



FRENCHTOWN RECYCLING NEWSLETTER

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SATURDAY. OCTOBER 17, 2020 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 affixed, 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.

SATURDAY. OCTOBER 31, 2020 IS COMMUNITY SHRED IT DAY – 9am - Noon

Join us for a Community Shred It Day to raise awareness about identity theft and fraud by reminding residents about the importance of securely destroying personal paperwork. All you need to do is transport the documents you wish to discard to the Borough Recycling Center. You **DO NOT** have to worry about removing anything else, not even paper clips, staples or binder clips. The shredders can handle that.

IMPORTANT BOROUGH INFORMATION

Curbside leaf (**NOT BRUSH/STICKS**) pick up will occur **ONLY** from 11/2/20 thru 11/30/20

Please Note: The Borough has a local ordinance prohibiting residents from putting piles of brush, sticks 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 12/28/20 thru 1/29/21 **ONLY**.

RECYCLING CENTER

Brush and leaves may be recycled at the Borough Recycling Center on Route 29.

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

2020 – 10/2, 10/16, 10/30, 11/13, 11/27, 12/11 & 12/26* (Saturday after Christmas)

2021 - 1/8, 1/22, 2/5, 2/19, 3/5, 3/19, 4/2, 4/16, 4/30, 5/14, 5/28, 6/11, 6/25, 7/9, 7/23, 8/6, 8/20, 9/3, 9/17, 10/1, 10/15, 10/29, 11/12, 11/26, 12/10 & 12/24

Shade Tree Commission Update

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 or have questions about the removal of an existing tree, please send an email to Brenda Shepherd at 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

Frenchtown Clothing Donation Shed — TEMPORARILY CLOSED

We regret to share the news that due to COVID-19 realities, the clothing donation shed located in the lower parking lot for Old Frenchtown Field is temporarily closed. Normally, the company that operates this shed, Turnkey Enterprises (turnkey-enterprises.com), pays Frenchtown for every pound of clothing it collects from the bin redistributing it as clothing — donated clothing is never cut into rags. This donation shed is not only a useful service for those hoping to recycle clothing, keeping it out of landfills, but it also generates revenue for community sustainability education programs and projects. All proceeds from the shed are dedicated to Sustainable Frenchtown, formerly known as the Green Team.

Unfortunately, Turnkey Enterprises has temporarily shut down all of their sheds as their sorting houses have reached capacity and remain closed. They inform us that they expect to share a reopening plan in the coming weeks. In the meantime, **please refrain from leaving clothing donations outside of the shed** — we cannot process them and they will be disposed of in the trash. If you are cleaning out your closets, there are alternative donations sites in the Delaware Valley for clothing and household item donations including:

American Family Services in Hellertown, PA (amfamilyservices.com)

NOVA Thrift in Doylestown (novabucks.org)

Thanks for your cooperation and patience! We will let you know when the shed is re-opened.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day - Saturday, November 21, 2020 - 9am-1pm

Hunterdon County Library Complex, 134 State Route 12, Flemington

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

2020—2021 Recycling Tips

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!

NEVER PUT RECYCLING IN PLASTIC BAGS!

Unacceptable Items: Wet Cardboard & Paper, Plastic Bags & Polystyrene Foam, Clothing & Shoes, Greasy Pizza Boxes, Tools, Food, Toy Construction Waste, Yard Waste, Medical Waste, Diapers & Scrap Metal



Frenchtown Environmental Commission Update

During the pandemic, this spring and summer, the FEC was lucky to have another Eagle Scout project completed with improvements on wet sections of trail at the Frenchtown Preserve. In addition, the FEC made sure that the over 9 miles of trails at Borough Park and the Preserve were maintained for the community's much needed benefit. Also, emergency clearing was performed after Tropical Storm Isaias damage in August to all the trails. We thank all volunteers who helped make this possible.

For more info on trails in Frenchtown visit, www.frenchtownboro.com/trails or njtrails.org/trail/Frenchtown-preserve/. Volunteers are always 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.

Frenchtown Wastewater Treatment Plant Update

Thank you to everyone who heeded the call to stop flushing objects such as baby wipes, rags, food and toys into the sewer system. The situation has improved dramatically. Keep up the good work!!

Despite storms and heavy rainfalls, the sewer plant has discharged "no detectable limits" of any the chemicals, compounds or elements we are required to test for by the DEP. That means that what is going into the river is clean water. If you would like to know how clean, stop by the plant, visit Sewer Plant Manager Mark Wood and ask to view the fish tank that's filled with water treated at our plant.