

# THE PARK RIDGE RECYCLING NEWSLETTER

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## 2015 CURBSIDE COLLECTIONS

This is the 2015 calendar for the Park Ridge residential curbside solid waste and recycling collections. Please keep this schedule handy throughout the year as a ready reference.

Kindly refer to the legend by the monthly calendars for an explanation of the abbreviations used. The Borough is divided into two collection zones. Zone E is the east side of Park Ridge including Pascack Road. Zone W includes all streets west of Pascack Road. The designation E/W means the entire Borough is scheduled for pickup on that date. **To evenly distribute the days with no garbage collections due to holidays, we have scheduled garbage pickup on May 26 and November 27 on west side (Zone W) instead of the east.**

Household solid waste and recycling should be placed at the curb no later than 6:30AM on the scheduled day of pickup to ensure that your home is not missed.

**Residents may leave up to two large bulk waste items out for disposal by the curb on any of your designated garbage collection days.** Each item cannot weigh more than 100 lbs and should be waste materials only (e.g. furniture, rugs, mattresses, etc.). If you have more than two large items, items weighing over 100 lbs, or you are disposing of metal items that can be recycled as scrap metal (e.g. appliances) you should call the Borough Hall to set up an appointment for a large item trash (TR) pickup. These collections are scheduled every other Monday except during leaf collection season – mid-October through December, by the Borough’s Road Department, *by appointment only*.

In addition to the curbside collections, the Borough operates a full service Recycling Center-Compactor (R/C) which is open on Wednesdays from 9 AM to 3 PM and Saturdays from 9 AM to 2 PM. It is available for residents only, and you must have a hanging tag permit attached to your rear view mirror to enter the facility. **New permit tags for 2015 and 2016 are included with this mailing.** See the attached insert for items that are accepted at the Recycling Center. The R/C is located at the end of Sulak Lane (off of Pascack Road between the Lukoil gas station and the Pascack Reformed Church). There is also a trash compactor located at the facility for items not disposable through the curbside garbage collections.

Branches (BR) are also collected by the Borough’s Road Department, *by appointment only* between April and September. Branches, twigs, and other yard waste can also be brought to the R/C. During leaf pickup, please do not place branches with leaves as neither will be removed.

**You must call 201-573-1800 by 1:00 P.M. on the Friday prior to the Monday collection date to be put on the Branch (BR) or Large Item (TR) pickup list.**

Grass (GR) is collected curbside weekly by the Borough’s contracted collection company from April 1 to October 15 and may also be brought to the Recycling Center throughout the year.

This schedule as well as additional information about the Borough’s refuse and recycling programs may be found at [www.parkridgeboro.com](http://www.parkridgeboro.com) or by calling 201-573-1800.

JANUARY 2015						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<i>New Years Day</i> No Collections	GA-E	R/C 9-2
			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	
	GA-W TR-E/W	GA-E	PA-E/W R/C 9-3	GA-W	GA-E	R/C 9-2
<b>4</b>	Christmas Tree Pickup			<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
	GA-W	GA-E	CO-E/W R/C 9-3	GA-W	GA-E	R/C 9-2
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
	GA-W TR-E/W	GA-E	PA-E/W R/C 9-3	GA-W	GA-E	R/C 9-2
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
	GA-W	GA-E	CO-E/W R/C 9-3	GA-W	GA-E	R/C 9-2
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>

FEBRUARY 2015						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	GA-W TR-E/W	GA-E	PA-E/W R/C 9-3	GA-W	GA-E	R/C 9-2
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
	GA-W	GA-E	CO-E/W R/C 9-3	GA-W	GA-E	R/C 9-2
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
	GA-W TR-E/W	GA-E	PA-E/W R/C 9-3	GA-W	GA-E	R/C 9-2
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
	GA-W	GA-E	CO-E/W R/C 9-3	GA-W	GA-E	R/C 9-2
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
Residents can dispose of household bulky waste in the R/C compactor. A maximum of one pickup truck load of construction debris is permitted by residents only.						

