

**Attn. Pottstown Residents!****Trash-Recycle-Yard Material Issues!**

Reminder, please do not commingle trash, recycles and/or yard material together. All three items are separate pickups, going to three separate locations. Trash goes to a landfill, recycling material is processed at a recycling facility and yard material is sent to a composting facility. If the collection truck sees trash mixed with recycles or in yard material they will not take the items.

Residents are reminded to place all recycling, trash, and yard material by the curb or alley the night before the scheduled collection day. The schedule for collecting recycling, trash, and yard material is between the hours of 6 AM and 6 PM Monday through Friday. No Saturday or Sunday collections scheduled.

- A new Borough noise ordinance limits trash companies' hours of operation to 6:00 am to 6:00 pm. The Police Department and the Codes Department are charged with enforcing this new ordinance. To report a violation of the noise ordinance call the Police Department at 610-970-6570 or Codes Department at 610-970-6520.

## **SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING**

1. Residents are responsible for the tote and should put their address on the tote for clear identification.
2. The single stream process will allow residents to place all recycling material into the 65-gallon tote.
3. Single stream recycling allows all recyclable material to be placed in the blue recycling tote with no separation of material required.
4. All residents are asked to remove all the approved items from the waste stream and place them in the blue tote.
5. The blue tote has a large label on the lid to show what items can be placed in the tote. Items that can be placed in the tote include: **(SEE LIST)**
6. Residents are asked not to place trash or any other material that is not allowed for recycling in the tote. In the event that unapproved materials are placed in the tote, it will not be emptied and the resident will need to remove all contaminated material for the next pick-up.
7. The recycling totes are the property of the Borough of Pottstown and must remain with the property.
8. Recycling pick-up is on Tuesday or Thursday. The West side of Pottstown is on Tuesday and the East side of Pottstown is on Thursday. **(SEE MAP)** If a holiday falls on a Tuesday or Thursday, recycling pick-up will be the next workday.

## TRASH

1. Each residential property will be allowed 4 cans and/or bags per pick-up.
2. No grass clippings will be collected as trash or as yard material at any time.
3. Trash containers shall be no larger than 30 gallon in size. 65-gallon totes are not acceptable for trash, only recycles.
4. All containers shall be able to be lifted by one person.
5. If a holiday falls on a trash pick-up day, collection day will be the next regularly scheduled collection day.

## YARD MATERIAL

Starting in April 2010 all yard material will need to be placed at curb or alley as a separate collection.

Yard material collection will be the first week of each month from May thru October on Thursday or Friday.

Do not put any types of materials into the biodegradable bags other than yard material. This would include such items as planting containers, plastics for weed barriers in flowerbeds, paper items, etc. If items other than yard material are found in the bags, the bags will not be collected. Please tie bundles with a non-metal type of material.

Leaves will be collected for 9 weeks starting in October and ending in December. Christmas trees will be collected for 4 weeks in January.

In the event that a holiday falls on a Thursday/Friday, then yard material collection will be the next workday.

Grass clippings will not be collected as part of the yard material collection program. Yard material will only be collected in cans or biodegradable paper bags. No yard material will be collected in plastic bags. Items to be collected are as follow:

1. Hedge clippings, small branches, leaves, plants, shrubbery, and other vegetation that can be composted.
2. All branches must be tied in bundles no more than 3- 4 feet in length.

## BULK WASTE

1. Bulk items include but are not limited to: appliances, furniture, rolled carpets, larger tree branches, and mattresses/box springs.
2. Bulk stickers are required for all bulk items.
3. The bulk sticker costs are \$15.00 for standard items and \$25.00 for appliances/white goods.
4. Bulk item collection is on Thursday/Friday as part of the trash pick-up.
5. If a holiday falls on a Thursday/Friday then the bulk items will be picked-up on the following Thursday/Friday.

Any question please contact the Borough of Pottstown Public Works Department at 610-970-6517 or 610-970-6527.

## RECYCLING MATERIAL TO BE COLLECTED SINGLE STREAM COLLECTION

### Paper

- Newspaper & Inserts
- Magazines & Catalogues
- Junk Mail & Envelopes
- Office Paper, File Folders, Paper Bags
- Telephone Books
- Cereal, Cracker, Food boxes
- Cardboard
- Soda & Beer Cartons
- Books (Hard or Paperbacks)

### Glass

- All Colors – green, clear, & brown
- All bottles that contained pourable liquids
- All jars that contained food products

### Metal

- Aluminum Beverage Cans
- Steel and Tin Beverage Cans
- Any Can that Contained Food
- Empty Aerosol Cans
- Empty Paint Cans (latex only)

### Plastic

- All Plastic Containers Labeled 1 through 7
- PETE Plastic #1 (Polyethylene Terephthalate)

- Water Jugs & Bottles
- Soda & Juice Bottles
- Milk Jugs
- Salad Dressing Bottles
- Peanut Butter Jars
- HDPE Plastic #2 (High Density Polyethylene)
  - Orange Juice Jugs
  - Milk, Water Bottles
  - Antifreeze & Motor Oil Containers
  - Detergent & Bleach Containers
- PVC Plastic # 3 (Polyvinyl Chloride)
  - Juice Bottles
  - Cling Films
  - PVC Piping
  
- LDPE Plastic # 4 (Low Density Polyethylene)
  - Frozen food Bags
  - Squeezable Bottles – Honey, Mustard, Ketchup
- PP Plastic # 5 (Polypropylene)
  - Bottle Caps & Drinking Straws
  - Yogurt Containers
  - Margarine Tubs
  - Disposable Cups & Plates
- PS Plastic # 6 (Polystyrene)
  - Meat Trays
  - To-Go Clam Shell containers
  - Egg Cartons
  - Disposable Cups
- Other Plastic # 7 (Polycarbonate or ABS)
  - Tupperware
  - Beverage Bottles
  - Baby Milk Bottles

**Borough of Pottstown**  
**THE YARD COLLECTION SCHEDULE FOR 2011**

**EAST SIDE OF TOWN**

May 5  
 June 2  
 July 7  
 August 4  
 September 1  
 October 6

**WEST SIDE OF TOWN**

May 6  
 June 3  
 July 8  
 August 5  
 September 2  
 October 7

## TRASH ZONES

