

## IMPORTANT NOTES

### GRASS COLLECTION:

Township residents may drop their grass clippings off at the DPW garage located at 54 Center Street beginning on Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup> through Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup>. The specific days the clippings may be dropped off are Tuesday and Friday of each week, 7:00 am through 9:00 am and Wednesdays between 1:00 and 3:00 pm. Clippings may be put in paper recyclable bags or in trash cans. Under no circumstances can Public Works accept any material placed in any type of plastic bag.

Residents are encouraged to become more environmentally responsible and embark upon a "cut it and leave it" program.

**\*IN ADDITION** to the above, Public Works will canvass the township between April 4<sup>th</sup> and April 29<sup>th</sup> collecting lawn material placed in paper recyclable bags or trash cans curbside in recognition of spring clean-ups. Residents cannot place material loose in the street, it must be contained.

### LEAF COLLECTION:

March 28<sup>th</sup> through October 21<sup>st</sup> leaves and other soft vegetative waste may be placed with grass clippings and dropped off at the DPW garage as described under grass collection.

Beginning October 22<sup>nd</sup> leaves may be placed in the curb for collection, either loose or in paper recyclable bags. Public Works will begin curbside collection on October 25<sup>th</sup>. Residents can call the DPW at 973-912-8483 regarding collection dates in specific areas.

**HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION** - Union County sponsors free programs to collect hazardous waste such as aerosol cans, fluorescent light bulbs, antifreeze, caustics, cleaners, corrosives, oil based paints, etc. Dates are announced in the Spring. For a more information call 908-654-9889.

### **COMPUTER & ELECTRONICS COLLECTION - ADDITIONAL INFO**

In addition to the Saturday electronic drop-off program now being offered on the first Saturday of every month at the Springfield Municipal Pool, the County also sponsors free programs to collect computer and electronic equipment such as TV, monitors, phones, speakers, circuit boards, etc. A schedule of dates is not yet available.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The County will not accept certain equipment such as air conditioners & white goods. Please call 908-654-9889 if you choose to use County services for a complete list of dates and what is and is not accepted.

**Remember the Clean Communities Program** - Volunteer to take part in this year's Clean Communities Day, (more information will be forthcoming). Community organizations, families, and interested individuals are invited to work together to reduce the amount of litter in the parks, playgrounds, on public property and roadsides. Sponsored by the Springfield Environmental Commission.

For additional information, please call the Township Recycling Office at 973-912-2222. Taped information is available 24 hours a day.



# TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD

January-December, 2016

## Important Telephone Numbers

|   |              |
|---|--------------|
| Municipal Building Administration, Licenses, Voter Registration | 973-912-2285 |
| Building - Construction Permits                                 | 973-912-2220 |
| Court - Traffic Tickets, Violations                             | 973-912-2214 |
| Emergency   | 911          |
| Police, First Aid Squad   | 973-376-0400 |
| Fire (non emergency)  | 973-912-2265 |
| Engineering   | 973-912-2219 |
| Health  | 973-593-3079 |
| Public Works  | 973-912-8483 |
| Recycling Information   | 973-912-2222 |
| Recreation, Senior Citizens                                     | 973-912-2227 |
| Tax Assessor  | 973-912-2207 |
| Tax Collector   | 973-912-2204 |

### **Christmas Tree Disposal**

Weather permitting, Christmas trees will be collected curbside until January 31.

### **Replacement Trees**

Residents interested in obtaining replacement trees should contact the DPW at 973-912-8483.

### **SNOW REMOVAL**

Sidewalks must be cleared within 18 hours after a snowfall. Plowing, blowing or shoveling snow into the street creates hazardous conditions and is **illegal**. Residents are responsible for the actions of their snow contractors. Streets are plowed on a priority basis, in accordance with traffic and safety requirements. Please do not call the Public Works Department with requests for plowing, we cannot deviate from our schedule.

