

Borough of Woodstown

February 2014

Dear Borough of Woodstown Resident or Property/Business Owner:

The Borough of Woodstown is changing its trash and recycling collection methods through a shared service agreement that it has entered into with Logan Township. The new service is fully automated. It uses a mechanical grip arm for tipping of containers and is accomplished entirely by a single driver/operator of the collection truck. This shared service will significantly reduce the cost of curbside collection within the borough and provide for a cleaner community.

Under the new system, borough collection days will change from Monday to Wednesday for trash pickup and from every other Monday to every other Friday for recycling pickup. You will continue to **use your current BLUE recycling cart. You will be issued a new 95 gallon BURGUNDY cart for trash.** Your trash cart will have the same capacity as the large recycling containers now in use. Like the recycling carts, the trash carts are Borough property and will be assigned by address using a serial number which is hot-stamped on each cart. Cart distribution will begin on or around February 28th.

USE THE NEW BURGUNDY TRASH CART WHEN IT ARRIVES AND PLACE IT CURBSIDE ON WEDNESDAY MAR 5, 2014 AND EVERY WEDNESDAY THEREAFTER

USE YOUR CURRENT BLUE RECYCLING CART AND PLACE IT CURBSIDE ON FRIDAY MAR 7, 2014 AND EVERY OTHER FRIDAY THEREAFTER

Trash and recycling collection will begin at 6:00 AM in the downtown business area and high school feeder streets so as to complete before traffic builds. You may put out your waste as early as 6:00 PM. on the evening prior to your collection day. Carts should be placed at the edge of the roadway with the lift bar facing directly across the street and the wheels facing away from the street. Place carts at least three (3) feet apart from any other cart or obstruction such as parked cars, trees, electric utility boxes, mail boxes, basketball nets, signposts, fire hydrants etc. Empty carts are to be removed from the street by 8:00 PM the day of collection.

**The final day for Monday collection of trash will be February 24, 2014.
The final day for Monday collection of recycling will be February 17, 2014.**

It is very important that the collection guidelines established by ordinance and included herein be followed. A warning tag system will be used to inform residents of non-compliance due to improper cart placement or mixing of trash & recycling that may result in carts not being emptied in the future.

As part of the migration to the shared service, the **Recyclebank rewards program is not being renewed.** Registered participants are encouraged to redeem their points before the end of February 2014 through their online account at www.Recyclebank.com

Please read the enclosed information carefully for details on the new curbside collection service. If you have questions about this change, please contact the Borough Clerk at 769-2200.

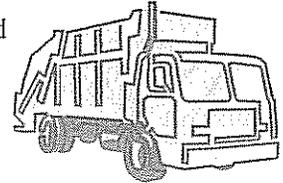
Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

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ABOUT THE NEW AUTOMATED COLLECTION SYSTEM

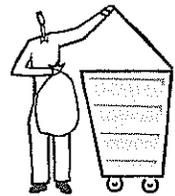
Automated collection involves the use of a truck with an automated, mechanical arm to lift a specially designed cart from the curbside, dump its contents into the truck and return the cart to the curbside. This system requires only 1 person to operate, as the driver controls everything from the cab of the truck. The automated collection system is safer, more efficient and requires less labor to collect solid waste. One truck will pick up household solid waste and another recycling.

Regular garbage cans **cannot** be used with this type of collection. The carts purchased by the Borough are specially constructed to be used in an automated or semi-automated collection system. The cart is designed for ease of handling, durability and has a lid which keeps odors in and moisture out. It is the only container which can be used with the new system.



The Cart

The cart is being provided by the Borough and has a serial number that corresponds to your address. The cart is the property of the Borough. If a resident sells their property, the cart will remain at the address originally assigned to the container.



>>>> **DO NOT REMOVE THE CART FROM THE RESIDENCE** <<<<

All residents are receiving a 95 gallon trash cart. The capacity of the 95 gallon cart is more than three times greater than the standard residential can and is designed to accommodate a six (6) member household's garbage that is recycling properly. The 95 gallon cart will accommodate up to 300 pounds of waste. A cart filled with standard household waste will not exceed these limits

Recycling

Continue to use the BLUE recycling cart that you currently use. Place **ALL** recyclables (plastics, glass, cans, paper, and cardboard) in the **BLUE** cart. Please ensure that cardboard is cut down to fit inside the cart.

Trash

Please place **regular household waste** in the **BURGUNDY** 95 gallon cart. Please ensure that all regular household waste is properly bagged and inside the trash cart.

******Pet Waste should be properly bagged and placed inside the burgundy trash cart******

**ALL HOUSEHOLD WASTE MUST BE PLACED INSIDE CARTS.
NO ITEMS OUTSIDE CARTS WILL BE COLLECTED.**

Holiday Collection

Holiday schedules will be posted on the Borough website at www.historicwoodstown.org . There are no holiday impacts to the Wednesday and Friday collections in calendar year 2014.

