



December 22, 2011

**Subject: Important Reminder of Recycling and Garbage Ordinance Enforcement**

Dear Property Owner and Resident:

The City of Perth Amboy began enforcing Garbage, Rubbish, and Refuse ordinance 1533-2010 (Chapter 243) and Recycling ordinance 1534-2010 (Chapter 351) adopted earlier this year. We are pleased to report that we have achieved 75 percent compliance and would like to thank all cooperating residents. Perth Amboy is much cleaner because litter is being disposed of properly. However, everyone must comply as we continue to enforce the ordinance. Failure to comply could result in a summons, court appearance and possible fines.

The ordinance requires that you purchase and use 32 gallon containers. You must place your trash in a tied, durable plastic bag inside a container no larger than 32 gallons-- each weighing no more than 50 pounds. We will accept a smaller size. The durable bags and lids on the containers will prevent breakage, litter on our sidewalks and roadways, and avoidance of attracting rodents and animals. Your cooperation is necessary to improve our environment. As a reminder, it is the responsibility of the all property owners to supply the trash receptacles for the tenants and to notify them of the continued enforcement of the ordinance regulations.

All city ordinances can be accessed on the City's website at: [www.ci.perthamboy.nj.us](http://www.ci.perthamboy.nj.us) or you may contact the City Clerk's Office at (732)-826-0290. For questions or concerns you may call the Perth Amboy Department of Public Works (DPW) at: (732)-826-2010 from Monday-Friday between the hours of 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. You may also contact the Recycling Office at: 732-826-2010 ext 4204 to obtain a recycling information booklet containing all regulations and guidelines in Perth Amboy. A copy can also be obtained at City Hall.

We know that we can count on your continued cooperation as property owners and residents to assure that the City of Perth Amboy becomes and remains a safe, healthy and litter-free community. We wish you and your family a Happy Holiday season and New Year.

**PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THERE WILL NO GARBAGE COLLECTION ON BOTH MONDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2011 AND MONDAY, JANUARY 2, 2012. Your garbage will be picked-up on your next regular scheduled garbage collection day. Be green for the holidays! Remember to recycle all your gift boxes and wrapping paper on Wednesday, January 4, 2012. Do not place them in the garbage. Thank you.**

Sincerely,

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Recycling/Clean Communities

# ATTENTION RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS

## REMINDER OF POLICY AND CHANGES

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### Garbage, Rubbish and Refuse:

1. Each residential household is limited to two (2) scheduled pickup dates a year for Bulk Items (i.e. furniture, rugs, bundled wood no longer than 4 feet and not more than 3 bundles). Proof of residency is required for pick-up and drop-off appointments-- documents accepted are driver's license, tax bill, water bill, etc. Appointments are scheduled on a first come, first served basis. Instructions are as follows:
  - o Scheduled pick-up is \$20.00 and is payable by check or money order to the City of Perth Amboy. You must appear in person at the Department of Public Works, 599 Fayette Street by Monday morning at 7:30 a.m. beginning January 23, 2012 through September 2012 for available appointment dates.
  - o Drop off is free of charge at the Department of Public Works on Tuesday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., excluding holidays.
2. Household garbage should not be out at the curb until sunset or by 5:00 p.m. the day before your schedule collection day. Containers must be removed from curb by 8 p.m. on the same day of pick-up. Household garbage should be placed in a .3 millimeter plastic bag inside of a plastic container no larger than 32 gallons with lid, not to exceed 50 lbs. **Note:** Please be advised, that you should punch holes on the bottom of container, so that it does not retain rain or snow which can make the container heavier. Also, be sure to write your address on the outside of container.
3. Please see the Recycling Guidelines insert on how to dispose of:
  - o White Goods (i.e. Refrigerators, washers, dryers, etc.)
  - o Tires and paint- is NOT accepted at the transfer station and will not be picked-up.
  - o Masonry and Construction Material (i.e. concrete, asphalt, bricks, sheetrock, pavers, shingles, dirt, etc.)— are NOT accepted at the transfer station and will not be picked-up.

