

Press Release
2005 Leaf Collection Program
October 11, 2005

Recently the State of New Jersey enacted the "Stormwater Management Rules N.J.A.C 7:8" for the purpose of controlling "nonpoint source pollution", which is the contamination of ocean, rivers, streams and groundwater resulting from every day activities. Some types of activities that cause nonpoint source pollution in New Jersey are the walking of pets, feeding of wildlife, dumping hazardous and other wastes in storm drains, littering, fertilizing lawns and some traditional methods of yard waste disposal. Following the provisions of the new Stormwater Management Rules will result in cleaner waterways and the lessening of groundwater contamination.

In past years the Township of Livingston was divided into three sections for the annual leaf collection program and leaves were allowed to be placed in the street gutter beginning in the middle of October and continuing until the end of November. As a result of the requirements of the new NJ Department of Environmental Stormwater Management Rules, the Township has had to change the procedures for the annual leaf collection program.

Beginning in the fall of 2005, the Township will be divided into six sections for the annual leaf collection program. Leaves may now only be placed in the street gutter on the specific dates listed in the 2005 leaf collection program schedule for each respective week and section. The New Jersey Stormwater Management Rules state that Leaves may not be placed any closer than 10 feet from any storm drain inlet or catch basin and can only be left in the street gutter for a maximum period of 7 days prior to their actual collection. The Township of Livingston is required by the state of New Jersey to enforce the Stormwater Management Rules; therefore, failure to follow the leaf collection schedule and requirements could result in warnings and fines being issued to both the resident and respective landscape contractor.

Recently the Township of Livingston has had to revise sections of the existing Township ordinances that pertain to yard waste disposal in order to comply with the new state Stormwater Management Rules. The following section contains the requirements for the disposal of grass clippings and leaves as provided for in the revised Chapter 178, "Littering", of the Township of Livingston General Ordinances. These requirements are now in effect for the 2005 leaf collection season.

1. Grass clippings may not be disposed of by placing them or causing them to be placed (i.e., through air blowers or other mechanical equipment) upon adjacent property.
2. Grass clippings may not be disposed of by depositing them in any catch basin or sewer or by leaving them along any curb line or gutter.
3. Grass clippings may only be disposed of if containerized.
4. Leaves may not be disposed of by placing them or causing them to be placed (i.e., through air blowers or other mechanical equipment) upon adjacent property.

5. Leaves may not be disposed of by depositing them in any catch basin or sewer or by leaving them along any curb line or gutter.
6. Leaves may only be disposed of if containerized, except during the scheduled annual leaf collection program.
7. Leaves may be placed at the curb line or in the gutter of that portion of the public street adjacent to the property from which the leaves are being disposed of only during the annual leaf collection program in accordance with the times and dates of the published leaf collection program schedule. Leaves shall not be placed closer than 10 feet from any storm drain inlet or catch basin and may be in the street gutter only for a maximum period of 7 days before their actual collection.
8. All residents livings on Essex County roads (Beaufort Avenue; East Cedar Street; Eisenhower Parkway; East/West Hobart Gap Road; Kennedy Parkway; Laurel Avenue; South/North Livingston Avenue; East/West Northfield Road; Old Short Hills Road; Parsonage Hill Road; Passaic Avenue; Shrewsbury Drive; South Orange Avenue; and Walnut Street) and State Highway Rt. 10 (East/West Mt. Pleasant Avenue) are required to place leaves for disposal in bags which have either been provided by the Township or their equivalent. No leaves for disposal may be placed at the curb line of the above-listed streets.
9. Anyone who does not follow the requirements for the disposal of grass clippings and leaves may be subject to a fine as established in Chapter 178, "Littering", of the Township of Livingston General Ordinances.

The 2005 Township of Livingston leaf collection schedule is as follows:

Week	Dates	Leaf Collection Section	You may place leaves in the street gutter on the following dates	Leaves are scheduled to be picked up on the following dates
1	Oct 31 – Nov 5	1 & 2	Oct 28, Oct 29 & Oct 30	Oct 31 – Nov 3
2	Nov 6 – Nov 12	3	Nov 4, Nov 5 & Nov 6	Nov 7 – Nov 10
3	Nov 13 – Nov 19	4	Nov 11, Nov 12 & Nov 13	Nov 14 – Nov 17
4	Nov 20 – Nov 26	5 & 6	Nov 18, Nov 19 & Nov 20	Nov 21 – Nov 24
5	Nov 27 – Dec 3	1, 3 & 5	Nov 25, Nov 26 & Nov 27	Nov 28 – Dec 1
6	Dec 4 – Dec 10	2, 4 & 6	Dec 2, Dec 3 & Dec 4	Dec 5 – Dec 8

Section 1: Area north of East Mount Pleasant Avenue and east of North Livingston Avenue.

Section 2: Area north of West Mount Pleasant Avenue and west of North Livingston Avenue.

Section 3: Area south of East Mount Pleasant Avenue, east of South Livingston Avenue and north of East Northfield Road.

Section 4: Area south of West Mount Pleasant Avenue, west of South Livingston Avenue and north of West Northfield Road.

Section 5: Area south of East Northfield Road and east of South Livingston Avenue.

Section 6: Area south of West Northfield Road, south of West Mount Pleasant Avenue and west of South Livingston Avenue.

All persons residing on Essex County roads and State Highway Rt. 10 (East/West Mt. Pleasant Avenue) are required to place leaves for disposal in paper bags which have either been provided by the Township or their equivalent. The collection of bagged leaves will only be done on County and State Roads. No leaves for disposal may be placed at the curb line on county and state roads.

Essex County Roads in Livingston are Beaufort Avenue, East Cedar Street, Eisenhower Parkway, East and West Hobart Gap Road, Kennedy Parkway, Laurel Avenue, South and North Livingston Avenue, East and West Northfield Road, Old Short Hills Road, Parsonage Hill Road, Passaic Avenue, Shrewsbury Drive, South Orange Avenue and Walnut Street.

Leaf collection in this era of the new New Jersey Stormwater Management Rules will be more difficult than in past years and will require the cooperation of all parties involved in the process. Residents are asked to call 973-535-7950, if there are any questions or concerns about the leaf collection process, regulations or schedule.

All residents are asked to please share the requirements for grass and leaf collection disposal and the leaf collection schedule with your landscape contractor.