



TOWNSHIP OF  
**CHATHAM**  
*New Jersey*



**2026 PUBLIC WORKS BULLETIN**  
**IMPORTANT MANDATORY RECYCLING INFORMATION**



**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

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405 Southern Boulevard  
[www.chathamtownship.org](http://www.chathamtownship.org)  
Tel: 973-604-7840

**Hours of Operation:**  
Monday – Friday, 7:00 AM – 3:00 PM



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## TANGLEWOOD LANE COMPOST FACILITY

Chatham Township offers residents the option and convenience of dropping off **compostable yard waste** at the **Tanglewood Lane Compost Area**. Curbside pick-up is not provided. **A valid, government-issued identification showing proof of residence must be presented to enter the facility.**

This service is available to residents only utilizing a car or pick-up truck for drop-off. If you intend to use a truck larger than a pick-up truck, owned or borrowed, you must schedule the drop-off by calling the Department of Public Works and providing a description of the vehicle and the license plate number.

### Hours of Operation

#### April through September

Tuesday: 8:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Saturday: 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

#### October through 2nd Sunday in December

Tuesday: 8:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Saturday & Sunday: 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

### **ACCEPTABLE MATERIALS**

Grass Clippings, Leaves, Branches

### **UNACCEPTABLE MATERIALS**

Stumps, Building Materials, Rocks & Stones, Biodegradable Bags, Railroad Ties, Concrete, Firewood, Planters and Plastic Bags

- Whatever type of container/bag you transport organic material in, you must take back with you after unloading.
- Leaves and grass must be separated and loaded in the designated area.
- Branches must be separated from leaves and grass and placed in the brush pile.
- Branches must be no larger than 4 inches in diameter and 8 feet in length.

The inclusion of non-acceptable materials leads to severe damage to expensive equipment used for the shredding of compost material and potential danger of physical harm to the compost operators.

**Landscapers** must contact the Department of Public Works to purchase compost permits at 973-604-7840. Compost is open to landscapers beginning April 4, 2026.

## SOLID WASTE/GARBAGE COLLECTION

Residents have the option to select their own solid waste/garbage collection service. This service is not provided townwide and is not overseen by the Township. Property owners contract individually with a vendor of their choice just as they might with a landscaper or other contractor. **Please do not contact Chatham Township municipal offices regarding this service. We are unable to make referrals or recommendations.**

## MULCH DELIVERY & PICK-UP



The Department of Public Works offers a convenient, **mulch delivery service** to your driveway for only \$25/load (approximately 3 cubic yards).

Mulch orders must be in person and accompanied by a check payment (payable to "Township of Chatham") at the Department of Public Works Buildings.

Ordering begins March 30, 2026. Deliveries run every Friday beginning April 10, 2026, to June 26, 2026 (except for holidays). Orders are taken on a first come, first serve basis.

**Mulch is free** to town residents who wish to pick it up at the compost area when it is officially open.

## ADOPT-A-DRAIN

The Department of Public Works and Environmental Commission partnered together to launch a volunteer program to assist in keeping our critical local watersheds safe from pollution and ensuring stormwater keeps moving freely to help prevent streets from flooding. For more information on how you can make a difference, visit [www.chathamtownship.org/adoptadrain](http://www.chathamtownship.org/adoptadrain)

## PUBLIC UTILITIES INFORMATION

Gas, electric, and water services are provided by PSE&G (gas), JCP&L (electric), and New Jersey American Water (water). **For customer service issues and outages, do not contact Chatham Township municipal offices. Refer to the utility websites or the telephone number provided on your utility bill.** Chatham Township does not have jurisdiction over these companies and does not oversee or regulate their activities. The utilities are private companies that fall under the regulation of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities. If you would like to file a complaint with the NJBPU, visit [www.nj.gov/bpu/assistance/complaints](http://www.nj.gov/bpu/assistance/complaints)

## CURBSIDE SINGLE-STREAM RECYCLING



**IT'S THE LAW IN  
NEW JERSEY  
SINCE 1987!**

Collection is an included residential service paid for with local property taxes and provided through a shared-services agreement with the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority. Recycling collection occurs every other Friday, according to the schedule below. To ensure pickup, recyclables should be placed curbside the night before or before 5:00 AM.

### 2026 SCHEDULE

JANUARY 2, 16, 30	JULY 8, 17, 31
FEBRUARY 13, 27	AUGUST 14, 28
MARCH 13, 27	SEPTEMBER 11, 25
APRIL 10, 24	OCTOBER 9, 23
MAY 8, 22	NOVEMBER 6, 20
JUNE 5, 19	DECEMBER 4, 18

### Condominium/Townhouse Resident?

Contact your management company for recycling information.

For recycling updates and information, or in the event of inclement weather, please visit [www.mcmua.com](http://www.mcmua.com).

### Recyclables not picked up?

Call the Morris County MUA at 973-659-3490 and leave a message before 10:00 AM the Monday immediately following the Friday collection. Leave your name, phone #, address, town and items not picked up.

### Download the Recycle Coach app!

Recycling schedule, reminders and helpful information for free on your mobile device.

[www.recyclecoach.com](http://www.recyclecoach.com)

Apple App Store



Google Play Store



### CURBSIDE DO's

- ☑ All containers MUST have handles.
- ☑ Containers should be covered when raining.
- ☑ Recycling containers should be labeled. Stickers are available for pickup at DPW.
- ☑ Flatten your boxes
- ☑ All items must be empty & free of food residue!

### CURBSIDE DON'Ts

- ☒ Containers should not weigh more than 50 pounds when full.
- ☒ No containers larger than 32 gallons may be utilized.
- ☒ Don't bag your recycling.
- ☒ Don't recycle plastic bags!

