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 Tuesday: 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: Monday through Friday 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

RECYCLING DEPOT HOURS: Friday, Saturday, and Sunday 7 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT (main office): Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.;
 Tuesday: 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS: Open 24 hours



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Thanks Township Manager Dean Kazinci wishes to thank the "Teaneck Times" Committee: Director of Public Works/ Recycling Coordinator Travon Romeo, Glenna Crockett, John Fields and Colleen Hannigan.

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Have a Successful Day!

Information Guide and Recycling Calendar

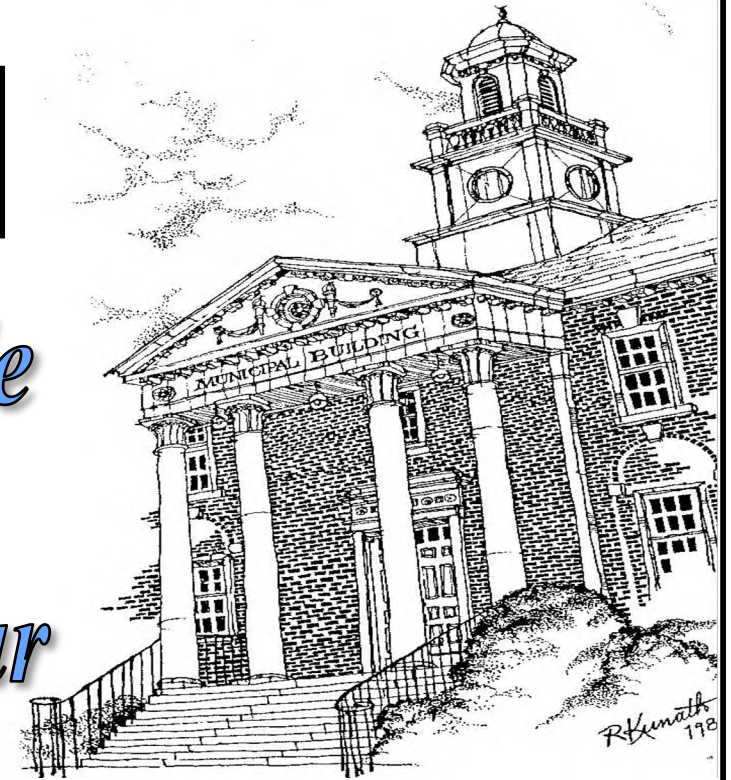
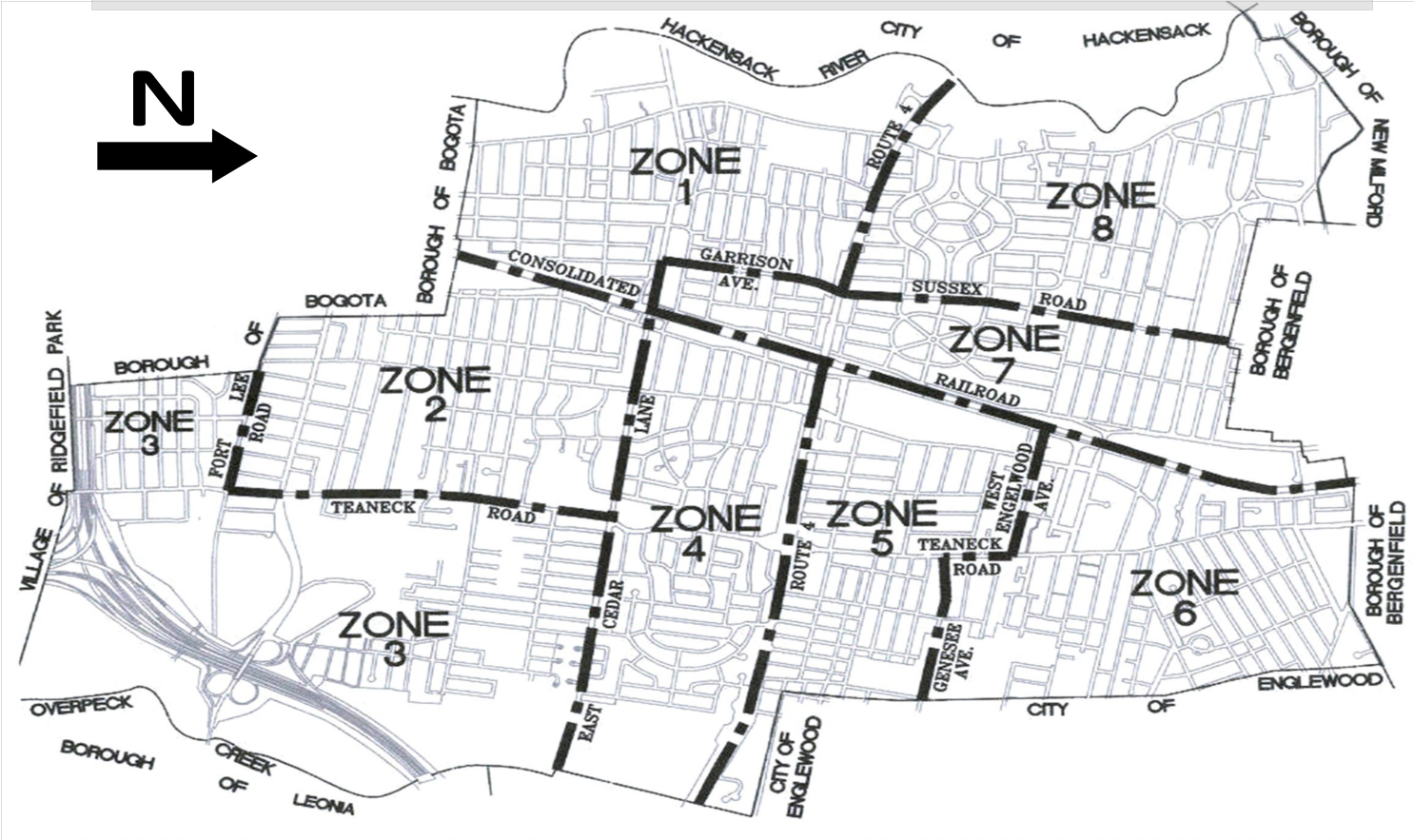


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RECYCLING / GARDEN DEBRIS ZONE MAP



Pick-up Zones

(Refer to monthly calendar for scheduled pick-up days)

Servicing the Township in eight (8) zones. They are as follows:

Zone 1- South of Route 4, West of Garrison Avenue, South of Cedar Lane, West of the Railroad.	Zone 5- East of the Railroad, North of Route 4 to West Englewood Avenue/Genesee Avenue to Englewood border.
Zone 2- South of Cedar Lane to Fort Lee Road, West of Teaneck Road to Bogota border/Railroad.	Zone 6- East of the Railroad to Englewood border, North of West Englewood Avenue/Genesee Avenue to Bergenfield border.
Zone 3- South of East Cedar Lane, East of Teaneck Road, South of Fort Lee Road to Ridgfield Park and Bogota borders.	Zone 7- West of the Railroad, East of Sussex Road/Garrison Avenue to Cedar Lane/Bergenfield border.
Zone 4- East of the Railroad, between Route 4 and Cedar Lane/East Cedar Lane.	Zone 8- North of Route 4 to Bergenfield/New Milford borders, West of Sussex Road to Hackensack border.

During emergencies or inclement weather, refer to the Township's website (www.teanecknj.gov), social media networks (facebook.com/teanecknjgov or twitter.com/teanecknjgov) and/or the Recycling Hotline (201) 837-1600 ext. 1946 for information!
Stay informed with OnsolveCodeRed and Nixle emergency alerts.
You can sign up through the Township website (www.teanecknj.gov) or Nixle.com.



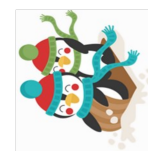
January 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 Christmas Tree Pickup Service will operate the weeks of January 6 & 21	6 ★ Recycling: Zone 5 ★ Christmas Tree Pickup: Zones 1 & 2	7 ★ Recycling: Zone 6 ★ Christmas Tree Pickup: Zones 3 & 4	8 ★ Recycling: Zone 7 ★ Christmas Tree Pickup: Zones 5 & 6	9 ★ Recycling: Zone 8 ★ Christmas Tree Pickup: Zones 7 & 8	10 ★ Recycling: Zone 4	11 11
12	13 ★ Recycling: Zone 1	14 ★ Recycling: Zone 2	15 ★ Recycling: Zone 3	16 ★ Recycling: Zone 4	17 17	18 18
19	20 Closed in Observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day	21 ★ Recycling: Zone 5 ★ Christmas Tree Pickup: Zones 1 & 2	22 ★ Recycling: Zone 6 ★ Christmas Tree Pickup: Zones 3 & 4	23 ★ Recycling: Zone 7 ★ Christmas Tree Pickup: Zones 5 & 6	24 ★ Recycling: Zone 8 ★ Christmas Tree Pickup: Zones 7 & 8	25 25
26 Zone Info Map may be found on page 2	27 ★ Recycling: Zone 1	28 ★ Recycling: Zone 2	29 ★ Recycling: Zone 3	30 ★ Recycling: Zone 4	31 31	



December 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 ★ Recycling: Zone 1	3 ★ Recycling: Zone 2	4 ★ Recycling: Zone 3	5 ★ Recycling: Zone 4 ★ Christmas Tree Lighting	6 6	7 7
8	9 ★ Recycling: Zone 5	10 ★ Recycling: Zone 6 ★ Council Meeting 8pm	11 ★ Recycling: Zone 7	12 ★ Recycling: Zone 8	13 13	14 14
15	16 ★ Recycling: Zone 1	17 ★ Recycling: Zone 2	18 ★ Recycling: Zone 3	19 ★ Recycling: Zone 4	20 20	21 21
22	23 ★ Recycling: Zone 5	24 ★ Recycling: Zone 6	25 Closed in Observance of Christmas Day	26 ★ Recycling: Zone 7	27 ★ Recycling: Zone 8	28 28
29	30 ★ Recycling: Zone 1	31 ★ Recycling: Zone 2	LEAVES ARE NOT PERMITTED TO BE RAKED TO THE CURB AFTER DEC. 1			
			REMEMBER: In a snow emergency there is NO parking on Township streets!			



Have a happy, healthy, and safe holiday season!





