

# RAMSEY Recycling Newsletter



## Curbside Recycling Calendar

Your "Every Other Week Recycling Day" occurs on the same day as your "Garbage Pickup Day" on Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday according to the schedule listed below. (Several Ramsey Condo/Townhouse units have chosen a different pick-up plan or schedule. Thus, residents there should refer recycling/garbage questions to their Association or Property Manager.)

### 2009

JANUARY			FEBRUARY			MARCH			APRIL			MAY			JUNE		
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## WHITE GOODS AND ALL OTHER METALS ON 2ND WEDNESDAY ONLY!

Anything that is metal is collected only once each month on the 2nd Wednesday of that month... This includes refrigerators, freezers, stoves, washers, dryers, hot water heaters, etc. Such items are known as white goods. Other items might include metal furniture, toys, tools, lawn mowers, barbecues, air conditioners, etc.

Refrigerators, freezers, and air conditioners may contain a gas called freon. Special care may be needed when picking up these appliances. For these items please call the Borough Hall at least one day before so we can alert our hauler. (Also, for safety remember to remove all doors on your appliance!)

Please do not include white goods or other metals in your regular garbage/trash or recycling day pick-up. It will be left at curbside until the 2nd Wednesday.

## Does it Pay to Recycle? YES!!! Why?



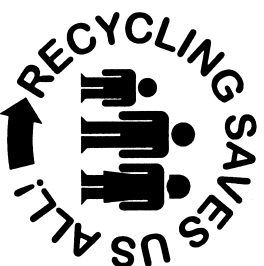
Environmentally, we save resources; we save trees, we save energy; and we help to prevent contamination and pollution of our air, water, and land which can occur when we dispose of solid waste in landfills and incinerators.

Economically, we save money since the current cost to dispose of garbage/trash is **\$71.00/ton**. And the current cost to dispose of traditional recyclables is **\$0.00/ton**.

## A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE SHADE TREE COMMISSION ABOUT SAVING TREES IN RAMSEY

1. Any work to be performed on Borough trees including trimming or removals must first be approved by the Shade Tree Commission. (Call "Shade Tree," at 201-825-3400, Ext. 0).
2. Borough trees are defined as those within the Borough right of way (usually the first 10 feet from the curb line) and all trees on municipal properties.
3. ANYONE PLANNING TO REMOVE MORE THAN 6 TREES FROM PRIVATE PROPERTY IN A 12 MONTH PERIOD WITH A DIAMETER IN EXCESS OF 4 INCHES, MEASURED ON A TREE HEIGHT 4 FEET ABOVE GROUND LEVEL REQUIRES A BOROUGH PERMIT.

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PLASTIC BAGS ARE  
A RECYCLER'S NEMESIS!  
NEVER USE THEM WITH  
ANYTHING TO BE RECYCLED!

Any Questions or Problems?  
Call the Borough Hall at 825-3400, Ext. 0

2009  
Recycling Schedule  
See Enclosed

## THE RAMSEY RECYCLING CENTER

**Location:** Beyond the railroad station, the parking lot, and the Borough garage on the road known as Station Plaza.

**Hours:**

- 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM on Monday thru Friday
- 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM on Saturday from April thru November
- 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM on Saturday from December thru March
- 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM on Monday evenings from May thru September

**Closed on all holidays observed by the Borough.**

**Availability:** Open to Ramsey residents only. (You may be asked to show proof of residency on occasion).

**Required:** **Separation is a requirement.** In addition to yard waste explained elsewhere, paper is separated into two categories, newspaper and other paper; tin cans and aluminum cans have separate containers; glass bottles and jars are separated by color; cardboard boxes and brown paper bags are placed in a compactor.

## RECYCLING SAVES RESOURCES

- Every ton of paper recycled saves 17 trees, 3 cubic yards of landfill, 2 barrels of oil, 7000 gallons of water, and 4100 kilowatt hours of electricity.
- Recycling just one glass bottle saves enough energy to light a 100 watt lightbulb for 4 hours or to operate a television set for 3 hours.
- It takes 4 tons of ore to make one ton of aluminum. Recycling one ton of aluminum saves 57 barrels of oil. Recycling aluminum cans saves 95% of the energy required to make new cans out of raw materials.
- Five recycled 2 liter plastic soda bottles are used to make one extra large T-shirt. (Plastic is also used to make lumber for boardwalks and park benches, fiber filling for ski jackets, and even carpeting!)

