

KEEPING FRANKLIN GREEN ...

Franklin Township Is Hosting 'The Green Forum 2010'

The Franklin Township Environmental Commission is partnering with Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJBPU), Somerset County, and PSEG Services Corporation to present 'The Green Forum 2010' on April 17, 2010.

The Green Forum 2010 is designed to provide the information, tools, and resources to assist the community and individuals in "Going Green." Going Green is not about making sacrifices. Rather, it is about doing things that we normally do in a different way.

The Green Forum 2010 will be presented on April 17, 2010 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Franklin Township Municipal Building on DeMott Lane. The event will feature exhibits on Solar Energy, Energy Efficiency, Recycling, and Solar Construction. There will be a keynote speaker, followed by other speakers on the subjects of Home and Business Energy Audits; The Solar Loan Program; Improving Somerset County Recycling; The Benefits of Sustainable Jersey Certification; and Case Studies of Operating Local Solar Installations. There will be questions and answers, green product giveaways, brochures, websites, and interactive exhibits.

Further details regarding the Green Forum will be provided on the website, www.franklintwpnj.org/environmental-commission.html.

Shade Tree Commission Holds Third Annual Sale

The Shade Tree Commission is again offering trees for Spring, 2010. Based on past demand and our desire to introduce new species, this year's trees are the flowering Yoshino Cherry and two outstanding Shade trees, the October Glory red maple and Zelkova (Green Vase). These are 6- to 8-foot bare root trees ready for Spring, 2010 planting. Orders are now being taken on a first-come first serve basis. If there is no availability, your check will be returned and you will be notified. All proceeds are used to plant MORE trees in Franklin. *No orders will be accepted without payment. Pickup will be in late March/early April. You will be notified by phone or e-mail.* The following conditions apply: 1) all sales are final-no refunds and no guarantees are made or implied; 2) the purchaser or designee must pick up the trees on the given date (trees will fit in a car); 3) the Shade Tree Commission will not plant your tree.

Shade Tree Sale Order form (for pickup and planting in spring 2010)

Type of tree	Quantity	Price (\$60/each)
October glory Red Maple Medium to fast growth; Will tolerate a wide range of soil conditions, especially moist to wet sites; Excellent dark red color late October to Early November. Excellent shade tree for lawn or street tree planting.	_____	_____
Yoshino cherry One of the cherry trees responsible for the springtime show in Washington DC. Grows 35-45 feet high. Yellow fall color, as well as showy bark. Can be used as shade, specimen or accent tree. <i>A great alternative to the Bradford Pear.</i>	_____	_____
Zelkova serrata sp. Green Vase A popular replacement for the elms lost to Dutch elm disease. Hardy drought-tolerant street, specimen or accent tree for the yard. 55-80 feet tall at maturity with vase-shaped form, showy fall color mix of copper, red, yellow and orange. <i>A nice specimen can be seen at the corner of Blackwells Mills and Canal road next to the Canal House close to the street corner.</i>	_____	_____
(Please make checks payable to Franklin Twp.)		Total \$ _____
Mail: c/o Shade Tree Commission 475 DeMott Lane Somerset NJ 08873		
Name: _____		
Address: _____		
Telephone: _____	E-mail (Preferred): _____	
(you MUST provide us contact info so we can let you know when to pick up)		

Public Works News

Department of Public Works

Public Works
 40 Churchill Avenue, Somerset
 (732) 247-7800, fax (732) 247-7810
 Hours of Operation
 Monday to Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Convenience Center

Located across from 12 Berry Street, Somerset

CALENDAR

Mondays from April 5 until June 28
 — HOURS 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Saturdays March 13, 27; April 10, 24; May 8, 22; June 5, 19
 — HOURS 8:30 a.m. to 2:20 p.m.



TO PURCHASE A PASS — Residents can only buy passes during the week at:

Public Works Building — 40 Churchill Avenue
 Monday through Friday 7 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Municipal Clerk's Office — 475 DeMott Lane
 Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Open to **Residents ONLY** — ALL RESIDENTS **MUST** present a valid Driver's License to verify residency to purchase a pass.