**New for 2015:** The Mayor and Council are pleased to announce that the Park Ridge Recycling Center will be open from 9AM to 2PM every Saturday in 2015. It will also continue to be open every Wednesday from 9AM to 3PM.

MARCH 2015						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	GA-W TR-E/W	GA-E	PA-E/W R/C 9-3	GA-W	GA-E	R/C 9-2
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
	GA-W	GA-E	CO-E/W R/C 9-3	GA-W	GA-E	R/C 9-2
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
	GA-W TR-E/W	GA-E	PA-E/W R/C 9-3	GA-W	GA-E	R/C 9-2
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
	GA-W	GA-E	CO-E/W R/C 9-3	GA-W	GA-E	R/C 9-2
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
	GA-W GR-E TR-E/W	GA-E GR-W	<u>First Grass Pickup:</u> March 30 (E) March 31 (W)			
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				

APRIL 2015						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<u>First Branch Pickup</u> April 6 by appointment call 201-573-1800 by 1PM on Friday before to schedule			PA-E/W R/C 9-3	GA-W	GA-E	R/C 9-2
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	
<i>Easter Sunday</i>	GA-W GR-E <b>BR-E/W</b>	GA-E GR-W	CO-E/W R/C 9-3	GA-W	GA-E	R/C 9-2
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
	GA-W GR-E TR-E/W	GA-E GR-W	PA-E/W R/C 9-3	GA-W	GA-E	R/C 9-2
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
	GA-W GR-E <b>BR-E/W</b>	GA-E GR-W	CO-E/W R/C 9-3	GA-W	GA-E	R/C 9-2
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
	GA-W GR-E TR-E/W	GA-E GR-W	PA-E/W R/C 9-3	GA-W		
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>		

MAY 2015						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
No Collections on May 25. Grass (GR) will be picked up on May 26					GA-E	R/C 9-2
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
	GA-W GR-E <b>BR-E/W</b>	GA-E GR-W	CO-E/W R/C 9-3	GA-W	GA-E	R/C 9-2
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
	GA-W GR-E TR-E/W	GA-E GR-W	PA-E/W R/C 9-3	GA-W	GA-E	R/C 9-2
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
	GA-W GR-E <b>BR-E/W</b>	GA-E GR-W	CO-E/W R/C 9-3	GA-W	GA-E	R/C 9-2
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
	<i>Memorial Day</i> <u>No Collections</u>	GA-W GR-E/W TR-E/W	PA-E/W R/C 9-3	GA-W	GA-E	R/C 9-2
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
	Please note that garbage (GA) will be picked up on the west (W) side on May 26 instead of the east.					
<b>31</b>						

JUNE 2015						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	GA-W GR-E <b>BR-E/W</b>	GA-E GR-W	CO-E/W R/C 9-3	GA-W	GA-E	R/C 9-2
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
	GA-W GR-E TR-E/W	GA-E GR-W	PA-E/W R/C 9-3	GA-W	GA-E	R/C 9-2
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
	GA-W GR-E <b>BR-E/W</b>	GA-E GR-W	CO-E/W R/C 9-3	GA-W	GA-E	R/C 9-2
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
	GA-W GR-E TR-E/W	GA-E GR-W	PA-E/W R/C 9-3	GA-W	GA-E	R/C 9-2
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
	GA-W GR-E <b>BR-E/W</b>	GA-E GR-W				
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>				
<b>It's a small planet...RECYCLE</b>						

GA: Garbage  
CO: Commingled  
TR: \*Large Item Pickup  
BR: \*Branch Pickup

R/C: Recycling Center/Compactor  
GR: Grass Pickup  
PA: Paper Pickup

E/W: Borough wide  
E: East side including Pascack Rd.  
W: West of Pascack Rd.

\*Note: Branch (BR) and Large Item (TR) are by appointment only. Please call 201-573-1800 by 1PM on the Friday prior to the collection date to be placed on the schedule.

CO - Commingled recyclables include seven types of plastics, alum cans, foil trays, food cans, glass, coated paper milk and juice cartons.