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## CURBSIDE RECYCLABLES

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- Corrugated Cardboard:** Corrugated cardboard is a recyclable material. It is not eligible for garbage collection. It is not trash! This material should be flattened, stacked, and tied in bundles. Place it at curbside with other paper on paper recycling day. Otherwise, it could be left at curbside by the hauler. (Please, no trash or styrofoam inside the cardboard. Such items are garbage.)
- Paper:** Should be tied in bundles; placed in brown grocery bags; or placed in a permanent reusable container such as a milk carton. (Never use plastic bags or cardboard boxes.) Paper includes newspapers and magazines; junk mail; office paper; books including paperbacks, telephone books, hard-cover books when hard covers are removed; wrapping paper (non-metallic); school paper and construction paper (no glitter, sparkles, or metal); brown grocery bags (bundled or put into one bag).

**Non-recyclable paper items to be placed in garbage include:** dirty newspaper (used for painting, foods, etc.); black and blue carbon paper; blueprints; soiled chipboard such as pizza boxes; tissues, napkins, paper towels, and paper dishes.



- Commingled Recyclables:** Glass bottles and jars, plastic containers (#1 and #2 only), and aluminum and tin/steel cans may all be placed in the same container. Lids, covers, tops, and caps should be disposed in garbage. When needed, items should be rinsed lightly to prevent odors or insects.



**Non-recyclable items which should be placed in garbage include:** plate glass, safety glass, window glass, blue glass and bottles, ceramics, mirrors, light bulbs, dishes, drinking glasses... aluminum dishes, aluminum foil, aerosol cans, and cans that have held toxic materials... plastic bags, plastic flower pots or trays, plastic dishes, plastic toys, and all other plastic containers without #1 or #2 on the bottom.

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## USED AUTO PRODUCTS

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Never discard such materials in storm sewers, woods, fields, rivers, or streams. Please dispose of them in this way:

- Motor Oil:** Take to a gas station where they change oil. Put your oil in an easy to pour container such as a milk jug. Never take it or leave it after hours; always go during business hours. Never mix oil with any other substance such as water, gas, or anti-freeze. There may be a minimal charge for this service since the dealer must pay to have it properly disposed.
- Auto Batteries:** Take to a gas station where they sell batteries.
- Tires:** These are collected two times each year at the Ramsey Recycling Center. Tires are received at the center on the **first weekend of May and November**. Also, most tire dealers will take your used tires, but they will rightfully charge you several dollars/tire for this service since this is their cost for disposal of a tire.



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## RECYCLING CONTAINERS

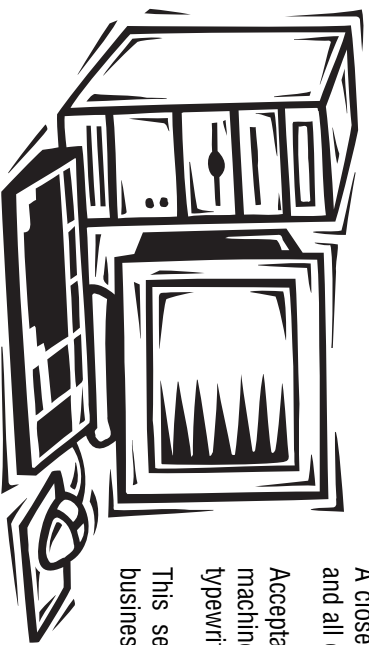
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New residents are invited to get a plastic container at the Borough Hall at no cost. It is not required that recyclables be collected in such a container. Rather, it is a welcoming gift to those who would like to have one. Other residents may purchase such containers for \$8 each. Or we provide free decals to those who use another type of container and desire to mark their containers to assist collectors. For more information call 201-825-3400.

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## COMPUTERS AND OTHER ELECTRONIC WASTE (E-WASTE)

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A closed container is located at the **Ramsey Recycling Center** to receive and recycle any and all computer equipment along with other forms of electronic equipment. Acceptable items for the "E-Waste" container include: computers; monitors; printers; fax machines; speakers; televisions; keyboards; main frames; VCR's; DVD players; stereos; typewriters; toasters; radios; irons; copiers; terminals; cables.

This service is for private Ramsey residents only. Large users such as schools and businesses may call the Recycling Coordinator for assistance and direction.