November 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 Daylight Saving Time Ends today; set your clocks back an hour	4 ★ Recycling: Zone 1	5 ★ Recycling: Zone 2 ★ Municipal/General Election Polls Open 6:00am—8:00pm	6 ★ Recycling: Zone 3	7 ★ Recycling: Zone 4	8 ★ Recycling: Zone 8	9 ★ Recycling: Zone 9
10 Change your clock & batteries!	11 Closed in Observance of Veterans Day Township Service 11am	12 ★ Recycling: Zone 5 ★ Council Meeting 8pm	13 ★ Recycling: Zone 6	14 ★ Recycling: Zone 7	15 ★ Recycling: Zone 8	16 Blow out all candles when you leave the room or go to bed. Avoid the use of candles in the bedroom and other areas where people may fall asleep.
17	18 ★ Recycling: Zone 1	19 ★ Recycling: Zone 2	20 ★ Recycling: Zone 3	21 ★ Recycling: Zone 4	22	23
24	25 ★ Recycling: Zone 5	26 ★ Recycling: Zone 6	27 ★ Depot Open ★ Recycling: Zone 7	28 Closed in Observance of Thanksgiving 	29 ★ Depot Closed ★ Municipal Offices Closed ★ Recycling: Zone 8	30 ★ Depot Open

Zone Info Map may be found on page 2

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (PAGES 2-5)

Recycling Rules & Regulations

RECYCLING DEPOT HOURS
(Teaneck Residents Only)
FRIDAY THRU SUNDAY: 7:00 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.
Closed Monday thru Thursday and Municipal Holidays
DPW ADDRESS: 1600 River Road Teaneck, NJ
DPW HOURS: 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday

RECYCLING CONTAINER(S)
PLEASE RINSE/CLEAN ALL RESIDUE FROM CONTAINER(S)
PLEASE USE YELLOW TOWNSHIP-ISSUED CANS FOR:

Commingled Recyclables:
Aluminum food and beverage containers:
Aluminum soda, beer cans, and pet food cans, etc.

Glass food and beverage containers:
Flint (clear) Amber (brown) Green

Ferrous cans:
Tin/Steel (soup, food, coffee cans, etc.)

Plastic containers with # 1, 2, 5 may include:
Soda and beverage bottles of various colors, milk and water jugs, detergent bottles, shampoo bottles, bleach bottles, ketchup bottles, syrup bottles, and yogurt containers, etc.

PLEASE USE BLUE TOWNSHIP-ISSUED CANS FOR:

Paper:
Newspaper
Magazines
Catalogs
Junk Mail
Paper Bags
Cardboard
Paperback and Telephone Books
Egg Cartons (cardboard only)
Anything else made of paper

The following restrictions and criteria apply to other recycling containers used by residents for commingled recyclable material and garden debris pick-up:

- 1) Containers must be no larger than 32 gallons in size.
- 2) Containers must not have wide bottoms with narrow tops (i.e. pickle barrels).
- 3) Containers must have handles.
- 4) Containers must be made of either plastic or lightweight metal, not cardboard.
- 5) Filled containers must not exceed 50 lbs.
- 6) NEWSPAPERS/MIXED PAPER for curbside collection must be tied into bundles, not more than 12" high and secured with string, twine or cord.
- 7) Corrugated cardboard must be flattened and tied for curbside collection.

Batteries:
The Recycling Depot accepts vehicle batteries only. This material is not picked up curbside. For all other types of battery disposal, please refer to www.bcu.org.

White Goods / Appliance Pick Up:
Public Works offers "white goods" pick-up curbside on Fridays by appointment. White goods such as washing machines, clothes dryers, and water heaters can be dropped off or picked up at no cost. Items containing Freon such as refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, and water coolers will require a \$20.00 fee per unit to cover the cost of removal and disposal. To make an appointment, please call (201) 837-1600 ext. 1727 or e-mail dpw@teanecknj.gov.

Electronics:
Computers, laptops, servers, monitors, TV's, cell phones, telecom equipment, UPS battery back up unit batteries, laptop batteries, printers, scanners, fax machines, keyboards, mice, cable, wires, hard drives, audio equipment, microwave ovens are accepted at the Recycling Depot. **Items such as TVs or radios in large wooden cabinets are not accepted.**

Used Motor Oil:
Residents are permitted to bring used motor oil to the recycling depot during normal hours of operation. The used oil cannot be mixed with any other fluid such as antifreeze.

Recyclables should be placed curbside no earlier than 6 p.m. on the evening before your scheduled collection day and no later than 7 a.m. on the day of collection.

Listed to the left are the only accepted items!
(NO PLASTIC BAGS PERMITTED)

Recycling Depot News

The Township will be charging a fee of \$20.00 for the collection of the following items: Refrigerators, Freezers, Air Conditioners, Dehumidifiers, Water Coolers, etc. The fee per unit is to cover the cost of the removal of Freon. The fee can be paid by check or money order made out to the "Township of Teaneck"; **no cash will be accepted.**

The following materials will be accepted at the Recycling Depot during the hours of operation:

MATERIAL ACCEPTED	MATERIAL NOT ACCEPTED
Mixed gauge steel of any dimension	Wood
All grades of Metallic Iron & Steel	Dirt
Cast Iron	Rubber
Aluminum	Tires
Siding, Window frames (no glass),	Furniture of any kind
Wheels (no tires)	Gas tanks
Copper	Antifreeze
Brass	Paint
Aluminum Copper Radiators (automobiles)	Compressed Gas
Electric Motors in any form free of	Propane tanks
Hazardous Fluid	Pesticides
Washing Machines	Fluorescent lights
Clothes Dryers	Mercury switches
Water Heaters	Fire Extinguishers
	NO CLOSED CYLINDERS OF ANY KIND

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Sanitary Sewers

The Township's sanitary sewer system is designed for human waste **only**. Sump pump flows, diapers, paper towels, cooking oils, grease, etc. are **prohibited**. Disposal of non-human waste may negatively affect your sewer line and/or the Township's sewage system. Residents are encouraged to consult a plumber for information about installing sewer backflow valves on their private sewer lines to prevent sewer backups. **This will require a Plumbing permit.** Furthermore, the Township recommends residents contact their insurance carrier to ensure they are covered against loss related to sewer backups. Residents experiencing back-ups during business hours should call the Department of Public Works at (201) 837-1600 ext. 1727. After business hours you should contact the Teaneck Police Department at (201) 837-2600.



Snow Removal Regulations



As per Township of Teaneck Code, Section 32-6, residents, property owners, and managers must remove snow and ice from public sidewalks in a timely manner. Commercial property owners/tenants must remove such within 12 hours after snowfall stops. Residential property owners/tenants have up to 24 hours after snowfall stops to remove snow and ice. In addition, walkways to the entrances of any properties should be cleared in a timely fashion to allow emergency personnel and mail delivery carriers safe and clear access to the premises. Now is a great time to make sure that you have sturdy shovels, working snow blowers, snow shoveling agreements, and plenty of rock salt before the next snowfall.

Confidential Paper Shredding Dates

The Township of Teaneck provides a semi-annual Confidential Paper Shredding service. Residents may bring their confidential documents to be shredded via a mobile shredding machine that will be parked in the Municipal Building Complex Parking Lot. **9:00 a.m. through 1:00 p.m. or until the truck is full.**



THE 2024 DATES ARE:

SPRING:

Saturday, April 20
Sunday, April 21

FALL:

Saturday, September 14
Sunday, September 15

GARDEN DEBRIS INFO. & REGULATIONS

Garden debris is collected curbside on a weekly basis starting **March 27** through **October 5** (please refer to the calendar). Grass, leaves and small plant material must be placed in either non-disposable containers or biodegradable paper bags, weighing no more than 50 pounds each. Branches and shrubs must be cut into lengths no greater than four feet and tied into bundles weighing less than 50 pounds each. **No branches or logs 4" or greater will be picked up.** Landscapers and lawn services must comply with these requirements. Material that is not properly contained will not be picked up. Garden debris brought to the Depot does not need to be containerized or tied, but must not be in plastic bags.



STORM DAMAGE DEBRIS

If tree parts fall during a storm, you must comply with the garden debris rules and regulations unless otherwise announced by the Township.



LEAF SEASON

Leaf removal in the autumn is a monumental project that strains the resources of the DPW. During the period of leaf drop from about October to mid-December (see your recycling calendar for specific information) residents are permitted to rake leaves, loose grass, and small plants into the roadway at curbside.

The DPW collects leaves daily during this period, but the volume is so great and the weather is so unpredictable, that the leaf pickup cannot be scheduled. Be careful to only place leaves, grass cuttings, and small plant material in the leaf piles in the street. Do not place logs, branches, stones, or large plant material in the street during the leaf collection period, as they are not suitable for composting and could damage the street cleaning equipment.

Sidewalk Replacement/Root Cut



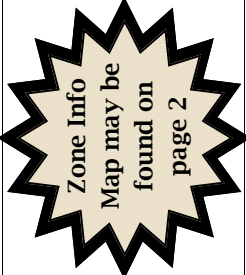
Residents are responsible for the maintenance of sidewalks adjacent to their property. In order to replace one's sidewalk, a permit must be obtained from the Engineering Department by the respective contractor or homeowner. Contractors are required to be licensed by the Township prior to any construction in order to perform concrete work in the public right of way. If tree roots are involved with the replacement of a sidewalk, the individual performing the work must contact the Public Works Department at (201) 837-1600 ext. 1751 or 1728 to arrange for the Township to evaluate and/or grind the tree roots.



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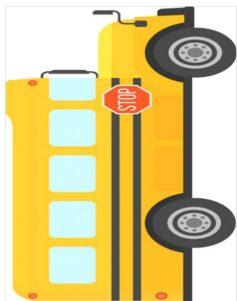


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6	★ Town-wide Clean Up 12 noon to 2 pm	7	★ Recycling: Zone 1 ★ Garden Debris Pickup: Zones 1 & 2	8	★ Recycling: Zone 2 ★ Garden Debris Pickup: Zones 3 & 4	9	★ Recycling: Zone 3 ★ Garden Debris Pickup: Zones 5 & 6
13	★ Weekly Garden Debris pickup ends October 10	14	Closed in observance of Columbus Day	15	★ Recycling: Zone 5 ★ Council Meeting 8pm	16	★ Recycling: Zone 6
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Know at least two ways out of every room!



