



FRENCHTOWN RECYCLING NEWSLETTER 2019 - 2020

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12 IS CLEAN-UP DAY

There will be a \$10.00 charge for EACH of the following: Rugs (9x12 or larger or greater than 100 sq. ft.), box springs, mattresses & upholstered furniture. If any of the above items do not have a sticker attached, they will not be hauled away. Stickers can be purchased at Borough Hall on Monday through Friday from 9:00am - 3:00pm. *Items may be placed on the curb for pick up no more than 3 days prior to Clean-Up Day.*

Available Borough funds limit the amounts that can be picked up per household. Debris piles greater than a pick-up truck load may be bypassed by the hauler.

Items not picked up: paint, solvents, tires, liquids, appliances or building materials longer than 4 feet.

IMPORTANT BOROUGH INFORMATION

Curbside leaf (**NOT BRUSH**) pick up will be **ONLY** from 11/1/19 thru 11/29/19

Please Note: The Borough has a local ordinance prohibiting residents from putting piles of brush and leaves in the street at any other time of the year. Brush debris or building materials should NEVER be placed in weekly trash.

Curbside Christmas Tree pick up will be made from 1/2/19 thru 1/31/19 **ONLY**.

RECYCLING CENTER

Brush and leaves may be recycled at the recycling center on Route 29.

Hours of Operation: Weekdays from 8:30am to 4:30pm (excluding holidays) & the last Saturday of every month from 9:00am to noon

Please Note: If a holiday falls around the last Saturday of the month, the recycling center will be opened on the first Saturday of the next month to make up for the holiday closure.

RECYCLING DATES - Curbside collection occurs every other Friday

2019 – 10/4, 10/18, 11/1, 11/15, 11/29, 12/13 & 12/27

2020 - 1/10, 1/24, 2/7, 2/21, 3/6, 3/20, 4/3, 4/17, 5/1, 5/15, 5/29, 6/12, 6/26, 7/10, 7/24, 8/7, 8/21, 9/4, 9/18, 10/2, 10/16, 10/30, 11/13, 11/27, 12/11 & 12/25

Shade Tree Commission Update

There's an old proverb that goes, "The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second-best time is now." The Frenchtown Shade Tree Commission is building a list of potential tree planting locations along our streets in the borough right-of-way. Generally, this is the strip of ground between the streets and sidewalks. Should residents have an interest in having a shade tree at their location, please send an email to Brenda Shepherd. Her email address is: frenchtownboroclerk@yahoo.com. The Shade Tree Commission will assess the area, find the right tree for your location and then work with DPW to see that it's properly planted.



Sustainable Frenchtown Commission Update

Want to learn more about our environment? The Environmental Commission and Sustainable Frenchtown have inventoried all things related to our local, natural resources, including our geology, wildlife, water, parks and green spaces. This report is chock full of good information to help you understand our natural assets and will guide future planning and protection efforts in our community. You can find it on the Borough's website:

http://kratzerenv.com/files/Frenchtown_ERI_March_2018_Final.pdf

Interested in recycling and reducing waste, conserving water, reducing energy, and shopping local? Want to help make Frenchtown the best it can be? Join Sustainable Frenchtown! Sustainable Frenchtown is a group of volunteers, your friends and neighbors working together to make our community more sustainable -- we park bikes at community events, support local business, conserve water, clean up trash in our river, make

trails, plant gardens, and more! We meet the second Tuesday of every month at 8 pm at Borough Hall. Come with your ideas and willingness to lead and participate -- all are welcome. You can find our agendas and minutes on the Borough website.

Upcoming Dates for Hunterdon County Recycling Programs

Hunterdon County Library Complex, 134 State Route 12, Flemington

For more information visit: <http://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/recycling.html>

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day—Saturday, November 23, 9:00am - 1:00pm.

Smoke Detector Recycling is Now Available - Please bring your old smoke detectors to the Hunterdon County Division of Health, Monday through Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Route 12 County Complex, Building 1, 2nd Floor, 314 State Route 12, Flemington, NJ 08822, Any questions please call 908-788-1351.

Residential Room Air Conditioners & Dehumidifiers Recycling is Now Available – Room air conditioners and dehumidifiers contain refrigerants that are harmful in the environment, and by federal law must be removed and recovered. The steel, other metals, and selected parts of the equipment can be recycled. Hunterdon County residents should call 908-788-1351 to make an appointment for drop off at the Route 12 County Complex between the business hours of 8:30am-4:30pm.

2018—2019 Recycling Tips

Below are the recycling rules of thumb so you know what is acceptable and unacceptable recycling materials under the Borough of Frenchtown's recycling program.