True, residents may place "E-Waste" at curbside for collection. However, we discourage this because it is not recycled; it is considered garbage/trash and taken to a landfill for disposal.

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## HAZARDOUS WASTE DAYS

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<b>Saturdays on May 16, September 12 and November 21</b> 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM Campgaw Mountain Reservation 200 Campgaw Road, Mahwah	<b>Sundays on April 5, June 28 and October 4</b> 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM Bergen Community College 400 Paramus Road, Paramus	<b>Saturdays on March 14 and July 18</b> 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM Bergen County Utilities Authority Foot of Empire Boulevard, Moonachie
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**PLEASE DO NOT BRING COMPUTERS, ELECTRONICS OR TIRES.** [www.bca.org](http://www.bca.org)  
*For questions or more details please call the Bergen County Hazardous Waste Hotline (201) 807-5825.*

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## HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES, CLOTHING AND OTHER TEXTILES

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The above items should **NEVER** be placed in garbage/trash. Ramsey residents should take them to the Ramsey Recycling Center. Batteries contain metals/chemicals which pollute water. Textiles help to fill landfills. What should we do with them?

**Household Batteries:** These are not recyclable, but they are hazardous waste! Cover the terminals with non-conductive tape, or place each battery in a separate bag. Collect them in a box or can, and then dispose of them at the Recycling Center or take them to a County Hazardous Waste Day.

**Textiles:** Textiles include old clothing, old bedding, and usable old shoes. These should be taken to the Good Will clothing container in the Recycling Center from where it is taken for some form of recycling.

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## GARBAGE AND TRASH DISPOSAL

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- The Borough is divided into three garbage routes for twice weekly garbage collection. One pick-up occurs on **MONDAYS** and **THURSDAYS**; the second on **TUESDAYS** and **FRIDAYS**; and the third on **WEDNESDAY** and **SATURDAYS**.
- Current practice is the only day during the year when garbage is not collected is on Christmas Day. However, for all other holidays be sure to put the garbage/trash at curbside the night before because of unusually early morning pick-up.
- Garbage should always be placed at curbside in garbage cans or in tied plastic garbage bags. Cardboard boxes should never be used to hold garbage/trash. Corrugated cardboard is a recyclable paper material and not eligible for garbage/trash collection.
- Garbage/trash and recyclable materials should not be placed at curbside earlier than one hour before sunset on the eve of the scheduled collection day. We suggest materials be placed at the curb before going to bed the night before collection to avoid missing early morning pick-ups by the hauler.
- Other trash/rubbish such as household furniture, etc. is collected on your 2nd garbage pick-up of each week. Used carpeting should be cut to a size that can be lifted and put on garbage truck. (**No white goods or other metals** will be picked up on this day. Such items are collected only on the 2nd Wednesday of each month). We will take a "reasonable" amount of "extra" trash each collection day. Please call Borough Hall if you have question about this.
- Building or other renovative materials/kitchen or bathroom fixtures/automotive parts/tires are **NEVER** eligible for collection. Residents must make private arrangements for disposing of such items. For a bid price, you may call the Borough's present hauler, Suburban Disposal, at 800-339-1757.
- Never put hazardous waste, liquid substances such as paint, or used propane tanks in your garbage/trash. Take such items to a Bergen County Hazardous Waste Day. (Totally dry paint cans may be included with trash).

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## YARD WASTE/VEGETATIVE WASTE

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During the "leaf" season (October – December) Ramsey residents may rake all their leaves to the curb of their home and the Borough will vacuum them into trucks for recycling/composting. All other yard waste i.e. grass clippings, brush, leaves (except during October – December), and all other vegetative waste must be taken to the Ramsey Recycling Center. All such items must be kept separate from each other since containers are provided for the individual materials brought to the Center. Cans, bags, or boxes used to carry the material must be emptied into the appropriate container for the particular form of yard waste. Limbs and branches are limited in size to 4 foot lengths and 6 inches in diameter. **Stumps, stones, rocks, railroad ties, and old fences are NOT considered yard waste.** On January 8, 2009 the Borough will provide a once only curbside pick-up of live Christmas trees which will be recycled. Thereafter, live Christmas trees left at curbside will be treated as garbage and taken to a landfill. Residents may always take live Christmas trees to the Recycling Center and place same in the "brush container."