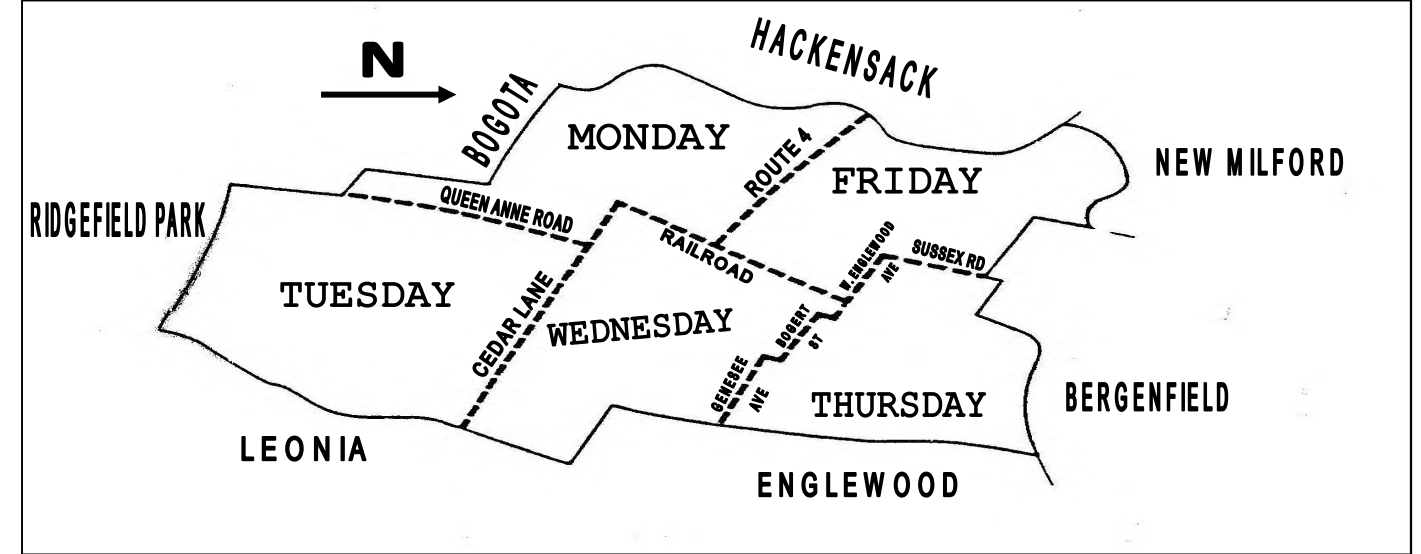


September 2024



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1 ★ Zone Info Map may be found on page 2	2 ★ Closed in Observance of Labor Day	3 ★ Recycling: Zone 5 Garden Debris Pickup: Zones 1 & 2	4 ★ Recycling: Zone 6 Garden Debris Pickup: Zones 3 & 4	5 ★ Recycling: Zone 7 Garden Debris Pickup: Zones 5 & 6	6 ★ Recycling: Zone 8 Garden Debris Pickup: Zones 7 & 8	7 ★ TEANECK DAY WEEKEND 5:00-10:00PM
8 ★ TEANECK DAY 4:00-9:30PM	9 ★ Recycling: Zone 1 Garden Debris Pickup: Zones 1 & 2	10 ★ Recycling: Zone 2 Garden Debris Pickup: Zones 3 & 4 Council Meeting 8pm	11 ★ Recycling: Zone 3 Garden Debris Pickup: Zones 5 & 6 Township 9/11 Ceremony 8:30 a.m.	12 ★ Recycling: Zone 4 Garden Debris Pickup: Zones 7 & 8	13 ★ Recycling: Zone 4 Garden Debris Pickup: Zones 7 & 8	14 ★ TEANECK DAY WEEKEND (rain date) 5:00-10:00PM ★ Confidential Paper Shredding 9am-1pm Or until truck is full
15 ★ TEANECK DAY (rain date) 4:00-9:30PM ★ Confidential Paper Shredding 9am-1pm Or until truck is full	16 ★ Recycling: Zone 5 Garden Debris Pickup: Zones 1 & 2	17 ★ Recycling: Zone 6 Garden Debris Pickup: Zones 3 & 4	18 ★ Recycling: Zone 7 Garden Debris Pickup: Zones 5 & 6	19 ★ Recycling: Zone 8 Garden Debris Pickup: Zones 7 & 8	20 ★ Recycling: Zone 8 Garden Debris Pickup: Zones 7 & 8	21 ★ SPLASH PAD OPEN WEEKENDS WEATHER PERMITTING!
22	23 ★ Recycling: Zone 1 Garden Debris Pickup: Zones 1 & 2	24 ★ Recycling: Zone 2 Garden Debris Pickup: Zones 3 & 4 Council Meeting 8pm	25 ★ Recycling: Zone 3 Garden Debris Pickup: Zones 5 & 6	26 ★ Recycling: Zone 4 Garden Debris Pickup: Zones 7 & 8	27 ★ Recycling: Zone 4 Garden Debris Pickup: Zones 7 & 8	28 ★ Town-wide Garage Sale See page 12 for more info.
29 ★ Town-wide Garage Sale See page 12 for more info.	30 ★ Recycling: Zone 5 Garden Debris Pickup: Zones 1 & 2	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> SCHOOL'S OPEN Drive Carefully! </div>		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Fire drills are not just for school. Practice fire drills at home too! </div>		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Make sure to get your furnace inspected and serviced by a qualified professional! </div>

STREET SWEEPING MAP & SCHEDULE



STREET SWEEPING

In order to maintain the cleanliness of Township streets, residential streets are swept once per week; business district streets are swept five days per week. **The street sweeping schedule is interrupted only by the mammoth task of leaf collection between October and December.** During leaf pick-up season residential streets are swept on a schedule dictated by leaf accumulation.

The effectiveness of our street sweeping program depends solely upon the cooperation of residents. Street sweepers cannot get curbside when cars are parked on the street on a sweeping day. To do your part, please ensure your vehicle(s) are off the street on your respective street sweeping day, in accordance with the following schedule:

Monday	South of Route 4 and west of the railroad south of Cedar Lane and west of Queen Anne Road.
Tuesday	East of Queen Anne Road and south of Cedar Lane.
Wednesday	East of the railroad, north of Cedar Lane to Genesee Avenue/ Bogert Street/ West Englewood Avenue.
Thursday	North of Genesee Avenue/Bogert Street/West Englewood Avenue to the Bergenfield line, and east of Sussex Road to the Englewood line.
Friday	North of Route 4 and west of the railroad, south of West Englewood Avenue and west of Sussex Road to the Bergenfield and New Milford borders and to the Hackensack River.
NOTE:	BOUNDARY LINES BETWEEN DISTRICTS RUN DOWN THE CENTER OF THE STREET.

Snow Emergency—No Parking

Parking of any vehicle on any portion of a public street is prohibited whenever snow is falling and the accumulation is such that it covers the public streets in the township and plowing is required, except where designated. **The term "snow" includes sleet, hail and/or ice.**

- ◆ Before storms begin, the main streets will be pre-treated with an environmentally safe solution that reduces the temperature at which snow freezes.
- ◆ During storms, snowplows will concentrate on keeping two lanes clear on every street.
- ◆ After storms, plows will return to widen the streets curb line to curb line.

PLEASE wait to do your final clean-up after the streets are cleared, which is typically six (6) to eight (8) hours after the storm is over.

For additional off-street parking, residents are encouraged to use any of the municipal parking lots. Beginning six hours before snow fall is predicted to start and until 24 hours after snow fall has stopped, all hourly limits and meter fees in Township lots are waived. Please refer to the Township's website: www.teanecknj.gov for the list of municipal parking lots and authorized parking areas.

During winter months, snow and ice must be removed from public sidewalks after cessation of a storm. Commercial property owners or tenants have 12 hours to clear sidewalks; residential owners have 24 hours. Additionally, people who own properties at corners and at mid-block crosswalks must shovel a pathway from their shoveled sidewalk to the plowed portion of the street so that pedestrians can cross safely. Snow emergencies will be announced via Nixle & SwiftReach text message alerts. (See Page 8 for information on how to sign up.)

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (PAGES 6-8)

RESIDENT RAILCAR EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Teaneck records show the rail line has been active since 1873. There have only been two train accidents in Teaneck: one in 1930 and one in 1960. In both accidents, no hazardous materials were released and there were no injuries or damage to Teaneck residents or businesses along the tracks. There have been several cargo fires and releases of Anhydrous Ammonia and muriatic acid vapors. Teaneck Fire Department has long been prepared for such occurrences. The 1977 anhydrous ammonia release occurred in the early morning hours on a hot night. It resulted in 50 people being brought to hospital emergency rooms, but few required any additional care. Since CSX took over the rail line, there have been no rail emergencies.

CSX track maintenance is nationally recognized for excellence. It is still incumbent on Teaneck's public safety agencies and residents to continue to be ready. Trains traveling through Teaneck carry sulfuric acid, propane, industrial alcohol, liquefied petroleum gas, anhydrous ammonia, vinyl chloride, and a host of other hazardous materials.

While a rail emergency is unlikely, if one occurs, it will be a major emergency. Due to Teaneck's population density, an evacuation order will require at least 8,000 people to immediately leave their homes, schools, or other places to move at least 1/2 mile from the rail line. If you live on the **east side of the tracks**, you will **evacuate to the EAST**. If you live on the **west side of the tracks** you will **evacuate to the WEST**.

