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## FRENCHTOWN RECYCLING NEWSLETTER

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### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2022 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.*

### IMPORTANT BOROUGH INFORMATION

Curbside leaf (**NOT BRUSH/STICKS**) pick up will occur **ONLY** from 11/1/22 thru 11/30/22

**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 12/28/22 thru 1/31/23 **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

**2022** – 10/28, 11/11, 11/25, 12/9 & 12/23

**2023** – 1/6, 1/20, 2/3, 2/17, 3/3, 3/17, 3/31, 4/14, 4/28, 5/12, 5/26, 6/9, 6/23, 7/7, 7/21, 8/4, 8/18, 9/1, 9/15, 9/29, 10/13, 10/27, 11/10, 11/24, 12/8 & 12/22

### 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](mailto: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 Update

There were some great activities around sustainability of our natural assets, local economy, and creative sector in Frenchtown so far this year.

At the Frenchtown Community Garden, new members were welcomed and the growing season was productive, providing some tasty locally-sourced organic food to participants. Garden members and friends rebuilt the organic compost bins to make



sure the composting could continue without fail. The number of bees and birds - including hummingbirds - in the garden this year was astounding!

Sustainable Frenchtown itself, with the generous support of some awesome volunteers, set up and ran the River Fest Bike Valet Parking at this year's River Fest. The entire event was fun and a great success, and it was great to see so many folks biking (and parking their bikes in the valet lot!) to town, which helped to lessen car congestion and pollution in and around the community that day.



Sustainable Frenchtown's (SF) most unique effort this year is a partnership with Frenchtown Elementary School for a creative wayfinding project funded by a \$10,000 grant from Sustainable Jersey & the NJ Education Association. This first-of-its-kind project has been in the works for months and is now coming to fruition. SF partnered with the Green Team from FES and Frenchtown-based artists at Modern Fossils to design a large wayfinding gateway to be built in the front yard of the school grounds using locally-found (recycled and reused) objects on a structure that mimics the look of our Frenchtown bridge over the Delaware River. SF and Modern Fossils already presented the project concept and process to all FES grades during two assemblies in early September. Students are picking the key places in our community that will ultimately end up on this wayfinding gateway, and there will be an online survey of the broader school community to prioritize which Frenchtown places should go on the signs. It is hoped that the project will be completed and installed by the end of this year. Stay tuned!

Lastly, SF is working with the Borough to complete the paperwork to ensure that Frenchtown receives its Sustainable Jersey Recertification, which will last for another 3 years. This behind-the-scenes work is needed to keep our certification and make it possible for us to apply for other Sustainable Jersey grants in the future. For more information visit: <https://frenchtownboro.com/local-government/boards-commissions-committees/environmental-commission/sustainable-frenchtown>

### **Upcoming Dates for Hunterdon County Special Collection Events**

**Hazardous Waste Collection Day – Saturday, December 10, 2022 – 9am-1pm**

**Ident-A-Shred Day - Saturday, October 22, 2022 - 8am-11:30am**

Hunterdon County Library Complex, 134 State Route 12, Flemington.

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

### **2022—2023 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 & #2 ONLY**

With your 95-gallon container you can increase your recycle volume!  
**NEVER PUT RECYCLING IN PLASTIC BAGS!**

**Take Out Containers:**

**Just because a takeout container has a recyclable symbol on it, don't assume it's okay to recycle it. To start, look for the recycling symbol. If it's a plastic container labeled #1 or #2, you can recycle it. Cardboard drink carriers and those paper sleeves for hot drinks are also great for recycling. And aluminum, like cans and clean tins, are one of the best recyclable items that exist, so always place in your recycling bin as long as it's empty, clean, and dry. Foam containers, plastic utensils, condiment packets, and the plastic bag. None of these can go into your recycling bin.**

**Unacceptable Items:** Wet cardboard or Paper, 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 Frenchtown Environmental Commission members and other volunteers maintain over 9 miles of trails at Borough Park and the Preserve for the community's much needed benefit. In spring 2022, the Commission hosted a Borough Park Clean Up Day. Commission members and volunteers cleaned up, planted flowers, and beautified the park and playground.

For more info on trails in Frenchtown visit, [www.frenchtownboro.com/trails](http://www.frenchtownboro.com/trails) or [njtrails.org/trail/Frenchtown-preserve/](http://njtrails.org/trail/Frenchtown-preserve/). Volunteers are always needed for trail maintenance, contact Jim Meade at [jmmug@msn.com](mailto:jmmug@msn.com) if you're interested. The Frenchtown Environmental Commission's role is to protect natural resources in our Borough. For more info visit: <https://frenchtownboro.com/local-government/boards-commissions-committees/environmental-commission/>

### **Keep Sidewalks Passable**

This is a friendly reminder that sidewalks must be kept clear of debris and overgrown hedges that protrude into walkways. If you have decorative shrubs or grasses, please ensure they are properly maintained.

Keeping our sidewalks passable at all times is important to pedestrian and motorist safety. Thank you for your help.