

# Department of Public Works

## Department of Public Works

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

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



### CALENDAR

September 11, 20, 25  
October 4, 9, 18, 23  
November 6, 20

### 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

**Small Van / Small ¼ Ton Pick Up / Mini Van** - \$30.00 per trip / 6 trips for \$150.00

Description - 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 - 7:15 a.m. until 2:45 p.m.

**Township Clerk's Office** - 475 DeMott Lane  
Monday thru Friday - 8:30 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 / 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 2010. Please refer to your 2009 Recycling Information Packet for details or call 732-469-336 or log on at [www.co.somerset.nj.us](http://www.co.somerset.nj.us)**

### CURBSIDE PICKUP for LARGE METAL APPLIANCES

Last day this season for curbside pickup of large appliances will be Monday, October 18

\$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.

### NO PLASTIC BOTTLES WILL BE ACCEPTED at the Convenience Center

Plastic must be recycled curbside in Bi-Weekly PickUp

### Falling Leaves—Use Them Or Bag Them

The Township annual leaf collection program information follows. But one alternative for dealing with leaves is backyard composting. Composting results in a dark, friable, partially decomposed substance similar to natural organic matter found in the soil. The end product can be added to enrich the soil, used as mulch to control weeds, used in potting soil, and can help reduce alternate freezing and thawing of soils which injure roots of plants. To learn more, contact Rutgers Cooperative Extension and ask for Fact Sheet 074, *Backyard Leaf Composting*, and Fact Sheet 117, *Using Leaf Compost*. More information is also available at [www.rce.rutgers.edu](http://www.rce.rutgers.edu) or 732-932-9306.

### Annual Leaf Collection

Annual leaf collection dates are Mondays

- October 25
- November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Leaf bags are available at the Municipal Clerk's office in the Municipal Building, 475 DeMott Lane, and at the Department of Public Works, 40 Churchill Avenue. They are 50 cents each. Stickers for store-bought brown paper biodegradable leaf bags are 25 cents each. Senior citizens pay 25 for leaf bags, up to a maximum of 40 bags.

### Leaf bag procedures

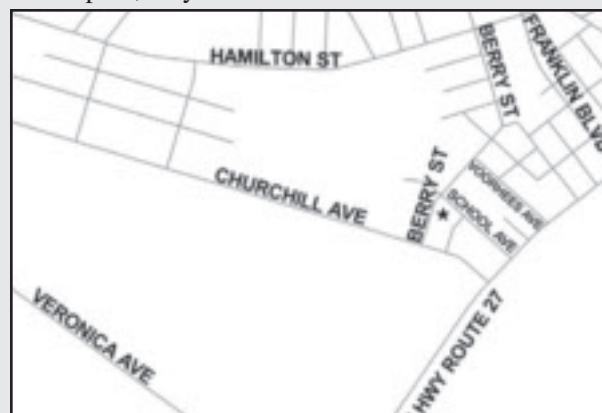
All leaves **MUST** be in brown paper recyclable leaf bags. **LEAVES ONLY**. Bags containing grass and/or other debris will be rejected.

### Curbside leaf bag collection

Leaf bags **MUST** have the Franklin Township logo or a Franklin Township leaf bag sticker on each bag, or the Township will not pick them up.

### Leaves brought to the Mini Dump or Department of Public Works

Any brown paper recyclable leaf bag purchased from either the Township or from a retail store may be dropped off at the Convenience Center or Public Works and will be replaced with a new bag at **NO CHARGE**. Leaves can be dropped off at 40 Churchill Avenue Monday to Friday (except holidays), 7:15 a.m. - 2:45 p.m., only until **December 17**.



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

609-497-4266

#### Hunterdon Medical Center

908-237-6920

### 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 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

September 9, 23

October 7, 21

November 4, 18

#### Franklin Park/Griggstown Collection Dates

September 10, 24

October 8, 22

November 5, 19

#### Somerset County Hazardous Waste Disposal Days

September 11 - 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Branchburg Township Public Works  
34 Kenbury Road, Branchburg

October 23 - 9:00 a.m. - 2 p.m.

South County Facility Public Works Garage  
410 Roycefield Road, Hillsborough

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.

#### Notice: Consumer Electronics

Beginning on January 1, 2011, consumer electronics can no longer be disposed of with your garbage. This law only applies to the following items: personal computers, including desktop and laptop, computer monitors and televisions. To find a location to recycling your consumer electronics, visit the county site <http://www.co.somerset.nj.us/recycle/recycleschedule.html> or call 908231-7109

#### 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.

September 11 (2nd Saturday due to holiday)

October 2

November 6

December 4

#### 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)

### • NOTICE •

Franklin Township will be flushing hydrants from September 27 to October 15, between 8 p.m. and 12 a.m. There may be a slight discoloration in water, but this will disappear and will not affect water potability. For information, call Public Works at 732-249-7800.

### Disposal Containers for Empty Toner/Ink Cartridges and Flags

In the lobby of the Municipal Building, 475 DeMott Lane, Somerset, there is a container for empty toner cartridges and another for worn flags. The cartridges will be mailed in bulk and recycled back to the printer companies. The flags will be burned with honor in a ceremony at the Veterans Memorial firepit. Residents can bring toner/ink or flags any time the municipal building is open. There is no charge.