### Recycling: Remember, Recycling is Mandatory!!

1. Do NOT place garbage in the blue recyclable containers. Blue containers are for recyclables only.
2. Do NOT rake leaves into the roadway.
3. Do NOT place recyclables in your garbage. Garbage cans will be randomly inspected for recyclable material, if recyclables are found in your garbage, it will be tagged with a notice and left at curb until all recyclables (i.e. bottles, cans, plastics, cardboard, etc.) are removed. Your re-bagged garbage will be collected on the next regular scheduled collection day.
4. All Commercial establishments which prepare food for consumption are required to recycle all used cooking oil. The City will NOT collect it at curbside or accept it at Public Works. Establishments may obtain a list of approved recyclers from the Recycling Office.
5. **HOLIDAY REMINDER: WRAPPING PAPER, GIFT TISSUE PAPER, GIFT BOXES AND CARDBOARD BACKING FROM TOY PACKAGING ARE RECYCLABLE!! DO NOT PLACE IT IN YOUR GABAGE IT. RECYCLE IT IN YOUR PAPER BIN ON WEDNESDAY, JANAURY 4, 2012.**



**CITY OF PERTH AMBOY**  
**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**  
**2012 RECYCLING SCHEDULE AND GUIDELINES**

ITEM	EXPLANATION	PREPARATION	PLACEMENT
<b>NEWSPAPER &amp; MIXED PAPERS</b>	Newspapers, inserts, Mail, magazines, envelopes, office paper catalogs, paper, shirt boxes, cereal boxes, (no plastic liners), white or color paper boxes, gift boxes, cardboard, shoe boxes, brown craft, paper bags, construction paper, school paper, computer paper, & phone books	Place in blue rectangular container (Do not put newspaper in blue box.)  <b>Note:</b> waxed cardboard, juice boxes, pizza boxes or milk cartons <b>WILL NOT</b> be accepted at any time. <b>Do not put above items in box.</b>	Put all material in blue plastic recycling container and place at the curb <u>or</u> bring to the Recycling Center
<b>CARDBOARD</b>	Heavy brown cardboard used for packing/moving	Flatten and tie in bundles with twine only, no larger than 18 inches	Bundled at curb <u>or</u> bring to the Recycling Center.
<b>COMMINGLED MATERIALS</b>			
The following are commingled materials: <b>glass, aluminum, steel, and tin cans &amp; listed plastics.</b> These items can be mixed and placed in the <b>SAME</b> round twenty (20) gallon plastic containers for recycling. <b>Please punch holes at the bottom of the container, so that it does not retain rain water or snow.</b>			
<b>GLASS BOTTLES</b>	Clear, green, & brown bottles	Rinse & remove caps	Place all commingled materials in round 20 gallon container at the curb, or bring to Recycling Center.
<b>ALUMINUM, TIN &amp; STEEL CANS</b>	All beverage & food cans (soda cans, soup cans, etc.)	Rinse & remove caps	Place all commingled materials in round 20 gallon container at the curb, or bring to Recycling Center.
<b>PLASTICS</b>	Laundry containers, soda plastic bottles, and plastic containers labeled with recycling symbol	Rinse & remove caps	Place all commingled materials in round 20 gallon container at the curb, or bring to Recycling Center.
<b>OTHER GLASS, PLASTIC AND METAL ITEMS</b>	Curtain rods, hangers, broken glass and window panes	These items are <b>not</b> recyclable. Do <b>not</b> place them in with your commingled material recycling containers. Place them in the garbage.	Please call DPW at: 732-826-2010 for further information on how to dispose of <b>large</b> quantities of these items.
<b>OTHER RECYCLABLE AND NON-RECYCLABLE ITEMS</b>			
<b>TEXTILES</b>	Clothing, curtains, sheets, shoes, handbags and any fabric at least 1 square foot	No Preparation Needed	Drop off at Recycling Center <i>See hours of operation below*</i>
<b>BATTERIES</b>	Cars and/or small appliances batteries. <i>Regular appliance batteries can be placed in garbage.</i>	No Preparation Needed	Drop off at Recycling Center <i>See hours of operation below*</i>
<b>MOTOR OIL</b>	Used motor oil which has not been contaminated with water	Spout or wide mouth container	Drop off at Recycling Center <i>See hours of operation below*</i>
<b>ELECTRONICS</b>	Computers, Televisions, DVD players, etc.	No Preparation Needed	Drop off at Recycling Center <i>See hours of operation below*</i>
<b>TREE REMAINS</b>	Branches and tree trucks	<u>Branches:</u> Cut to 5 in. wide and 4 ft. long <u>Tree Trunks:</u> Cut two (2) ft. long	Drop-off to DPW facility is free of charge or schedule a bulk pick-up for a \$20 fee. **
<b>BULK RUBBISH</b>	Furniture, rugs, mattresses, wood pieces, etc. <b>No construction materials accepted at any time.</b>	Wood maximum length 4 feet.	Drop-off to DPW facility is free of charge or schedule a bulk pick-up for a \$20 fee. **
<b>WHITE GOODS</b>	Refrigerators, washers, dryers, air conditioners, etc.	No Preparation Needed	Drop-off to DPW facility is free of charge or schedule pick-up appt., free of charge.*
<b>MASONRY &amp; VEHICLE/ CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS</b>	Concrete, asphalt, bricks, sheetrock, pavers, shingles, dirt, automobile parts, etc.	These materials are <b>not</b> recyclable and not accepted at our public works facility.	Please call DPW at: 732-826-2010 for further information on how to dispose.
<b>OTHER</b>	Tires, paint, latex & oil based paint cans, aerosol cans, fluorescent lights, light bulbs, drain cleaners, propane tanks, anti-freeze and motor oil containers.	These items <b>are</b> recyclable, but they are not accepted at our public works facility.	Please call DPW at: 732-826-2010 for further information on where to dispose.

