

# Department of Public Works

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40 Churchill Avenue, Somerset  
732-249-7800, fax 732-249-7810

Hours of Operation:

Monday to Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

## Franklin Township Convenience Center Changes Made to Save Money and Provide Year-Round Service

The Township's Recycling/Refuse Transfer Center (Mini Dump) has a new name (Convenience Center) and new regulations. Franklin's Convenience Center keeps the Township in compliance with New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) solid waste and recycling regulations.

While a *recycling depot* is designed for temporary storage of recycling material prior to it being transported to a recycling center, a *convenience center* provides temporary storage of solid waste and/or recycling brought "to the site by persons transporting their own solid waste and/or recycling material in passenger automobiles bearing general registration plates."

An important reason for change was the budget. The old recycling center was operating at a yearly deficit of \$200,000 and was being used by less than 25 percent of the residents. Changes in the operation were designed to make it a break-even operation, paid for by the residents using the facility.

**Location: Corner of School Ave. & Berry St. – (732) 249-7800**

**Scheduled to open Saturday, May 2, 2009**

**Open every OTHER Saturday – All Year Long – 8:30 a.m. – 2:20 p.m.**

**Open Mondays April through October – 7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

## CALENDAR

May: 2, 4, 11, 16, 18  
June 1, 6, 8, 15, 20, 22, 29  
July 6, 11, 13, 20, 25, 27  
August 3, 8, 10, 17, 22, 24, 31  
September 12, 14, 21, 26, 28

## TRIP PASS FEES:

**Car** - \$10.00 per trip / 6 trips for \$50.00

*Description - has 1 or 2 seats with a trunk*

**Station Wagon / Small SUV / Small Crossover** -

\$15.00 per trip / 6 trips for \$75.00

*Description - must have two rows of seating, upright and in place at all times*

**SUV / Small Van / Small ¼ Ton Pick Up / Mini Van** -

\$30.00 per trip / 6 trips for \$150.00

*Description- SUV, Small Van or Mini Van must have 2 rows of seating upright and in place at all times*

**Full Size Van / Cargo Van** - \$50.00 per trip / 6 trips for \$250.00

*Description - No seating behind the driver*

**Full Size Pick-Up** - \$70.00 / 6 trips for \$350.00

*Description - Any Pick-Up Truck larger than ¼ Ton - bed no longer than 8 feet*

**Trailer** - \$50.00 per trip - **plus vehicle fee IF the vehicle has debris** - \$50.00 per trip / 6 trips for \$250.00

*Description - No longer than 8 feet*

**--NOT ALLOWED - NO Rack Body - Flat Bed - Dump Truck - or - Cube Vans**

**NO COMMERCIAL VEHICLES ALLOWED**

**Additional Fees ---**

\$15.00 per appliance to Drop-Off Freon Appliance

\$7.00 per tire to drop off **ALL** Tires

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

**Public Works Building** - 40 Churchill Avenue  
Monday thru Friday - 7:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

**Township Clerk's Office** - 475 DeMott Lane  
Monday thru Friday - 7:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

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

**ALL LEAVES MUST** be in brown paper recyclable leaf bags. For each brown paper recyclable bag of leaves you bring in, we will replace it with an empty bag - **NO CHARGE**.

**TRIP PASS REQUIRED** for the following acceptable items:

- Furniture
- Rugs
- Appliances ( Additional fee for Freon Appliances)
- Light Metal
- Electronics
- Brush - Shrub Trimmings, Hedge Clippings, branches not larger than 4" in diameter or 4 feet in length
- Tires ( Additional fee for EACH tire)
- NOT ACCEPTED / NOT ALLOWED**
- Renovation / Construction Materials / Debris - sheet rock, tile, concrete, brick, asphalt, rock, etc.
- Grass, tree stumps, tree trunks or tree parts from below ground level
- Railroad ties or Treated wood
- Household garbage, food wastes, cooking oil
- Hazardous Materials, pesticides, oil paint, chemicals, driveway sealer, etc\*\*
- Propane Tanks\*\*

**\*\* NOTE: Somerset County has 6 Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Dates for 2009. Please refer to your 2009 Recycling Information Packet for details or call 732-469-3363 or log on at [www.co.somerset.nj.us](http://www.co.somerset.nj.us)**

## CURBSIDE PICKUP for LARGE METAL APPLIANCES

Curbside PickUp continues on Mondays starting in April and ending in October.

\$24.00 -- per Refrigerator, Freezer, Air Conditioner, Humidifier

\$6.00 -- per Dryer, Washer, Dishwasher, Stove, Hot Water Heater

## NO PASS REQUIRED FOR RECYCLABLE ITEMS

/ same as bi-weekly curbside pickup

\*\* Newspaper

\*\* Cardboard

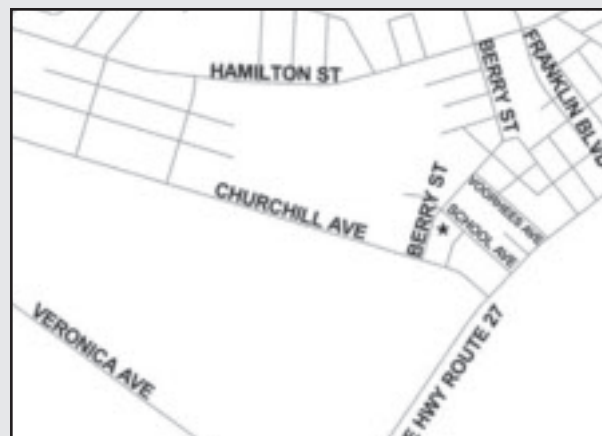
\*\* Metal Cans

\*\* Glass Bottles

All items must be sorted as required and deposited in proper receptacles provided.

**NOTE: ALL PRIOR PASSES WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 1, 2009**

**ALL 5x TRUCK PASSES WILL BE HONORED UNTIL ALL 5 PUNCHES ARE USED ON SCHEDULED CONVENIENCE CENTER DATES—NO TIME LIMIT**



The Convenience Center 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.

## 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**

908-766-6100, ext. 6135

## 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.

## NEW: Chipboard can now 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

May 7, 21

June 4, 18

July 2, 16, 30

August 13, 27

## Franklin Park/Griggstown Collection Dates

May 8, 22

June 5, 19

July 6, 17, 31

August 14, 28

## Somerset County Hazardous Waste Disposal Days

June 13

South County Public Works Garage

410 Roycefield, Hillsborough

9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

August 1

Franklin Township Sewerage Authority

70 Commerce Drive, Somerset

9:00 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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)

## Nominations For Environmental Stewardship Awards

The Franklin Township Environmental Commission is seeking nominations for the third annual Environmental Stewardship awards. Awards will be presented in the fall of 2009 to an outstanding individual and organization or corporation that have contributed to the improvement of the environment in Franklin Township.

Nominations should provide the name and address of the individual or organization/corporation and information regarding the contribution they have made. All nominations shall be submitted to: [franklinenvcomm@gmail.com](mailto:franklinenvcomm@gmail.com) by July 31, 2009. The Environmental Commission will review all nominations and make the selections based solely on the significance of their contribution to the environment.