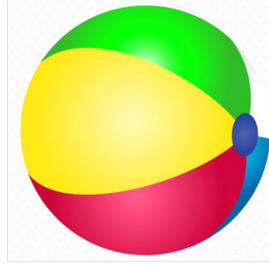
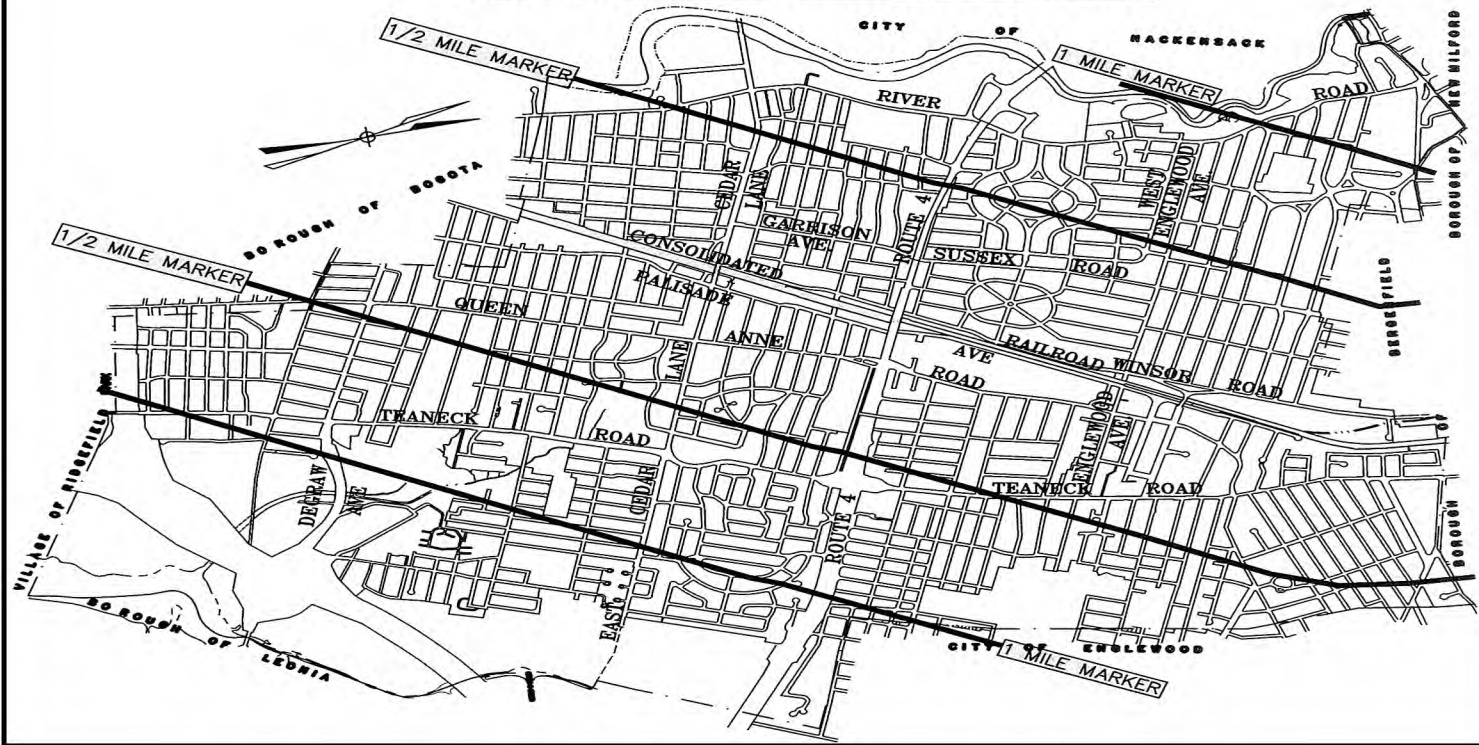
Neighbors and Neighbor groups: are the success to getting through a disaster. You need to get together with your neighbors and make plans and determine your needs, whether its evacuation or securing your property. Neighbors helping Neighbors. Have your plans in place and practice those plans. Being prepared and hoping you never have to use the plan is your best chance of survival. Announcements

of the initial evacuation and follow up information will be made by the reverse emergency calling system (Swift 911), Township alert system, Nixle, mobile public address units and Outdoor Audible Neighborhood Emergency Alert System. The most important component in an emergency is your preparedness. You are encouraged to review the Township's "Resident Preparedness Guide for Emergencies". You will find the guide on the Township's website: www.teanecknj.gov. You should sign up for all of the various notification systems on the Township's website. Listed here are key areas in which preparedness is important in order for you to manage the potential impact of a rail line incident:

Evacuation Routes:

The areas that will be evacuated depend on the exact location of the incident. If you are located within one half mile of the incident you may be told to evacuate. If you live on the east side of the railroad, you should evacuate via the nearest east bound through street from your home. If you live on the west side of the railroad, you should evacuate via the nearest west bound through street from your home. You need to identify your location, in advance, of an emergency. Please reference the attached **RAILROAD INCIDENT EVACUATION MAP**, that shows the Township's established evacuation zone for one half mile of the railroad tracks. If you have any mobility concerns, have a plan in place as to whom or how you are going to evacuate. Calling '911' during an emergency for a ride is not the correct time. Planning needs to be worked out ahead of time with a neighbor and practiced. **It is imperative for everyone to have a plan for evacuation before an emergency situation.** Often federal and state highways and other primary roads are designated as evacuation routes by authorities. Be aware that the Township's Office of Emergency Management (OEM) may issue specific evacuation routes.

RAILROAD INCIDENT EVACUATION MAP



August 2024



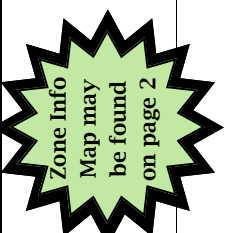
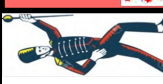


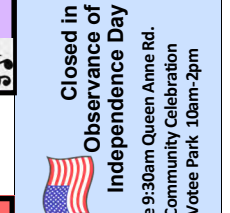
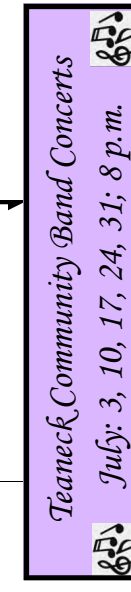
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MOVIES IN THE PARK
 Aug: 13, 20, 27 Votee Park
 Civil Twilight (7:45pm)
 Rain Dates: Aug: 15, 22, 29



July 2024



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EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

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We recommend you leave the Township as the nature of the emergency will make traveling difficult if not impossible.

Identify in advance where you will stay after you leave the local area. This could be at the home of a family member, a friend or a hotel/motel that meets your family's needs.

Meeting Places:
 Make sure that your loved ones know where to go after getting out of the house. Pick two places to meet: 1) in your neighborhood in proximity to your house in the case of a sudden local emergency such as a house fire and 2) outside your neighborhood in case you cannot return home due to a major emergency.

Emergency Family Contacts:
 Pick your family contacts: two people you and your family members can call in case you are separated in an emergency and need to report in regarding your status (example: "we are okay"). Remember that local telephone service may be disrupted. So it is important to have both a local contact and one who is outside of the area—preferably in another state.

Unique Needs:
 Your emergency plan options must be able to accommodate any unique needs related to family pets, infants or small children and any family members with health, disability or mobility issues. If someone has trouble seeing, hearing, walking, responding to instructions, or has medical problems, you will have more to do to be prepared for an emergency. Furthermore, each household should prepare a "To Go" Kit.

CONTENTS OF "TO GO" KITS:

For Adults, Elderly or Disabled

- ◆ Prescription drugs (one-week supply minimum)
- ◆ Extra eye glasses or contact lenses and supplies
- ◆ Mobility aids (wheelchair, cane)
- ◆ Hearing aids and extra batteries
- ◆ Special medical supplies (colostomy supplies, insulin and syringes, denture supplies)
- ◆ Entertainment items (games, cards, books)
- ◆ Cell phone and charge
- ◆ Laptop, iPad, electronic communication

Important Family Documents

- ◆ Drivers license and passports
- ◆ Credit card account numbers
- ◆ Bank account numbers
- ◆ Inventory and pictures of valuable household goods
- ◆ Certificates of birth, marriage, passports, etc.
- ◆ Family health information (allergies, special treatment needs and the like)

For Pets

- ◆ Pet food and treats
- ◆ Collar, leash and identification tags
- ◆ Muzzle (if needed)
- ◆ Pet carrier or cage
- ◆ Medicines
- ◆ Copy of immunization records
- ◆ Comfort items (bed, special blanket, favorite toy)
- ◆ Litter box

The Red Cross has a **Safe and Well** registry that enables people within a disaster area to let their friends and family outside of the affected region know of their well-being. Also, there is telephone based assistance at **1-866-GET-INFO (1-866-438-4636)** for people without internet access.

Remember, look out for your neighbors, stay informed, plan, prepare and respond.



COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

CERT COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program educates volunteers about disaster preparedness for the hazards that may impact our community. The program will train residents in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. The Teaneck CERT team is supervised by the Township's Office of Emergency Management. Any resident interested in attending CERT training can e-mail Tsmith@teanecknj.gov.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Sign Up For Emergency Alerts!



Residents can sign up to receive several different e-mails, texts and/or telephone alerts about township events or emergencies and severe weather incidents.

To begin the sign-up process, go to the Township website at www.teanecknj.gov, click on "Sign Up for Township Alerts" on the left-hand side menu of the home page. You will be taken to a page with several alert options. Select "Township Email Alerts:" to sign up to receive emails sent by Teaneck Township. Fill out the form and click "Sign Up For Township Newsletters" in the lower left corner.

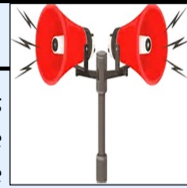
Also on the Township alert sign-up page, there is a "OnsolveCodeRed" link where you can sign



up for Township Emergency Notifications by phone, email, and text message. Click the "Register Now" link and complete the sign up form for public health emergencies, road closures, weather information, power outages, township events and more.

Lastly, to sign up for "Nixle" text message alerts from the Teaneck Police Department, click on the [Nixle](#) link and you will go to a page with a sample of recently sent message samples. Click the "Sign Up!" button in the lower left corner of this window.

MASS NOTIFICATION SYSTEM



The Township Public Warning System is complete and fully operational. There are 10 public warning towers in service. In the event of a town-wide emergency, they will be activated to send a warning siren sound, followed by a pre-recorded voice message. The system is also capable of broadcasting a live voice message. Messages that require an evacuation will be preceded by a warbling high-low tone. Messages that require shelter-in-place will be preceded by a wailing siren tone. Any message about utility failures will be preceded by a 'whooping' tone. This system is primarily designed to warn people who are outdoors; however, people indoors will likely be able to hear the tones and can access the voice messages by merely opening a door or window.

RECEPTION/WARMING & COOLING CENTERS



In the event of a significant emergency, the Township has designated temporary shelters. Residents who need temporary shelter should first call the Teaneck Police Department at (201) 837-2600 to confirm activation of temporary shelters. The Richard Rodda Community Center, located at 250 Colonial Court, is the official Reception/Warming and Cooling Center for public use. Furthermore, the Township has partnered with the Teaneck Board of Education to open specific schools as temporary shelters during emergencies.

EMERGENCY INFORMATION HOT LINE

The Township of Teaneck maintains a record emergency information hot line that will repeat messages sent via the public warning system, Nixle and the other township notification channels. To hear these important notifications, please dial (201) 837-4837. **DO NOT USE THIS NUMBER TO REPORT EMERGENCIES. IT IS ONLY FOR YOU TO RECEIVE INFORMATION** during town-wide emergencies. To report emergencies any time, including during a town wide emergency, dial 9-1-1 or pull a fire alarm box.



MISCELLANEOUS

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME DATES

Daylight Saving Time will begin on **Sunday, March 10, 2024** and end on **Sunday, November 3, 2024**. Remember that when Daylight Saving Time begins, you set your clock ahead an hour. When it ends, you set your clock back an hour.

TEANECK HIGH SCHOOL FORUM Snow Removal Assistance



If you are looking for reasonable rates and reliable workers, the students at Teaneck High School are available during the winter months to shovel snow for local residents. If you are interested, please call the **FORUM** at: (201) 833-5400 x 6283.



June 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Zone Info Map may be found on page 2	2 Recycling: Zone 1 Garden Debris Pickup: Zones 1 & 2	3 Recycling: Zone 2 Garden Debris Pickup: Zones 3 & 4 Primary Election Polls Open 6am-8pm	4 Recycling: Zone 3 Garden Debris Pickup: Zones 5 & 6	5 Recycling: Zone 4 Garden Debris Pickup: Zones 7 & 8	6 Recycling: Zone 5 Garden Debris Pickup: Zones 7 & 8	7 SPLASH PAD OPEN WEEKENDS 10:00AM-8:00PM
8 Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors and away from any combustibles.	9 Recycling: Zone 6 Garden Debris Pickup: Zones 3 & 4	10 Recycling: Zone 7 Garden Debris Pickup: Zones 5 & 6	11 Recycling: Zone 8 Garden Debris Pickup: Zones 7 & 8	12 Recycling: Zone 3 Garden Debris Pickup: Zones 5 & 6	13 Recycling: Zone 4 Garden Debris Pickup: Zones 7 & 8	14 Township pools & Splash Pad open 7 days a week starting June 15! Park Sprinklers open Monday, June 24!
15 Happy Fathers Day	16 Recycling: Zone 2 Garden Debris Pickup: Zones 3 & 4 Council Meeting 8pm	17 Recycling: Zone 3 Garden Debris Pickup: Zones 5 & 6	18 Recycling: Zone 4 Garden Debris Pickup: Zones 7 & 8	19 Recycling: Zone 5 Garden Debris Pickup: Zones 7 & 8	20 Recycling: Zone 6 Garden Debris Pickup: Zones 7 & 8	21 2024 Swimming Badge required for the Township Pool
22	23	24 Recycling: Zone 6 Garden Debris Pickup: Zones 3 & 4	25 Recycling: Zone 7 Garden Debris Pickup: Zones 5 & 6	26 Recycling: Zone 8 Garden Debris Pickup: Zones 7 & 8	27 Recycling: Zone 3 Garden Debris Pickup: Zones 5 & 6	28 TESTING OF MASS NOTIFICATION SYSTEM 10:00AM
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May 2024



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5	6 ★ ★ Recycling: Zone 1 ★ ★ Garden Debris ★ ★ Pickup: Zones 1 & 2	7 ★ ★ Recycling: Zone 2 ★ ★ Garden Debris ★ ★ Pickup: Zones 3 & 4 ★ Council Meeting 8pm	8 ★ ★ Recycling: Zone 3 ★ ★ Garden Debris ★ ★ Pickup: Zones 5 & 6	9 ★ ★ Recycling: Zone 4 ★ ★ Garden Debris ★ ★ Pickup: Zones 7 & 8	10 ★ ★ Recycling: Zone 7 ★ ★ Garden Debris ★ ★ Pickup: Zones 5 & 6	11 ★ ★ Recycling: Zone 8 ★ ★ Garden Debris ★ ★ Pickup: Zones 7 & 8
12 <i>Happy Mother's Day</i>	13 ★ ★ Recycling: Zone 5 ★ ★ Garden Debris ★ ★ Pickup: Zones 1 & 2	14 ★ ★ Recycling: Zone 6 ★ ★ Garden Debris ★ ★ Pickup: Zones 3 & 4	15 ★ ★ Recycling: Zone 7 ★ ★ Garden Debris ★ ★ Pickup: Zones 5 & 6	16 ★ ★ Recycling: Zone 8 ★ ★ Garden Debris ★ ★ Pickup: Zones 7 & 8	17 ★ ★ Recycling: Zone 4 ★ ★ Garden Debris ★ ★ Pickup: Zones 7 & 8	18 ★ ★ Recycling: Zone 7 ★ ★ Garden Debris ★ ★ Pickup: Zones 5 & 6
19	20 ★ ★ Recycling: Zone 1 ★ ★ Garden Debris ★ ★ Pickup: Zones 1 & 2	21 ★ ★ Recycling: Zone 2 ★ ★ Garden Debris ★ ★ Pickup: Zones 3 & 4 ★ Council Meeting 8pm	22 ★ ★ Recycling: Zone 3 ★ ★ Garden Debris ★ ★ Pickup: Zones 5 & 6	23 ★ ★ Recycling: Zone 4 ★ ★ Garden Debris ★ ★ Pickup: Zones 7 & 8	24 ★ ★ Recycling: Zone 7 ★ ★ Garden Debris ★ ★ Pickup: Zones 5 & 6	25 ★ ★ Recycling: Zone 8 ★ ★ Garden Debris ★ ★ Pickup: Zones 7 & 8
26	27 ★ Cedar Lane St. Fair ★ Splash Pad Open ★ Closed in Observance of Memorial Day ★ Township Service 11am	28 ★ ★ Recycling: Zone 5 ★ ★ Garden Debris ★ ★ Pickup: Zones 1 & 2	29 ★ ★ Recycling: Zone 6 ★ ★ Garden Debris ★ ★ Pickup: Zones 3 & 4	30 ★ ★ Recycling: Zone 7 ★ ★ Garden Debris ★ ★ Pickup: Zones 5 & 6	31 ★ ★ Recycling: Zone 8 ★ ★ Garden Debris ★ ★ Pickup: Zones 7 & 8	Zone Info Map may be found on page 2

**VOTEE PARK SPLASH PAD
OPEN WEEKENDS
STARTING MAY 25!**

MISCELLANEOUS

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Go Green!



Bring Your Own Bag

Plastic bags do not biodegrade in landfills. Billions end up in our rivers and oceans, posing a danger to wildlife. You can help by **BRINGING YOUR REUSABLE BAGS** when you shop for groceries, etc. Just say, "I have my own bags". Keep a bunch in your car so you'll be prepared to help save our planet.

Refuse, Reuse, Recycle, Rot (in that order)

Refuse what you do not need (say no to that extra straw, bag, pen, etc.). Reuse what you

can; recycle what you cannot, Rot (compost) the rest. Adjust, plan ahead, be part of the solution!

Don't Keep Your Motor Running

New Jersey idling law requires engines to be turned off if not moving for three minutes. This also applies to trucks and school buses.

Low Water Lawn Care

Use water wisely- 30% of water consumed goes to watering lawns. Water only when the soil is dry, at dawn or dusk. Mulch flower, vegetable, tree and shrub beds to help retain moisture.

Consider Composting & Leave the Leaves

Did you know that 25-35% of household trash can be composted? You can compost food scraps, weeds, paper products, coffee grinds and filters, cut grass, leaves, and more. 20% of landfill volume is compostable household waste. Avoid fertilizers, and mulch by using your leaves! Mulched leaves improve the soil's water retention and provide critical nutrients. Depending on the amount, you can add the surplus leaves to your flower beds, under bushes, or in your composter.



Reduce Balloon Litter

Balloon pollution is a growing problem. Releasing balloons is simply littering. Mylar balloons (metallic) are even less friendly to the environment-they are made from metallicized polyester, which is dirty in both production and disposal.



Avoid Plastic Water Bottles

Carry your reusable water bottle: Teaneck water fountains and drinking water are tested and are safe! Install a filter on your home tap and save money. Bring your reusable coffee cup. It is cheaper and saves paper, plastic, or Styrofoam cups (Styrofoam is not biodegradable so try to avoid it).

If you have any questions or comments please contact us at:
www.teanecknj.gov/environmental-commission

BERGEN COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY

Hotline: (201) 807-5825

Website: WWW.BCUA.ORG

2024 DOCUMENT SHREDDING, ELECTRONICS RECYCLING, AND TIRE RECYCLING EVENTS

Bergen Community College
400 Paramus Road, Paramus

Bergen County Campgaw Reservation
200 Campgaw Road, Mahwah

Collection Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (rain or shine)

2024 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW) COLLECTION EVENTS

Bergen County Utilities Authority
Foot of Empire Blvd., Moonachie

Bergen County Campgaw Reservation
200 Campgaw Road, Mahwah

Bergen Community College
400 Paramus Road, Paramus

Collection Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (rain or shine)

AT THE TIME OF PUBLICATION, DATES FOR RECYCLING, PAPER SHREDDING, AND WASTE COLLECTION WERE NOT AVAILABLE. PLEASE VISIT THE TOWNSHIP'S WEBSITE (WWW.TEANECKNJ.GOV) OR BCUA'S WEBSITE (WWW.BCUA.ORG) FOR UPDATES!

POWER OUTAGE TIPS BEFORE AN OUTAGE



- ◆ Check flashlights and battery-powered portable radios to ensure that they are working and that you have extra batteries. A radio is an important source of weather and emergency information during a storm. Inexpensive weather radios that broadcast automatically in the event of an alert can be purchased at various retailers.
- ◆ Make sure that your home is properly insulated. Caulk and install weather-stripping on doors and windows to keep cold air out.
- ◆ Install storm windows or cover windows with plastic from the inside to provide insulation.
- ◆ To prevent pipes from freezing, wrap them in insulation or layers of newspaper covered with plastic to keep out moisture.
- ◆ Let faucets drip a little to prevent freezing.
- ◆ Know the location of your water shutoff valves.
- ◆ In the event that the water supply may be affected, fill your bathtub and spare containers with water. Water in the bathtub should be used for sanitation only—pouring a pail of water from the tub directly into the toilet bowl will flush the toilet.
- ◆ Set your refrigerator and freezer to their coldest settings. During an outage, do not open the fridge or freezer doors; food can stay cold in a full refrigerator or a half-full freezer for up to 24 hours. Full freezers can stay cold for up to 48 hours! Just remember to reset the fridge and freezer back to normal once power is restored.
- ◆ If you have medication that requires refrigeration, check with your pharmacist for guidance on proper storage during an extended outage.
- ◆ Review the process for manually bypassing an electric garage door opener.

DURING AN OUTAGE

- ◆ Contact PSE&G at **800-436-7734** or www.PSEG.com to advise them of an outage in your area
- ◆ To view current outages in your area visit: www.outagecenter.PSEG.com
- ◆ Dress for the season, wearing several layers of loose-fitting, lightweight, warm clothing rather than one heavy layer of clothing. Outer garments should be tightly woven and water-repellent.
- ◆ Mittens are better than gloves.
- ◆ Wear a hat: most body heat is lost through the top of the head.
- ◆ Cover your mouth with a scarf to protect your lungs.
- ◆ Watch for signs of frostbite: loss of feeling and white or pale appearance in extremities such as fingers, toes, ear lobes, or the tip of the nose. If you see signs of frostbite, seek medical help immediately.
- ◆ Watch for signs of hypothermia: uncontrollable shivering, memory loss, disorientation, incoherence, slurred speech, drowsiness and apparent exhaustion. If symptoms are detected, get the victim to a warm location, remove any wet clothing, and warm the center of the body first. If the victim is conscious, give warm, non-alcoholic beverages. Seek medical help as soon as possible.
- ◆ In order to protect against possible voltage irregularities that can occur when power is restored, unplug all sensitive electronic equipment, including TVs, VCRs, stereos, microwave ovens, cordless telephones, computers, answering machines and garage door openers.

AFTER AN OUTAGE

- ◆ Be extra cautious if you go outside to inspect for damage after a storm. Downed or hanging electrical wires can be hidden by snowdrifts, trees, or debris and may be live. Never attempt to touch or move downed lines, and keep children and pets away from them.
- ◆ Check in with and help your neighbors, especially the elderly and physically challenged.
- ◆ Stay indoors until downed power lines are secured.
- ◆ Do not touch anything power lines are touching such as tree branches or fences. Always assume a downed line is a live line. Call your utility company to report any outage-related problem.

DANGERS OF CARBON MONOXIDE

UNDERSTANDING THE RISKS

What is carbon monoxide?

- ◆ Carbon monoxide, or CO, is an odorless, colorless, and toxic gas. Because it is impossible to see, taste, or smell, CO can kill even before you are aware it is in your home. At lower levels of exposure, CO causes mild effects that are often mistaken for flu symptoms, including headaches, dizziness, disorientation, nausea, and fatigue. The effects of CO exposure can vary greatly from person to person depending on age, overall health, and the concentration and length of exposure.

Where does carbon monoxide come from?

- ◆ CO gas can come from several sources, such as gas-fired appliances, charcoal grills, wood-burning furnaces or fireplaces, and motor vehicles.

Who is at risk?

- ◆ Everyone is at risk for CO poisoning, though medical experts believe that unborn babies, infants, children, senior citizens, and people with heart or lung problems are at the greatest risk.

PROTECT YOURSELF & YOUR FAMILY FROM CO POISONING

- ◆ Install at least one carbon monoxide alarm with an audible warning signal near the sleeping areas and outside individual bedrooms. Choose an alarm that is listed by UL (Underwriters Laboratories). Carbon monoxide alarms measure levels of CO over time and are designed to sound an alarm before an average, healthy adult would experience symptoms. It is very possible that you may not be experiencing any symptoms when you hear the alarm, but that does not mean that CO is not present.
- ◆ Have a qualified professional check all fuel-burning appliances, furnaces, venting, and chimney systems at least once a year.
- ◆ Never use your range or oven to help heat your home.
- ◆ Never use a charcoal grill or hibachi inside your home or garage.
- ◆ Never use a generator inside or in close proximity to your home.
- ◆ Never keep a car running in a garage. Even if the garage doors are open, normal circulation will not provide enough fresh air to reliably prevent a dangerous buildup of CO.
- ◆ When purchasing an existing home, have a qualified technician evaluate the integrity of the heating and cooking systems, as well as the sealed spaces between the garage and house.
- ◆ Natural gas detectors are also available in case of a gas leak in your home. They can be purchased as a CO/Natural Gas detector.

THE PRESENCE OF A CO ALARM IN YOUR HOME CAN SAVE YOUR LIFE!

WHAT DO I DO IF MY CO ALARM GOES OFF?

- ◆ **Call 911 immediately** and be sure to tell them how many people are feeling ill and what their symptoms are.
- ◆ Evacuate all occupants immediately.
- ◆ Do not re-enter the home without the approval of a fire department representative
- ◆ Call a qualified professional to repair the source of the CO



April 2024



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7 	8 ★ ★ Recycling: Zone 1 Garden Debris Pickup: Zones 1 & 2	9 ★ ★ Recycling: Zone 2 Garden Debris Pickup: Zones 3 & 4	10 ★ ★ Recycling: Zone 3 Garden Debris Pickup: Zones 5 & 6	11 ★ ★ Recycling: Zone 4 Garden Debris Pickup: Zones 7 & 8	12 	13
14 ★ Town-wide Clean Up 12 noon to 2 pm	15 ★ ★ Recycling: Zone 5 Garden Debris Pickup: Zones 1 & 2	16 ★ ★ ★ Recycling: Zone 6 Garden Debris Pickup: Zones 3 & 4 Council Meeting 8pm	17 ★ ★ Recycling: Zone 7 Garden Debris Pickup: Zones 5 & 6	18 ★ ★ Recycling: Zone 8 Garden Debris Pickup: Zones 7 & 8	19 	20 ★ Confidential Paper Shredding 9am—1pm Or until truck is full
21 ★ Confidential Paper Shredding 9am—1pm Or until truck is full	22 ★ ★ Recycling: Zone 1 Garden Debris Pickup: Zones 1 & 2	23 ★ ★ Recycling: Zone 2 Garden Debris Pickup: Zones 3 & 4	24 ★ ★ Recycling: Zone 3 Garden Debris Pickup: Zones 5 & 6	25 ★ ★ Recycling: Zone 4 Garden Debris Pickup: Zones 7 & 8	26 	27 ★ Town-wide Garage Sale See page 12 for more info
28 ★ Town-wide Garage Sale See page 12 for more info	29 ★ ★ Recycling: Zone 5 Garden Debris Pickup: Zones 1 & 2	30 ★ ★ Recycling: Zone 6 Garden Debris Pickup: Zones 3 & 4				

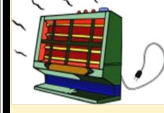
March 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 Zone Info Map may be found on page 2	4 ★ Recycling: Zone 5	5 ★ Recycling: Zone 6	6 ★ Recycling: Zone 7	7 ★ Recycling: Zone 8 ★ Council Budget Meeting 7pm	8 ★ Recycling: Zone 8 ★ Council Budget Meeting 7pm	9 Change your clock & batteries!
10 Daylight Saving Time begins today; set your clocks ahead an hour.	11 ★ Recycling: Zone 1 ★ Garden Debris Pickup: Zones 1 & 2	12 ★ Recycling: Zone 2 ★ Garden Debris Pickup: Zones 3 & 4	13 ★ Recycling: Zone 3 ★ Garden Debris Pickup: Zones 5 & 6	14 ★ Recycling: Zone 4 ★ Garden Debris Pickup: Zones 7 & 8 ★ Council Budget Meeting 7pm	15	16
17	18 ★ Recycling: Zone 5	19 ★ Recycling: Zone 6 ★ Council Meeting 8pm	20 ★ Recycling: Zone 7	21 ★ Recycling: Zone 8 ★ Council Budget Meeting 7pm	22	23
24 FULL-TIME GARDEN DEBRIS PICK-UP BEGINS MARCH 25!	25 ★ Recycling: Zone 1 ★ Garden Debris Pickup: Zones 1 & 2	26 ★ Recycling: Zone 2 ★ Garden Debris Pickup: Zones 3 & 4	27 ★ Recycling: Zone 3 ★ Garden Debris Pickup: Zones 5 & 6	28 ★ Recycling Depot Open ★ Recycling: Zone 4 ★ Garden Debris Pickup: Zones 7 & 8 ★ Council Budget Meeting 7pm	29 Municipal Offices & Recycling Depot Closed in Observance of Good Friday	30 Recycling Depot Open

FIRE DEPARTMENT

SPACE HEATER SAFETY



Forecasters predict a long, cold winter ahead, and the Teaneck Fire Department is concerned residents may supplement their central heating system with various types of space heaters. With that in mind, the Fire Department is providing the following information on space heaters and their use.

In a residential environment, space heaters (since they are portable) should be placed away from the edge of a bed or couch, and away from laundry or other household items that may fall on them. Space heaters need a minimum clearance of three feet of space around them, free from furniture, clothing, draperies, curtains, toys and other loose items of wood, plastic, cloth or paper. This clearance needs to be strictly maintained to ensure the safety of all occupants. Be aware that pets can also pose a danger by placing themselves or objects too close to heaters.

Electric heaters must only be plugged directly into a permanent wall outlet. Using an extension cord, even a "heavy duty appliance" extension cord, will drop the voltage and cause the electric heater to draw even more current, heating the plastic insulation which can cause the extension cord to erupt in flames. The outlet itself must be in good condition, tightly grasping the plug. If the cord is three-pronged, use only a three-pronged outlet. Adapters should not be used, as they can cause the same fires as extension cords.

If you use a kerosene heater, you are bringing a flammable liquid indoors. Kerosene heaters must be allowed to cool, then taken outdoors away from the house to be fueled. Never use gasoline or used motor oil to fuel a kerosene heater, and be sure to clean up any spills. The right grade of kerosene must be used to avoid an explosion/fire. Kerosene heaters also use up oxygen and emit carbon monoxide, so keep a window partly open when using one. **Kerosene heaters are illegal in any rental housing, business, commercial or public building, according to the NJ Uniform Fire Code.**

If you are contemplating a permanent additional heat source, such as a fireplace, wood stove, or coal stove, stop by the Building Department first. Permanent installations of fuel-burning appliances are strictly regulated by the NJ Uniform Construction Code. Building inspectors will carefully check that all clearance, venting and other safety requirements of the manufacturer's labeled installation instructions are completely followed.

Should you have any fire safety questions, contact the Teaneck Fire Department, Fire Prevention Bureau at (201) 808-8080, ext. 5202. For fixed heater code questions, the Teaneck Building Department can be reached at (201) 837-1600, ext. 1100.