JULY 2015						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			CO-E/W R/C 9-3	GA-W	GA-E	R/C 9-2
			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	GA-W GR-E TR-E/W	GA-E GR-W	PA-E/W R/C 9-3	GA-W	GA-E	R/C 9-2
	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>	GA-W GR-E BR-E/W	GA-E GR-W	CO-E/W R/C 9-3	GA-W	GA-E	R/C 9-2
	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	GA-W GR-E TR-E/W	GA-E GR-W	PA-E/W R/C 9-3	GA-W	GA-E	R/C 9-2
	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	GA-W GR-E BR-E/W	GA-E GR-W	CO-E/W R/C 9-3	GA-W	GA-E	
	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	
<b>Recycle today for a better tomorrow</b>						

AUGUST 2015						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Reduce, Reuse, Recycle</b>						R/C 9-2
						<b>1</b>
<b>2</b>	GA-W GR-E TR-E/W	GA-E GR-W	PA-E/W R/C 9-3	GA-W	GA-E	R/C 9-2
	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b>	GA-W GR-E BR-E/W	GA-E GR-W	CO-E/W R/C 9-3	GA-W	GA-E	R/C 9-2
	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b>	GA-W GR-E TR-E/W	GA-E GR-W	PA-E/W R/C 9-3	GA-W	GA-E	R/C 9-2
	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b>	GA-W GR-E BR-E/W	GA-E GR-W	CO-E/W R/C 9-3	GA-W	GA-E	R/C 9-2
	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b>	GA-W GR-E TR-E/W					
	<b>31</b>					



**Please think before you toss**

SEPTEMBER 2015						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		GA-E GR-W	PA-E/W R/C 9-3	GA-W	GA-E	R/C 9-2
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>	Labor Day No Collections	GA-E GR-E/W BR-E/W	CO-E/W R/C 9-3	GA-W	GA-E	R/C 9-2
	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>	GA-W GR-E TR-E/W	GA-E GR-W	PA-E/W R/C 9-3	GA-W	GA-E	R/C 9-2
	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b>	GA-W GR-E *BR-E/W	GA-E GR-W	CO-E/W R/C 9-3	GA-W	GA-E	R/C 9-2
	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>	GA-W GR-E *TR-E/W	GA-E GR-W	PA-E/W R/C 9-3	No collections on Sept 7. Grass (GR) pick up on Sept 8 (E/W)		
	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>			

OCTOBER 2015						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Last grass (GR) pickup is on October 12-13.				GA-W	GA-E	R/C 9-2
				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	GA-W GR-E	GA-E GR-W	CO-E/W R/C 9-3	GA-W	GA-E	R/C 9-2
	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b>	GA-W GR-E	GA-E GR-W	PA-E/W R/C 9-3	GA-W	GA-E	R/C 9-2
	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b>	GA-W Leaves	GA-E Leaves	CO-E/W R/C 9-3 Leaves	GA-W Leaves	GA-E Leaves	R/C 9-2
	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>	GA-W Leaves	GA-E Leaves	PA-E/W R/C 9-3 Leaves	GA-W Leaves	GA-E Leaves	R/C 9-2
	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>

**\*NOTE:** The last curbside large item pickup (TR) until January 2016 is Monday September 28. The last curbside branch pickup (BR) until the Spring is on Monday September 21. Residents can still bring branches and large items to the recycling center throughout the year.

Curbside leaf pickup starts October 19. The DPW staff will make several passes on every street throughout the Fall season to pick up the leaves. Please be advised that during the heavy period of the leaf collection program, it may take some time for the crew to get back to your street for the leaf pickup due to the heavy volume.