\* **Recycling Center Hours of Operation and Drop-off:** Monday- Friday; 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

\*\* **Schedule a Bulk Pick-up or Other Pick-up Appt.:** Monday morning only at 7:30 a.m. (must come in person, not by phone).

Pick-up appointments are allowed twice per year, per residential unit. Appointments only available during the months of January 23, 2012 - September 2012.



## 2012 RECYCLING SCHEDULE

MONTH	BOTTLES, CANS & PLASTIC CONTAINERS	NEWSPAPER, CARDBOARD & MIXED PAPER CONTAINERS
JANUARY	11 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup>
FEBRUARY	8 <sup>th</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> & 15 <sup>th</sup> & 29 <sup>th</sup>
MARCH	7 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup>	14 <sup>th</sup> & 28 <sup>th</sup>
APRIL	4 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup>
MAY	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 16 <sup>th</sup> & 30 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup>
JUNE	13 <sup>th</sup> & 27 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> & 20 <sup>th</sup>
JULY	11 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup>	18 <sup>th</sup> ONLY
AUGUST	8 <sup>th</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> & 15 <sup>th</sup> & 29 <sup>nd</sup>
SEPTEMBER	5 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup>
OCTOBER	3 <sup>rd</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup> & 31 <sup>st</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup>
NOVEMBER	14 <sup>th</sup> & 28 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup>
DECEMBER	12 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup>

## 2012 NO GARBAGE COLLECTION DATES

### REMINDER TO RESIDENTS

*WE WILL NOT COLLECT GARBAGE ON THE FOLLOWING HOLIDAYS DURING 2012.*

*IF A HOLIDAY FALLS ON YOUR GARBAGE COLLECTION DAY, YOUR GARBAGE WILL BE PICKED UP ON YOUR NEXT REGULAR SCHEDULED GARBAGE COLLECTION PICK-UP.*

DATE	HOLIDAY
MONDAY, JANUARY 2	NEW YEAR'S DAY
MONDAY, JANUARY 16	MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20	PRESIDENT'S DAY
MONDAY, MAY 28	MEMORIAL DAY
WEDNESDAY, JULY 4	INDEPENDENCE DAY
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3	LABOR DAY
MONDAY, OCTOBER 8	COLUMBUS DAY
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12	VETERAN'S DAY
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22	THANKSGIVING DAY
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25	CHRISTMAS DAY

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**It is the responsibility of all property owners to notify their tenants!**

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