidays or days celebrated as such in **2016**:

Martin Luther King Day – Monday, January 18	Labor Day – Monday, September 5
President’s Day - Monday, February 15	Veterans Day – Friday, November 11
Good Friday – Friday, March 25	Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, November 24
Memorial Day – Monday, May 30	Christmas Day – Monday, December 26
Independence Day – Monday, July 4	New Year’s Day – Monday, January 2 (2017)

During non-working hours, please call our information mailbox, 215-836-7600, Option #3 (or ext. 450). This can be done 24 hours a day and includes changes in collection schedules, reminders about special programs (such as Christmas tree and leaf collection), and weather cancellations. All other questions and/or concerns regarding Township Refuse Collection may be directed to the Public Works Department at 215-836-7600 during normal business hours.

UNLESS YOU RECEIVE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION INDICATING OTHERWISE, YOUR COLLECTION DAY WILL REMAIN THE SAME AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS.