



# Eastampton Township

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## ATTENTION RESIDENTS OF EASTAMPTON

Eastampton's current waste removal contract expires on June 30, 2011. After an extensive cost-benefits analysis of our options beyond this contract, the Township has determined that the most cost-effective way to provide this service is to bring it "in-house". We anticipate saving taxpayers \$25,000 in the last six months this year, and \$50,000 annually beyond 2011. Our costs include hiring two full-time public works laborer. These new employees will be doing more than working on waste removal, meaning the reduced cost of this plan will also lead to an increased level of service for the entire Public Works Department.

The new program will be delivered with some modifications that each homeowner will need to know. The expected changes are outlined below.

### Collection Days

Due to the size of our Township, department responsibilities and resources, and staff levels, we will not be able to collect the entire town in one day. The town will be broken down into three areas, and trash collection will occur over three days. The new collection schedule is as follows:

**Monday – All streets in Eastampton Farms and Carriage Park;**  
**Tuesday – All streets in the Vistas and Lakeview, including Jennifer Court; and,**  
**Wednesday – All remaining streets including creek areas and outlying areas**

*(Collection dates and street listings are posted on our website at [www.eastampton.com](http://www.eastampton.com) )*

### Holiday Schedule

Some holidays will fall on a scheduled collection day. If a holiday falls on a collection day, trash will be collected one day later for each area than usual. For example, July 4<sup>th</sup> falls on a Monday in 2011. So, Monday's regular trash will be collected on Tuesday, Tuesday's regular trash will be collected on Wednesday, and Wednesday's regular trash will be collected on Thursday. The 2011 Holiday schedule is as follows:

July 4, 2011, Independence Day – outlined above  
September 5, 2011, Labor Day – same as outlined above  
October 10, 2011, Columbus Day – same as outlined above  
December 26, 2011, Christmas Holiday – same as outlined above  
January 2, 2012, New Years Day – same as outlined above  
January 23, 2012, Martin Luther King Jr. Day – same as outlined above

### Other Emergencies

Regular snowfall should not affect trash collection, however in the event of a substantial snowfall or long duration storms, trash collection could be delayed. The Township will use the Township sign, website, email blasts, Facebook page and other emergency means of communication to keep residents informed of any such delays, as they occur.

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## Collection Reminders

The Solid Waste Ordinance outlines our entire collection policy. Important things to remember are:

- Trash should not be placed curbside before 6 pm the night before a scheduled collection. Additionally, trash cans and receptacles should be removed from the street by 9 pm the day of collection.
- Trash cans and receptacles should not be larger than 64 gallon capacity and should weigh no more than 50 pounds when full. Oversized cans that weigh more than 50 pounds **will not** be collected.
- **Furniture** – Chairs, sofas, and other furniture can be placed curbside on any collection day. Residents should not place an excessive amount of furniture out at one time. Excessive amounts of household trash or furniture **will not** be accepted. Residents who are moving and have an excessive amount of trash will be responsible for disposal at their own expense.
- **Construction debris** – Any home improvements or large renovations requiring a permit will require the homeowner dispose of construction debris at their own expense. Residents performing small room “makeovers” or minor improvements such as replacing a toilet or vanity can place these items with regular trash. Residents should call the Township if they are unsure what is considered construction debris.
- **Yard Waste** – Leaves cannot be disposed of through regular trash. Leaves are collected from mid-October through April. Disposal after these collection dates is the homeowners’ responsibility. Small sticks and branches less than (3) three feet long can be bundled or placed in trash bags for disposal. Bags or bundles must weigh less than (50) fifty pounds. Sticks and branches longer than (4) four feet can be placed curbside for collection during the first full week of each month. All butt ends must face the same direction for ease of loading. Additional information regarding our Leaves Collection and Brush Collection programs is available on our website at [www.eastampton.com](http://www.eastampton.com)
- **Please do not bag grass clippings and put it out with the trash.** Leaving your grass clippings in your lawn (called grasscycling) is better for your lawn and easier on you (no more bagging!). When you do bag and throw out your grass clippings, it increases the weight of the solid waste that we bring to the landfill which increases our tipping fees.
- Appliances – All white goods (refrigerators, washers, dryers, air conditioners, stoves, etc.) will be collected the first Wednesday of each month. **Residents are required to call the Township to be placed on the collection list.**
- **Items NOT collected** – Due to restrictions at the County Landfill, televisions and computer equipment cannot be disposed of through trash collection. These items must be recycled. The Goodwill Store in Lumberton will accept your televisions and computer equipment for no charge. Additionally, trash cannot include recyclables. All resident **MUST** recycle glass, aluminum, and plastic containers, as well as paper and cardboard. Trash placed curbside that contains recycling **WILL NOT** be collected. Questions’ regarding what is considered recyclable and alternatives for disposal can be directed to the County at 609-499-1001. Recycling information is also available on our website at [www.eastampton.com](http://www.eastampton.com).
- **Please consider alternatives to placing gently used items into the trash; like donating to one of the many charitable organizations in our area, utilizing one of the many websites like Craigslist, Ebay or Freecycle or just having a yard sale. Your tax dollars are used to pay a fee for every ton of trash sent to the County Landfill. That fee is one of the largest bills your tax dollars are used to pay every month! For more information visit the Eastampton Environmental Commission website at [www.eastampton.com](http://www.eastampton.com).**

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we implement this new collection program. If you have any further questions or need additional information, please call the Township at 609-267-5723, extension 200. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.