### ☑ ACCEPTABLE CURBSIDE RECYCLING

- Office paper, file folders, junk mail, envelopes, flyers, newspapers and inserts, magazines, catalogs, paperbacks, phone books, wrapping paper, paper bags, tissue and cookie boxes, paper towel and toilet paper cores, frozen food boxes, cartons and boxes, flattened cardboard
- Plastic containers (bottles and non-bottles) 8 oz or larger coded 1 PETE, 2 HDPE, 5PP
- Caps and lids larger than 3" in diameter
- Aluminum and steel (tin) cans, loose metal jar lids, steel bottle caps, clean aluminum foil, pie plates and trays
- Glass bottles and jars with caps and lids removed

### ☒ UNACCEPTABLE CURBSIDE RECYCLING

*Refer to the Special Materials Recycling Guide for additional information. Consult with your private trash hauler for pick-up options.*

- Plastics coded 3 V, 4 LDPE, 6 PS, 7 OTHER
- Small plastic lids/bottle caps
- Containers smaller than 8 oz
- Plastic bags, Shrink/bubble wrap, packing pillows
- Plastic utensils
- Plastic & Wire Hangers
- Flower Pots
- Syringes/Needles
- Batteries & Electronics
- Concrete, asphalt, tires
- Greasy pizza/food boxes
- Bulky Waste/Furniture
- Household Glass (Mirrors, tabletops, vases, windows, dishes, etc.)
- Appliances/White Goods/Microwaves
- Christmas Trees

# SPECIAL MATERIALS RECYCLING GUIDELINES

Below are guidelines for unique materials that require special handling for the safety of the personnel and equipment involved, as well as for the environment.

Except as indicated below, these items **may not be placed curbside** for pickup!

## TANGLEWOOD LANE RECYCLING DEPOT

The **Tanglewood Lane Recycling Depot** located at the end of Tanglewood Lane can be utilized by residents to drop-off the materials below, in addition to any materials that are acceptable for curbside pickup. The materials below may not be placed curbside for collection, only for drop-off.

### Hours of Operation

Tuesday: 8:30 AM – 11:30 AM  
Saturdays: 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

## DROP-OFF ONLY! NO CURBSIDE COLLECTION

- **Clothing** (not loose, must be in plastic bags)
- **Latex Paint** (add kitty litter or speedy dry to partially full cans, stir and let dry completely, replace lid and drop off)
- **Large, Rigid Plastics** (large toys, laundry baskets, soda and milk crates, pet carriers, buckets (remove metal), storage containers, garbage & recycling containers, empty & dry plastic paint cans, plastic outdoor furniture (without PVC pipes)
- **Christmas Trees**

## STYROFOAM (POLYSTYRENE #6)

Through a shared-services agreement, residents can recycle their **clean, white Styrofoam** (only polystyrene #6) by drop-off at the **Borough of Madison Recycling Center** located on Station Rd.

### Hours of Operation

Tuesday & Fridays: 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
Saturdays: 8:00 AM – 2:30 PM

- **Only EPS (expanded polystyrene) foam (Styrofoam) is accepted.** This includes EPS foam, rigid packaging, and Styrofoam boxes.
- **XPS (extruded polystyrene) foam is NOT accepted.** This includes food service foam, colored foam, meat trays, packing peanuts/foam, and foam cups.
- Must be clean from dirt, dust, and paint.
- Remove all tape, stickers, cardboard, glue, and labels.

For more information, visit  
[bit.ly/recyclestyrofoam](http://bit.ly/recyclestyrofoam)



## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS & SPECIAL WASTE

The Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority operates a year-round household hazardous waste (HHW) facility and several disposal events at differing locations. Using the facility is free of charge to residents dropping off HHW. Drop-offs are either by appointment or on scheduled event days. The materials below have special disposal guidelines that can be found on the MCMUA website at [www.mcmua.com/hazardouswaste](http://www.mcmua.com/hazardouswaste)

Adhesives	Medical Waste	Fluorescents
Aerosols	Mercury	Gasoline
Antifreeze	Motor Oil & Filters	Photo Chemicals
Appliances (CFCs)	Muriatic Acid (HCl)	Pool Chemicals
Art & Crafts	Paints & Stains	Propane
Asbestos	Pesticides	Rock Salt
Batteries (Auto & Boat)	Compressed Gas Cylinders	Smoke Detectors
Batteries (Dry Cell)	Driveway Sealer	Solvents
Cell Phones	Electronics	Wood (Lead Paint)
Kerosene	Fire Extinguishers	

If you have questions, call the MCMUA at (973) 285-8394. For materials that are not accepted elsewhere or not listed, please check the MCMUA Materials Guide at [www.mcmua.com/materials.asp](http://www.mcmua.com/materials.asp)

## BATTERIES

Do not dispose of batteries in your trash or recycling bin. Batteries contain toxic heavy metals and should be disposed of properly. Some batteries have the potential to explode. The batteries listed below may be dropped off at the Department of Public Works during regular business hours.

- AA, AAA, C, D, 9V, phone, camera, power tools, 11 lbs or smaller
  - Rechargeable Batteries (Lithium, Lithium Ion, Nickel-metal hydride, Nickel-cadmium)
  - Alkaline, Zinc Air, Zinc Carbon Batteries
  - "L" Button Cell Batteries (Lithium, Alkaline)
- Identification numbers that start with "L"

The batteries listed below are household hazardous waste. Refer to the MCMUA website for disposal.

- "S" Button Cell Batteries (Silver Oxide)
- Lead-Acid Batteries (Car & Boat)