NOVEMBER 2015						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	GA-W Leaves	GA-E Leaves	CO-E/W R/C 9-3 Leaves	GA-W Leaves	GA-E Leaves	R/C 9-2
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
	GA-W Leaves	GA-E Leaves	PA-E/W R/C 9-3 Leaves	GA-W Leaves	GA-E Leaves	R/C 9-2
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
	GA-W Leaves	GA-E Leaves	CO-E/W R/C 9-3 Leaves	GA-W Leaves	GA-E Leaves	R/C 9-2
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
	GA-W Leaves	GA-E Leaves	PA-E/W R/C 9-3 Leaves	<i>Thanks-giving</i> No Collections	<b>GA-W</b>	R/C 9-2
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
	GA-W Leaves	Please note that garbage (GA) will be picked up on the west (W) side on Nov 27 instead of the east.				
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>					

DECEMBER 2015						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		GA-E Leaves	CO-E/W R/C 9-3 Leaves	GA-W Leaves	GA-E Leaves	R/C 9-2
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
	GA-W	GA-E	PA-E/W R/C 9-3	GA-W	GA-E	R/C 9-2
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
	GA-W	GA-E	CO-E/W R/C 9-3	GA-W	GA-E	R/C 9-2
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
	GA-W	GA-E	PA-E/W R/C 9-3	GA-W	<i>Christmas Day</i> No Collections	R/C 9-2
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
	GA-W	GA-E	CO-E/W R/C 9-3	GA-W		
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		

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Please be advised that the last pass on every street for curbside leaf pickup will begin on December 7. If leaves are placed on the street and the DPW crew has already passed by your street, they will not be picked up.



# Recycle

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## Project Pick Up Park Ridge Walk the curb!

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Did you know that littered neighborhoods can result in property values being lowered by as much as 15 percent? The Park Ridge Green Team is looking for your help in keeping Park Ridge clean and beautiful.

We are asking YOU — both residents and businesses — to take regular walks along your property line and in your neighborhood and pick up and recycle or dispose of any trash or debris you find.

You may see water, soda and liquor bottles, cigarette butts and boxes, fast food containers, old newspapers, twigs, branches, leaves, and grass cuttings.

And some of these items are blocking storm drains, which need to be clear during rain and snowstorms. Thank you for your help with Project Pick Up Park Ridge!

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# RECYCLE

JANUARY 2015



## IMPORTANT CHANGES

Please note that the information supplied below has been updated from the flyers sent to you in previous years. Changes have been made in the comingled category, primarily in regard to items that should NOT be included in curbside pickups.

## COMINGLED ITEMS



- Most plastic items with triangle symbol numbers 1 thru 7. **DO NOT INCLUDE** plastic foam items (aka: Styrofoam) or rigid plastics such as children's toys (playhouses, slides, etc.), plastic planters, 5-gallon pails, etc. Those items should be disposed of in the regular trash or in the compactor at the recycling center. Plastic foam "packing peanuts" may also be dropped off for reuse at local private shipping locations including PostNet in Montvale.
- All aluminum, steel and tin cans and food containers (including steel aerosol cans and aluminum foil and trays)
- All glass jars and bottles (all colors) and milk and juice cartons

**Note:** Comingled items should be rinsed and free of food or oil. **Plastic bags** should NOT be placed in the comingled bin even if they have a triangle symbol. They can be reused or they can be recycled at most local supermarkets.

## PAPER ITEMS

- Includes newspapers, magazines, junk mail, telephone books, paperback books, school and office paper, paper shopping bags and all cardboard including corrugated

**Note:** Paper and cardboard can be mixed at the curb, but in order to maximize efficiency they are handled separately at the recycling center. They should NOT be bundled in plastic bags.

## ADDITIONAL ITEMS

- **Instead of bagging grass clippings** for curbside pickup or taking them to the recycling center, you can "Cut it and Leave It." By leaving clippings on the lawn you return vital nutrients to the soil and, along with composting plant/vegetable waste, reduces hauling costs to our town. Learn more at the Green Team website.
- **The Recycling Center** accepts branches, metal, concrete, motor oil, tires, car batteries, minor construction debris, electronics and used clothing. Grass can also be brought to the center, but please note the previous item.
- **Rechargeable batteries** are recycled at the center, but ordinary household/flashlight batteries should be disposed of in your regular trash.
- **Household hazardous waste** is handled through Bergen County Utilities Authority events which will be posted on the Green Team website or can be found at [bcua.org](http://bcua.org).