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Cart Placement

Please place trash and recycling carts at least three feet apart from each other and clear of any stationary objects (cars, trees, electrical boxes, mail boxes, basketball poles etc.) Carts should be placed at the edge of the roadway with the lift bar facing directly across the street and the wheels facing away from the street. Place carts at least three (3) feet apart from any other cart or obstruction such as parked cars, trees, electric utility boxes, mail boxes, basketball nets, signposts, fire hydrants etc.

Cart Maintenance & Upkeep/Use of the Cart

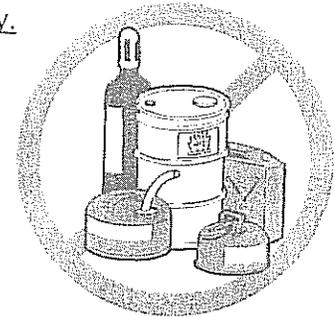
Before moving the cart, grasp the handle and tilt the cart toward you. Push or pull the cart to roll it. On slopes, inclines or steps, handle the cart with care.

All garbage placed in the container should be bagged. Periodically, residents may want to wash the carts out with soap and water to cut down on any odors or insects. Sprinkling ammonia in the carts will also service to reduce odors and pests.

What To Dispose & Not To Dispose Of In The Collection Carts

Your carts are for the disposal of regular household garbage & recycling only. Household waste is basically what is generated out of your kitchen and bath on a normal weekly basis.

The following items should not be placed in the household trash collection cart: recyclables, hot ashes, motor oil, fuels, solvents, paints, pool chemicals, hazardous materials, flammable liquids, concrete, dirt, sod, grass clippings, leaves, yard debris, wood, carpet, furniture, etc.



Recycling carts can loaded with any paper, cardboard, glass, or cans. Plastic items marked with Material types 1, 2, 4, 5, and 7 should also be recycled. The Borough is contracting with a recycling recovery company that pays us back for recycling tonnage based on commodity market prices. The facility does not accept items marked number 3 (poly-vinyl) or number 6 (poly-styrene or Styrofoam). These two types are to be placed in the trash cart.



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Bulk Items

Residents can arrange pickup of items such as furniture, mattresses, box springs, appliances and similar items by calling the Borough Clerk's office and arranging pickup date and payment. The fee is \$35 and may be increased for unusually large and heavy items at the discretion of the Superintendent of Public Works. A separate fee for car and truck tires will be charged as reflected below:

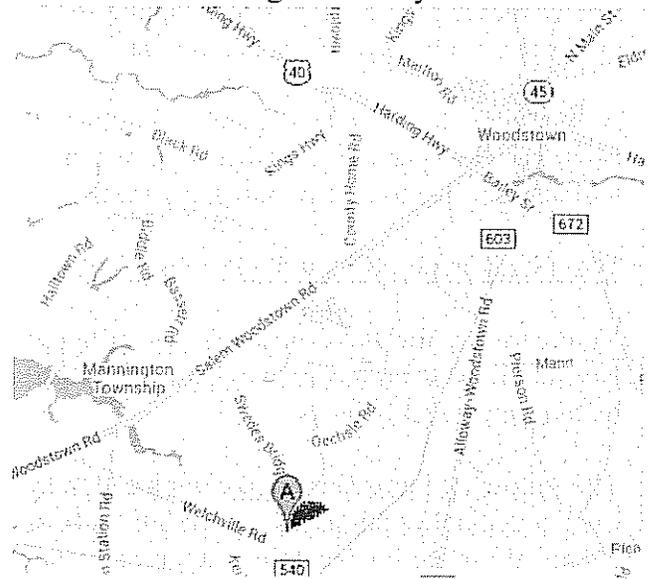
Automobile tires- \$4

Regular truck tires - \$12

Heavy duty truck tires - \$30

It is the responsibility of the homeowner to ensure all contractors performing construction and carpet installation remove all waste debris. The Borough will NOT collect waste generated by contractors.

Residents are encouraged to drop off bulk waste items at the public convenience center of the Salem County Landfill, 52 McKillip Road, off of Welchville Road (Rt. 540) in Alloway. They are open to the public Wednesdays and Saturdays from 8 AM to 3 PM. (see map)



Electronics

Electronics such as TVs, Computer Monitors, CPU Towers, are NOT to be disposed with regular trash. These items should be taken to the convenience center at the Salem County landfill, 52 McKillip Rd at Rt. 540, Alloway.

Branch Chipping and Leaf Collection

The Borough will continue to perform chipping of branches from January through September on Thursday of Recycling weeks. Cut branches must be less than 4 inch thickness.

Leaf collection begins in October and is performed through mid-December. Rake leaves to the curb line, but do not rake them into the street. Leaves in the street clog storm sewers and create a slipping hazard.

Recyclebank is being discontinued

The Recyclebank rewards program is not being renewed. The annual participation and redemption of rewards by residents does not justify the cost of continuing this program. Registered participants are encouraged to redeem their points before the end of February 2014 through their online account at www.Recyclebank.com