Accepted Items: Newspapers, Inserts, Junk Mail, Magazines, Catalogs, & Envelopes, Paper Back Books, Phone Books, Cardboard, Clean Pizza Boxes, Office and School Papers, Colored Paper, Boxboard, Paper Egg Cartons, Paper Bags (Grocery Type), Aluminum Cans, Clean Foil, Tin and Steel Aerosol Cans (empty), Glass Jars and Bottles

All Plastic Containers Labeled: 1 thru 7

With your 95-gallon container you can increase your recycle volume!

Please use provided can for recycle.

- Please put out the night before scheduled collection day.
- Please place can on a flat surface at least 5 feet away from your mail box or alternate side of driveway for collection.
- Large boxes and extra cardboard must be bundled no larger than 3x3.
- All material in cart can be loose and does not need to be bundled.
- Keep it loose – **NEVER PUT RECYCLING IN PLASTIC BAGS!**
- Recycling must be empty, clean, dry and free of food and liquid.
- Keep it loose – **NEVER PUT RECYCLING IN PLASTIC BAGS!**

Unacceptable Items: Plastic Bags & Wrappers, Soiled Paper, *Polystyrene Foam, Clothing & Shoes, Greasy Pizza Boxes, Tools, Food, Toys Electronics & Batteries, Construction Waste, Yard Waste, Medical Waste, Diapers & Scrap Metal

Frenchtown Environmental Commission Update

The Mill Race nature trail in Borough Park has never looked better - get out and enjoy this Frenchtown treasure! This 1-mile loop follows the old mill race and meanders along the beautiful Nishisakawick Creek. The trailhead is just across the footbridge behind the playground. Dogs are welcome on leashes.

For more info on trails in Frenchtown visit, www.frenchtownboro.com/trails or njtrails.org/trail/Frenchtown-preserve/. Volunteers needed for trail maintenance, contact Jim Meade at jmmug@msn.com if you're interested. The Frenchtown Environmental Commission's role is to protect natural resources in our Borough. For more info see www.frenchtownboro.com.

Join in the Fun!

Frenchtown Zombie Crawl Scavenger Hunt

Saturday, October 26th – 12PM – 4PM



Frenchtown Downtown Parking Committee Survey

A committee appointed by Frenchtown Council and Mayor Brad Myhre is currently studying whether to implement paid parking in downtown Frenchtown. We'd love your input and would appreciate it if you spent a few minutes filling out this survey and drop it off or mail it to Frenchtown Parking Committee, Borough Hall, 27 Second Street, Frenchtown, NJ, 08825. Your feedback will be instrumental in guiding the governing body's decision on this topic. For your convenience, a copy of this survey can also be found on the Borough's website if it's easier for you to fill out online.

As a Frenchtown resident, do you park downtown?

- Yes
- No

If yes, how long on average do you park?

- 15 minutes or less
- 15-30 minutes
- 30 minutes-1 hour
- 1 hour-5 hours
- All day
- Overnight

What reasons do you have for parking downtown? (check all that apply)

- Shopping
- Post Office
- Business
- To go for a walk along the towpath
- I work in town
- Other (please explain)

How much time do you spend looking for a spot?

- I usually find one immediately
- 5 minutes – 15 minutes
- More than 15 minutes

Do you think Frenchtown needs to provide more parking than currently available?

- Yes
- No

Do you think there's adequate signage directing people to parking spaces?

- Yes
- No

Under what conditions would you support paid parking in Frenchtown: (check all that apply)

- If it lowered my taxes
- If Frenchtown residents were exempt from parking fees
- If free parking was available somewhere in the borough, even if not downtown
- If those visiting Frenchtown businesses were exempt from fees
- If paid parking meters were activated only during certain times of the day
- If paid parking meters were only activated on the weekends
- I don't support paid parking under any circumstance
- If there were grace period for parking fees (i.e. the first 15 minutes are free)
- Other (if checked, please explain)

What issues concern you if paid parking is implemented in Frenchtown? (check all that apply)

- I'll get too many parking tickets
- Out-of-town guests will park on my street
- Fewer people will visit Frenchtown
- It will cost too much to enforce
- Other (if checked, please explain)

What benefits do you see if Frenchtown implements paid parking? (check all that apply)

- A new revenue source for the Borough versus relying solely upon property taxes to fund Borough operations.
- Those who pay to park will visit Frenchtown businesses, rather than parking and then biking, tubing or kayaking out of town
- It will free up parking downtown for Frenchtown businesses
- Allow for a steady stream of revenue to maintain existing Borough parking lots in the downtown.
- Other (if checked, please explain)

Are there other parking issues/concerns you have? If so, please explain

Are there other parking solutions you have? If so, please explain

Thank you for your participation! If you have any questions or would like to speak to someone about your input, feel free to call Borough Councilwoman Liz Johnson at 908-347-2531 or email lizjohnson@frenchtownboro.com.