## CONTACT US

Visit our web page at [parkridgeboro.com](http://parkridgeboro.com). If you have questions, suggestions, would like to volunteer or are seeking information about the

# Park Ridge Green Team

send an email to [parkridgegreenteam@gmail.com](mailto:parkridgegreenteam@gmail.com)



# Solutions to Stormwater Pollution

## Easy Things You Can Do Every Day To Protect Our Water

### A Guide to Healthy Habits for Cleaner Water

Pollution on streets, parking lots and lawns is washed by rain into storm drains, then directly to our drinking water supplies and the ocean and lakes our children play in. Fertilizer, oil, pesticides, detergents, pet waste, grass clippings: You name it and it ends up in our water.

Stormwater pollution is one of New Jersey's greatest threats to clean and plentiful water, and that's why we're all doing something about it.

By sharing the responsibility and making small, easy changes in our daily lives, we can keep common pollutants out of stormwater. It all adds up to cleaner water, and it saves the high cost of cleaning up once it's dirty.

As part of New Jersey's initiative to keep our water clean and plentiful and to meet federal requirements, many municipalities and other public agencies including colleges and military bases must adopt ordinances or other rules prohibiting various activities that contribute to stormwater pollution. Breaking these rules can result in fines or other penalties.



**As a resident, business, or other member of the New Jersey community, it is important to know these easy things you can do every day to protect our water.**

### Limit your use of fertilizers and pesticides

- Do a soil test to see if you need a fertilizer.
- 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 or yard in a natural state with trees and other native vegetation that requires little or no fertilizer.
- If you use fertilizers and pesticides, follow the instructions on the label on how to correctly apply it.



Make sure you properly store or discard any unused portions.

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

- If you have hazardous products in your home or workplace, make sure you store or dispose of them properly. Read the label for guidance.

- Use natural or less toxic alternatives when possible.
- Recycle used motor oil.
- Contact your municipality, county or facility management office for the locations of hazardous-waste disposal facilities.



### Keep pollution out of storm drains

- Municipalities and many other public agencies are required to mark certain storm drain inlets with messages reminding people that storm drains are connected to local waterbodies.
- Do not let sewage or other wastes flow into a stormwater system.

### Clean up after your pet

- Many municipalities and public agencies must enact and enforce local pet-waste rules.
- An example is requiring pet owners or their keepers to pick up and properly dispose of pet waste dropped on public or other people's property.
- Make sure you know your town's or agency's requirements and comply with them. It's the law. And remember to:
  - Use newspaper, bags or pooper-scoopers to pick up wastes.
  - Dispose of the wrapped pet waste in the trash or unwrapped in a toilet.
  - Never discard pet waste in a storm drain.

### Don't feed wildlife

- Do not feed wildlife, such as ducks and geese, in public areas.
- Many municipalities and other public agencies must enact and enforce a rule that prohibits wildlife feeding in these areas.



### Dispose of yard waste properly

- Keep leaves and grass out of storm drains.
- If your municipality or agency has yard waste collection rules, follow them.
- Use leaves and grass clippings as a resource for compost.
- Use a mulching mower that recycles grass clippings into the lawn.



### Don't litter

- Place litter in trash receptacles.
- Recycle. Recycle. Recycle.
- Participate in community cleanups.

### Contact information

For more information on stormwater related topics, visit [www.njstormwater.org](http://www.njstormwater.org) or [www.nonpointsource.org](http://www.nonpointsource.org)

Additional information is also available at U. S. Environmental Protection Agency Web sites [www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater](http://www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater) or [www.epa.gov/nps](http://www.epa.gov/nps)

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The Bergen County Utilities Authority (BCUA) holds **Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events** throughout the year. As the dates for these events become available, they will be posted on the Park Ridge Borough website at [www.parkridgeboro.com](http://www.parkridgeboro.com).

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