PROPER CHIMNEY CARE

Chimney fires can burn explosively – noisy and dramatic enough to be detected by neighbors or people passing by. Flames or dense smoke may shoot from the top of the chimney. Homeowners report being startled by a low rumbling sound that reminds them of a freight train or a low flying airplane. However, those are only the chimney fires you *know* about. Slow-burning chimney fires don't get enough air or have fuel to be dramatic or visible. But, the temperatures they reach are very high and can cause as much damage to the chimney structure – and nearby combustible parts of the house – as their more spectacular cousins.



Creosote & Chimney Fires: What You Must Know

Fireplaces and wood stoves are designed to safely contain wood-fuel fires, while providing heat for a home. The chimneys that serve them have the job of expelling the by-products of combustion – the substances produced when wood burns. These include smoke, water vapor, gases, unburned wood particles, hydrocarbon, tar fog and assorted minerals. As these substances exit the fireplace or wood stove, and flow up into the relatively cooler chimney, condensation occurs. The resulting residue that sticks to the inner walls of the chimney is called creosote.

Creosote is black or brown in appearance. It can be crusty and flaky...tar-like, drippy and sticky...or shiny and hardened. Often, all forms will occur in one chimney system. Whatever form it takes, creosote is highly combustible. If it builds up in sufficient quantities – and the internal flue temperature is high enough – the result could be a chimney fire. Certain conditions encourage the buildup of creosote. Restricted air supply, unseasoned wood and, cooler than normal chimney temperatures are all factors that can accelerate the buildup of creosote on chimney flue walls. Air supply may be restricted by closing the glass doors, by failing to open the damper wide enough, and the lack of sufficient make-up air to move heated smoke up the chimney rapidly (the longer the smoke's "residence time" in the flue, the more likely is it that creosote will form). A wood stove's air supply can be limited by closing down the stove damper or air inlets too soon or too much. Burning unseasoned wood – because so much energy is used initially just to drive off the water trapped in the cells of the logs– keeps the resulting smoke cooler, than if seasoned wood is used. In the case of wood stoves, overloading the firebox with wood in an attempt to get a longer burn time also contributes to creosote buildup.

Good Morning Check-up Program

Administered by the Teaneck Fire Department, this program is designed to assist elderly and shut-in residents. On a daily basis, the department contacts participants to determine their well-being. **Please contact the Teaneck Fire Department at (201) 808-8080 to sign up.**



POLICE DEPARTMENT

CLERK'S OFFICE

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS SEMINARS


The Community Policing Bureau will offer an Emergency Preparedness Seminar to any organization located in Teaneck (religious, civic, sports, etc.) upon request. The contact phone number for them is (201) 837-8759 and their e-mail address is communitypolice@teaneckpolice.org.

STREET LIGHT OUTAGES

Residents can report street light outages by calling PSE&G at 800-436-7734 or by visiting their website at www.PSEG.com. Alternatively, you can call the Teaneck Police Department at (201) 837-2600. **When calling, please have location and pole number available.**




MEDICINE DROP BOX

 Project Medicine Drop is an initiative of the New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs and participating law enforcement agencies. As an important component of the Division's effort to halt the diversion and abuse of prescription drugs, members of the public are invited to deposit their unused or expired household pharmaceutical waste, excluding syringes or liquids, into the Project Medicine Drop box in the lobby of Police Headquarters. This opportunity prevents unused medications from falling into the hands of those who might abuse them and it keeps them from being flushed into the water supply.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

TAX PAYMENTS-ONLINE

 The Township offers convenient services for tax payments. Property owners can visit www.teanecknj.gov and click on "Pay Taxes" to remit payment for their quarterly property taxes. E-Check and credit card payments can only be made via the Internet.

A convenience fee charged by the service provider will be incurred by the user for each transaction. The fee for using an E-Check is a flat \$1.05 per transaction. The fee for using a credit card or debit card is 2.95% of the transaction amount.

ONLINE TAX SALE

The Township of Teaneck will hold its **Annual Tax Sale on Thursday, January 18, 2024**. This change will allow the Township an opportunity to collect delinquent taxes on a more timely basis. A tax sale is not the sale of a homeowner's property. Rather, a tax sale is the sale of delinquent taxes on a property to a third party. Upon the issuance of a tax lien, the property owner is responsible to remit outstanding property taxes to the third party who acquired the outstanding tax lien.

The Township anticipates collection of all property taxes in the year due. In order to avoid inclusion in the Annual Tax Sale, property owners are encouraged to pay all taxes by the due date. Furthermore, it is critical to pay 4th quarter taxes on time, as the date for inclusion in the tax sale and imposition of associated fees begins 50 days prior to the tax sale date.


It is imperative that the Township collects delinquent taxes in the year they are due in order to reduce the reserve for uncollected taxes. A reduction in the reserve for uncollected taxes will ultimately raise our tax collection percentage and reduce the reserve on uncollected taxes line item in the municipal budget.

AFFORDABLE COMMUTER PARKING

Resident and non-resident commuters may use decal parking on Elizabeth Avenue, Ward Plaza, and Puffin Way. Decals may be purchased for an annual cost of **\$50** for residents per decal and **\$100** for non-residents per decal from the Township Clerk's Office, located on the second floor of the Administration Building at 818 Teaneck Road.



PARKING DECAL RENEWAL INFORMATION

 The Township Clerk's Office reminds all Township merchants, eligible Township residents, and resident commuters that parking permits/decals expire on December 31 of each year at midnight.

Applications for parking permits for the 2024 calendar year can be found on our website, www.teanecknj.gov, or can be obtained from the Clerk's Office on the second floor of the Administration Building (South Entrance). The fee is **\$50.00** per vehicle.

Please note that applicants should be prepared to present the following documents:

- Valid driver's license
- Valid vehicle registration (*NOTE: Both registration and driver license should have the same Teaneck address; if not, you will be required to file for a change of address through the New Jersey Department of Motor Vehicles*)
- Other proof of residence may be required.

Town-wide Garage Sale Dates

In 2023, the Township held six town-wide garage sales in the spring, summer, and fall months.

Each season's garage sale drew an average of 80 participants who were able to sell items in front of their residence and interact with neighbors and visitors. The Manager's Office, in collaboration with the Township Council, was able to register participants through our website that included an interactive map with pins showing each participant's address and goods being sold at each address.



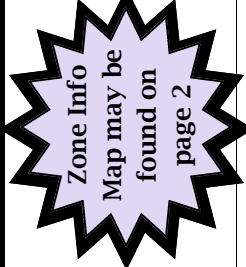

THE 2024 DATES ARE:

- ♦ **Saturday, April 27 & Sunday, April 28**
*Sign-up begins on Monday, April 22
- ♦ **Saturday, September 28 & Sunday, September 29**
*Sign-up begins on Monday, September 23



February 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4  Zone Info Map may be found on page 2	5 ★ Recycling: Zone 5	6 ★ Recycling: Zone 6	7 ★ Recycling: Zone 7	8 ★ Recycling: Zone 8	9 10 ★ Recycling: Zone 4 	17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 ★ Recycling: Zone 4 ★ Recycling: Zone 8 ★ Garden Debris ★ Pickup: Zones 7 & 8
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The leading cause of dryer fires is the failure to remove lint buildup!

January 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Closed in Observance of New Year's Day 	2 ★ Recycling: Zone 1	3 ★ Recycling: Zone 2	4 ★ Recycling: Zone 3	5 ★ Recycling: Zone 4	6
7	8 ★ Recycling: Zone 5 ★ Christmas Tree ★ Pickup: Zones 1 & 2	9 ★ Recycling: Zone 6 ★ Christmas Tree ★ Pickup: Zones 3 & 4 ★ Council Meeting 8pm	10 ★ Recycling: Zone 7 ★ Christmas Tree ★ Pickup: Zones 5 & 6	11 ★ Recycling: Zone 8 ★ Christmas Tree ★ Pickup: Zones 7 & 8	12	13
14	15 Closed in Observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day 	16 ★ Recycling: Zone 1	17 ★ Recycling: Zone 2	18 ★ Recycling: Zone 3	19 ★ Recycling: Zone 4	20
21	22 ★ Recycling: Zone 5 ★ Christmas Tree ★ Pickup: Zones 1 & 2	23 ★ Recycling: Zone 6 ★ Christmas Tree ★ Pickup: Zones 3 & 4 ★ Council Meeting 8pm	24 ★ Recycling: Zone 7 ★ Christmas Tree ★ Pickup: Zones 5 & 6	25 ★ Recycling: Zone 8 ★ Christmas Tree ★ Pickup: Zones 7 & 8	26	27
28	29 ★ Recycling: Zone 1	30 ★ Recycling: Zone 2	31 ★ Recycling: Zone 3	<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Reminder: In a snow emergency, there is NO parking on Township streets! </div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;"> </div>		

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

HEAT REGULATIONS

Landlords who provide heat should be aware that beginning the 1st of September until the 1st of June each year, they are required to maintain the following as per Township of Teaneck Ordinance 21-31 and 21-32:



Heat must be furnished for every occupied room in your dwelling so that the minimum temperature is 70 degrees Fahrenheit between 6am and 11pm and a minimum temperature of 65 degrees Fahrenheit between 11pm and 6am or whenever the street temperature falls below 55 degrees Fahrenheit. You must also contact the Health Department whenever a breakdown occurs requiring a repair to the heating system.

This is also a great time to install carbon monoxide detectors and smoke detectors. These devices can be purchased at any local hardware store or home supply center. If you have any questions, please contact the Teaneck Health Department at (201) 837-1600 ext. 1500 or health@teanecknj.gov.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE

The Township of Teaneck reminds all residents and property owners to comply with the Property Maintenance Code, Sec. 29A-9(i)(c) regarding the numbering of homes and lots:

“The number so assigned to each building shall be displayed by the owner or occupant so that they can easily be read by a person seated in a vehicle on the abutting street which is named in the address. Each house number: shall be in Arabic numerals; shall be at least five feet above grade; shall be mounted either above or to the side of the entrance door or on a post or other suitable holder if same is relatively near to the walkway affording access to the building, except that if the building is set so far back from the abutting street that the number cannot be read by a person seated in a vehicle on the abutting street, then the number must be placed on a post so that it can be so read; shall not be obstructed by shrubs or other materials; and shall be in a contrasting color to its background. All commercial buildings that have more than one entrance must have such numbers adjacent to each door.”