Please note that the following streets are County roads and are plowed and salted by the County; Hillside Ave. from Mountain Ave. To Route 22, Meisel Ave., Mountain Ave., Shunpike Road, and South Springfield Ave.

Morris Ave. and all entrance and exit ramps for routes 78, 22 and 24 are State responsibility and are plowed and salted by the State.

### **WHY RECYCLE??**

- \*Help preserve our forests
- \*Conserve minerals such as aluminum and iron
- \*Conserve oil, plastics are oil based
- \*Save tax dollars. Reduce the amount of waste going to landfills, disposal of waste is paid for by taxpayers.
- \* The more we recycle, the more tonnage \$\$ we receive from the State.
- \* And, in New Jersey, **recycling is the law**

## SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING

### Curbside Recycling The Easy Way!

WHY IS IT SO EASY??

TWO REASONS;

1. Collections are performed on a weekly basis, **every Wednesday.**
2. The Township provides curbside Single Stream Recycling Collection.

Single stream collection eliminates the need to separate recyclables and permits the placing of all items into a single container. No more separating materials, tying newspapers, etc.

**An important note; Please do not mix recyclables with trash – it greatly reduces the value of the recyclables**

### ELECTRONICS

Electronic items, (computers, printers, etc.) must be recycled and can no longer be placed curbside for pick up with trash. Residents will be able to bring their electronics to the Municipal Pool parking lot for recycling on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of every month , 7:00am-11:00am

### Electronic recycling dates:

|              |               |
|--------------|---------------|
| January – 2  | July – 2      |
| February – 6 | August – 6    |
| March – 5    | September – 3 |
| April – 2    | October – 1   |
| May – 7      | November – 5  |
| June – 4     | December – 3  |

**ADDITIONAL BONUS!!!** On each designated electronic recycling Saturday residents will also be allowed to recycle the following items; Leaves, grass & soft vegetative waste, branches, metal items and appliances.

## SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING

Single stream recycling is the future for responsible resource conservation and an important step toward dramatically reducing the amount of trash in our landfills, thereby reducing the cost of dumping our trash and preserving our environment.



Single stream recycling makes it as easy to use the recycling container as it is to use the trash container.

We now have a choice of whether to place our debris in our trash container and pay to have it hauled to a landfill or to place it in our recycling container and actually make money as a result of increasing our recycling grants, which are based upon the amount of material we recycle yearly. It truly does pay to recycle. If we go "green" we'll make "green"! There is no down side to recycling - and with the introduction of weekly single stream recycling it's effortless!!

## BULK WASTE DISPOSAL – THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW - IMPORTANT FACTS!!

- BULK WASTE WILL BE COLLECTED QUARTERLY
- COLLECTION DATES ARE AS FOLLOWS;
  1. March 16 & 17
  2. June 8 & 9
  3. September 14 & 15
  4. December 7 & 8
- If your trash was collected on Thursdays your bulk pickup will be the first day of the two day pickup.
- If your trash was collected on Fridays your bulk pickup will be the second day of the pickup schedule above.

### WHAT IS CONSIDERED BULK WASTE?

Bulk waste is comprised of large and/or non-routine waste items including;

Household furniture

Appliances

Light brush not to exceed 6 feet in length and 60 pounds, bundled & tied

Rolled and tied carpet not to exceed 6 feet in length and 60 pounds

Hot water heaters

Barbeque grills

Furniture

### WHAT IS NOT ACCEPTED

Construction material – sheet rock, stumps & tree roots

Electrical items

Recyclables

Stones, logs, large rocks

Tree roots

Propane tanks

All other hazardous waste items.

**Please Note!!! – Refrigerators and freezers must have the doors removed.**

### IMPORTANT DATES FOR WEEKLY TRASH COLLECTION

- **THANKSGIVING ALTERNATE DATES;**
- **For those residents whose trash is collected on Thursday; Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup> , trash will be collected on Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup>. and .....**
- **Friday November 25<sup>th</sup> trash will be collected on Saturday November 26<sup>th</sup>.**