- The Convenience Center allows vehicles with general registration plates, no commercial vehicles.
- Recycled items can be dropped off for free (no pass required).
- There is an additional charge for freon and tires.

Large Appliance Curbside Pickup

Call Public Works to arrange a pickup. Cost: \$25 per appliance. Service starts April 5, 2010.

Medical Waste Disposal

Sharp needles and other similar medical waste should never be recycled. Disposal containers and information are available from the local hospitals:

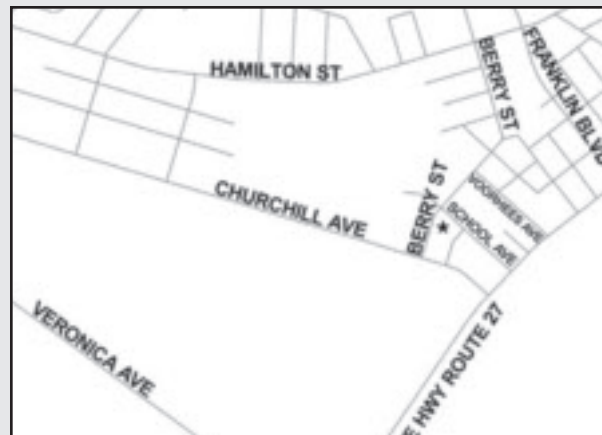
St. Peters
 (732) 745-8600, ext. 8282

Somerset Medical Center
 (908) 685-2200, ext. 3258

Princeton Medical Center
 (908) 788-6100, ext. 6135

Fluorescent Bulb Disposal

Compact fluorescent bulbs contain small amounts of mercury and should be disposed of properly. Consumers in the United States can drop off used bulbs at their local Home Depot stores where the bulbs will be recycled or dropped off on Somerset County's hazardous waste days (see below for dates and locations).



The Mini Dump is located at the corner of Berry Street and School Avenue. It can be reached taking Veronica Avenue to Churchill Avenue to Berry Street and right onto School Avenue, or Amwell Road/Hamilton Street to Berry Street and then left onto School Avenue. Berry Street is one block from Franklin Boulevard, going toward JFK Boulevard.

Somerset County Recycling – (732) 469-3363

Solid Waste Management - Diana Vigilante – (908) 231-7109

<http://www.co.somerset.nj.us/recycle.html>

Curbside Recycling Schedule

Annually Franklin Township is billed by Somerset County \$23.85 per household for curbside collection of recyclables, **whether the service is used or not and no matter how much is put out by each household.**

Place materials at curbside either the night before or no later than 7 a.m. on your collection day.

Chipboard can be recycled

This includes boxes- cereal, cookie, pasta, cake, cracker, detergent (remove plastic liners), gift, shoe, shirt or any retail boxes, poster board & backing on writing pads.

Franklin Twp/South Bound Brook Collection Dates

March 11, 25 • April 8, 22 • May 6, 20

Franklin Park/Griggstown Collection Dates

March 12, 26 • April 9, 23 • May 7, 21

Somerset County Hazardous Waste Disposal Days

March 27 • 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Bernards Public Works
 277 South Maple, Basking Ridge

May 8 • 9:00 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Warren Public Works

One Bardey Road, Warren

All Somerset County homeowners and farmers are welcome to participate

Note: Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off days are NOT the same as 1st Saturday of the month Drop-off Days.

Drop-off Days Somerset County Recycling Center

40 Polhemus Lane, Bridgewater

Open the first Saturday of each month from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Items to bring to the Recycling Center:

Newspapers, magazines, junk mail and other paper, corrugated cardboard, chipboard, household batteries, phone books, glass bottles and jars, plastic bottles (#1 and #2), aluminum, steel and bi-metal cans, textiles, antifreeze, scrap metal used oil and oil filters, passenger tires (limited to 8 tires with or without rims)

Acceptable consumer electronics include:

Computer (CPU), servers, monitors/terminals/CRTs, televisions, printers, fax machines, copiers, computer/laptop peripherals, keyboards/mice, cables, wiring, circuit boards, modems, power supplies, laptop and docking stations, audio visual equipment, typewriters, VCRs, mainframe equipment and controllers, camcorders, telecommunication equipment (telephones, cellular phones, telephone mainframes)