STIGMA FREE



The Township of Teaneck is a STIGMA-FREE ZONE. Stigma-free focuses its attention on the following objectives:

- ◆ Reduce the stigma associated with mental illness
- ◆ Raise awareness of mental health issues and illness
- ◆ Create a culture where those suffering from mental illness feel supported by the community
- ◆ Encourage residents with mental health issues to seek treatment or other assistance without fear of being stigmatized
- ◆ Providing mental health first aid training for professionals and non-professionals
- ◆ Holding educational seminars on mental illness, health & well-being
- ◆ Sharing valuable information on our website

PET LICENSES



The Health Department would like to remind dog and cat owners that the license renewals will begin on January 1, 2024 for dogs and April 1, 2024 for cats. You will have until February 28, 2024 to renew dog licenses and until May 31, 2024 to renew cat licenses. Annual licensing fees are \$12 for spayed/neutered dogs/cats and \$15 for non-spayed/non-neutered dogs/cats. Failure to license your dog or cat may result in the issuance of a summons or may be fined up to \$500.00. Residents who have new animals or who need renewal applications may obtain one online at www.teanecknj.gov under Health Department “Documents and Forms”, SDL online portal, or by calling the Health Department at (201) 837-1600, ext. 1500. Free rabies shots can be arranged through the Bergen Veterinary Hospital at (201) 837-3470 or through the Bergen County Animal Shelter at (201) 229-4600 for available clinic dates. Pet owners should note that rabies shots that expire prior to November 1, 2024 for dogs and February 1, 2025 for cats, are not valid for licensing purposes.

PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOG

Residents are reminded that under Township of Teaneck Code, Section 6-28, you must pick up after your dog and dispose of such waste immediately and in a sanitary manner. This includes both public and private property. Dogs being walked in public must be curbed and the person walking the dog must carry a suitable method of waste disposal. Dogs must be properly leashed or restrained at all times. Furthermore, dogs must be licensed with the Health Department and have a current rabies vaccination. For further information, please contact the Health Department at: health@teanecknj.gov or (201) 837-1600 ext. 1500.



ANIMAL CONTROL



Animal control services in Teaneck are handled by Bergen County Animal Control (BCAC). Residents are to contact the BCAC at (201) 229-4616 to report the following:

- * Sick, injured, dangerous or stray animals
- * Removal of dead animals on public property
- * Removal of nuisance wildlife on public property
- * Report a lost pet

Bergen County Animal Control will respond to complaints on private property for the removal of dead animals or to trap nuisance wildlife and will charge a fee directly to the resident for these services. Dead animals located in public places can be called in to the Department of Public Works for removal at: (201) 837-1600, ext. 1700.

For after-hours service calls, residents should contact the Teaneck Police Department at (201) 837-2600 (24 hours a day/365 days a year).

All other non-emergency animal calls/complaints can be made to the Health Department at (201) 837-1600, ext. 1500 or via email at health@teanecknj.gov.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

Stormwater Regulations

A Guide to Healthy Habits for Cleaner Water

Stormwater pollution is one of New Jersey's greatest threats to clean and plentiful water. Pollution on streets, parking lots and lawns is washed by rain into storm drains, then directly to our drinking water supplies, as well as the ocean and lakes. Fertilizer, oil, pesticides, detergents, pet waste, grass clippings and more all end up in our water!

By making small changes in our daily lives, we can keep common pollutants out of stormwater. This will produce cleaner water and save the high cost of cleaning up once water becomes 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 prohibiting various activities that contribute to stormwater pollution. Breaking these rules can result in fines and other penalties.

As a resident or business owner, it is important to know easy things you can do every day to help protect our water:

LIMIT YOUR USE OF FERTILIZERS AND PESTICIDES:

- ◆ Perform a soil test to see if you need a fertilizer
- ◆ Do not apply fertilizers if heavy rain is predicted
- ◆ Research 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.

PROPER USE AND DISPOSAL OF HAZARDOUS PRODUCTS:

- ◆ Hazardous products include some household or commercial cleaning products, lawn and garden care products, motor oil, antifreeze & paints
- ◆ Do not pour any hazardous products down a storm drain; storm drains are usually connected to local bodies of water 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
- ◆ **In the event of a hazardous material spill, immediately call 9-1-1**

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 bodies of local water
- ◆ Do not let sewage or other waste flow into a stormwater system

DO NOT FEED WILD LIFE:

- ◆ Do not feed pigeons, ducks, and geese in public areas

DO NOT LITTER:

- ◆ Place litter in trash receptacles
- ◆ Recycle. Recycle. Recycle.
- ◆ Participate in community clean-ups

DISPOSE OF YARD WASTE PROPERLY:

- ◆ Follow the Township's yard waste rules; keep leaves and grass out of storm drains
- ◆ Use leaves and grass clippings as a resource for compost
- ◆ Use a mulching mower that recycles grass clippings into the lawn

CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR PETS:

- ◆ Use newspaper, bags or pooper-scoopers to pick up waste.
- ◆ Dispose of wrapped pet waste in the trash; Never discard pet waste in a storm drain

* CONTACT INFORMATION *

For more information on stormwater related topics, visit www.njstormwater.org or contact the NJ Department of Environmental Protection, Municipal Storm Water Regulation Program at (609) 633-7021. Additional information is also available at the US Environmental Protection Agency websites:

WWW.EPA.GOV/NPDES/NPDES-STORMWATER-PROGRAM

WWW.EPA.GOV/NPS

DUMPSTER POD/PERMITS

The use of Temporary Storage (PODS) and Refuse Containers (Roll-off or Dumpster) is regulated by the Engineering and Building departments, depending on their location.

Engineering Department

If a dumpster is to be placed on a street, an Engineering permit is required. The fees are **\$75.00** for the first day and **\$50.00** for each additional day (including weekends and holidays). If it is a county road, a permit is required from Bergen County. PODS are not permitted in the street under any circumstance.

Building Department

Dumpsters and PODS are permitted in the driveway or on a hard surface. They may be placed on yards/unpaved surfaces only with the permission of the Construction Official. The fees for these are **\$30.00**. The permit is valid for 30 days and may be renewable a maximum of two times. If it is associated with a construction permit, the permit is valid until seven days after the CO is issued, or 180 days, whichever is less.

Information, rules, and applications can be obtained from the respective departments at the municipal building.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Building Permits 101

PLAN AHEAD FOR YOUR SPRING PROJECTS

The time to start planning for your spring home improvement projects is now. While most homeowners are enjoying the sights of a winter wonderland, savvy residents with foresight are planning for the construction of their new decks, patios, pools, or additions. Doing one's homework is a key factor in realizing an enjoyable, cost-effective project.

PROPERTY SURVEYS

All projects that involve physical changes to your property will require the submission of an accurate property survey. Start early in the planning process to locate your survey and verify that it shows all improvements on the property. This survey must show not only the outline of the house but also the driveway, all walkways, mechanical equipment units, swimming pools, sheds, detached garages, etc. These surveys may only be prepared by a surveyor licensed in New Jersey. The property survey will be used to show location of the proposed construction, verify distance from the property line to the construction, and to calculate the percentage of the lot covered by improvements. When your project is completed, have your survey updated so you can be ready for the next project.

IT ALL STARTS WITH ZONING

Decks, patios, pools, and additions all require a Zoning Permit prior to installation. An application for a zoning permit can be obtained from the Building Department or on the Township's website. Instructions for completing this application are included with the form. It is recommended that you call the Building Department and schedule a meeting with the Zoning Officer early on in the planning process. You must bring a copy of your survey with you so the Zoning Officer can provide development requirements tailored to your property. Based on the volume of applications submitted to the office, it may take up to 10 business days to review your application, so please plan ahead. When your project complies with all Township development regulations, your application will be approved and you will be issued a Zoning Permit. Now you are ready for the next step.

TELL US WHAT YOU WANT TO BUILD

Decks, pools, and additions all require construction permits issued under the New Jersey Uniform Construction Code. The applications for these projects can be obtained from the Building Department, from the Township website, or through the State Department of Community Affairs' Division of Codes and Standards website (www.state.nj.us/dca/divisions/codes). These applications ask for technical information about how your project will be constructed. Your architect or contractor can provide information necessary for completing the forms. Here again, Building Department staff is available to discuss your project, either in person, on the telephone, or by e-mail. Staff members can let you know what codes need to be met and what drawings need to be submitted. Plan ahead: Based on the volume of applications submitted to the office and the complexity of your project, it may take up to 20 business days to review your application. Some projects involve review by the Building, Electric, Plumbing, and Fire Inspectors. When your project complies with all of the State codes, your application will be approved and you will be issued a Construction Permit.

GETTING A SHOVEL IN THE GROUND

Finally, permits in hand, construction can begin. Don't forget to call

for your progress inspections. Either the homeowner, architect, or contractor can assume the responsibility for calling for inspections. These inspections provide assurance that your project is being built in accordance with state codes. Again, plan ahead: There may be many other projects under construction at the same time, although with a full-time inspection staff, many inspection requests may be accommodated the next business day!

CLOSING IT ALL OUT

Prior to occupying your new space, Final Inspections must be performed. In addition, a Final As Built Survey may be required according to the Zoning and/or Engineering approvals. You then may apply for the Certificate of Occupancy, which must be obtained prior to use of the new space. The safety of the people using your new deck, pool, or addition is our primary concern.



RECREATION DEPARTMENT

RECREATION HIGHLIGHTS & SPECIAL EVENTS

ONLINE REGISTRATION

- * Go to: www.Recpro.teanecknj.gov
- * Create an account/family profile
- * View online or register for seasonal classes, camps, school-year programs, etc.
- * View or request outdoor park facilities and/or indoor Rodda Center facilities
- * Votee Pool membership renew (only)

SPECIAL EVENTS

- ◆ Votee Park Splash Pad will open on **Saturday, May 25** from 10:00am - 8:00pm (check website for dates & hours).
- ◆ Votee Park pool will open on **Saturday, June 22** (check website for details).
- ◆ Township sprinklers will open on **Monday, June 24** (check website for details).
- ◆ Join us for our annual **July 4th parade** starting at 9:30am along Queen Anne Road followed by our **34th annual Community Celebration** from 10:00am to 2:00pm at Votee Park!
- ◆ Teaneck Community Band's 79th annual concerts will be held Wednesdays, July 3 thru 31, starting 8:00 p.m. at the Senator Weinberg Band Shell.
- ◆ Our annual **Movies in the Park** will take place on **August 13, 20, and 27** at the Senator Weinberg Band Shell in Votee Park at approx. 7:45pm. (check website for featured movies!)

