



BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN LAKES 2024 SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING

HIGHLIGHTS for 2024:

Please take a moment to review all of the content in this Solid Waste & Recycling pamphlet to learn more about what you can do to “Recycle Right.”

Composting **Food Scraps Aren’t Garbage**

The Environmental Commission encourages all residents to start their own backyard compost bin. Composting is nature’s way of recycling. It is one of the most powerful actions we can take to reduce our trash and build healthy soil. By turning our food scraps and yard trim into compost, we can transform our waste streams into a beneficial, value-added soil amendment and use it to protect the environment and create resilient communities.

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www.franklinlakes.org/garbage



Check out the latest tool for keeping up to date with recycling schedules and information. Visit www.franklinlakes.org/RecycleCoach for details and download the app onto your phone.

SOLID WASTE

Gaeta Recycling Co., Inc., (973) 278-6625, Ext. 23, or garbage@franklinlakes.org

SCHEDULE

April through September - Twice a Week

October through March - Once a Week

Garbage is collected twice a week from April through September, either on a Monday/Thursday or Tuesday/Friday schedule. From October through March, garbage is collected once per week, either on Monday or Tuesday, depending on your normal schedule.

GOOD GARBAGE HABITS

All garbage and recycling containers need to be thoroughly drained of water prior to pick up. If you live in areas where black bears have been sighted, secure your trash containers and place them curbside as close to pickup time as possible (if feasible, on the morning that garbage and recycling is scheduled for collection but not later than 6:00 AM) and wash or spray trash cans with a disinfectant to eliminate food odors.

INSTRUCTIONS

Garbage should be thoroughly drained of all water and placed in non-leaking receptacles. Each homeowner shall place a maximum of 4 receptacles or rigid reusable containers, not to exceed 64 gallons, with lids. Each container should weigh no more than 50 pounds. Garbage should be placed at the curb no earlier than 3:00 PM the evening before the collection day or no later than 6:00 AM the morning of the collection. A schedule by streets can be found on our website at www.franklinlakes.org/road.

- **Construction Materials** - Will not be picked up as regular garbage. Contact Gaeta to rent a roll off for an additional fee.
- **Excessive Amounts of Garbage** - Please call Gaeta at (973) 278-6625, Ext. 23 to rent a roll off box. There will be an additional charge.
- **Household furniture** - Will not be picked up with regular garbage. A special bulk waste collection will be available to residents twice a month. See page 4 for more details.

CURBSIDE RECYCLING

PAPER AND COMMINGLED RECYCLING

Gaeta Recycling Co., Inc., (973) 278-6625, Ext. 23, or garbage@franklinlakes.org

SCHEDULE

Paper and commingled recyclables are collected curbside every Wednesday on a bi-weekly schedule alternating between commingled recyclables and paper products. Recycling should be placed at the curb no earlier than 3:00 PM the evening before the collection day or no later than 6:00 AM the morning of the collection. The recycling calendar is on the back cover. All empty cans and containers must be removed by 7:00 PM on collection day.

KNOW THE RULES < RECYCLE RIGHT

PAPER INSTRUCTIONS

Mixed Paper, Magazines and Cardboard

- Place all mixed paper loose in a container, trash can or paper bag that weighs no more than 30 pounds.

What is Recyclable?

- Newspaper, magazines, inserts and catalogs.
- Junk mail and envelopes with or without windows.
- School paper and scrap paper.
- Paperback books and phone books.
- Cereal, cookie, cracker, rice, pasta and frozen food boxes.
- Tissue boxes, paper towel and toilet paper rolls.
- Shoe boxes, gift boxes and holiday cards.
- Wrapping paper (non-foil) and brown paper.
- Flattened corrugated brown shipping boxes.
- Any colored paper, department store bags or paper grocery bags.

ITEMS NOT RECYCLED

- Pizza boxes with oil stains or boxes with residue.
- No used paper plates, paper cups or paper towels.
- No hardcover books.
- No Styrofoam, plastic bags, plastic shopping bags.
- No plastic knives, forks, spoons and dishes.
- No ceramic, pottery, crystal, cups, plates or glasses.
- No windows, plate glass, mirror glass or light bulbs.
- No meat trays.
- No shredded paper.
- Do not recycle automotive use containers such as anti-freeze jugs or motor oil bottles. See page five for additional information on BCUA Hazardous Waste Recycling.

COMMINGLED RECYCLABLES

INSTRUCTIONS

Glass, Metal and Plastic

- Containers must be clean and empty.
- Place containers in a trash can or larger container, not in paper or plastic bags.
- Recycling symbols with a 1, 2 or 5 are accepted.
- Flatten plastic containers to save space.

What is Recyclable?

- Glass bottles, jars and containers that are clean. All colors. Lids and caps off.
- Waxed paper cartons that contain liquid, milk, juice, sports drinks, broth, soup, juice boxes, empty and clean.
- Clear or colored plastic bottles.
- Household cleaning wipe and baby wipe containers, with a 1, 2 or 5 recycling symbol.
- Glass or plastic soda, water, milk, alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverage containers.
- Soap, shampoo, conditioner, detergent bottles from bathroom and laundry room.
- Tin, steel, bimetal and aluminum food containers that are clean like coffee cans, beverage cans, soup and pet food containers, and empty aerosol cans.
- Clean yogurt, mayonnaise, cheese, peanut butter, ketchup and mustard containers.
- Empty, clean cooking oil, butter and margarine containers in plastic or metal.



Recycling Cans

Buy one can at
Borough Hall
Only \$40

CURBSIDE RECYCLING

YARD WASTE

(April 1 through November 30)

Gaeta Recycling Co., Inc., (973) 278-6625, Ext. 23
garbage@franklinlakes.org

SCHEDULE

Monday for residents with a Tuesday - Friday garbage schedule. Tuesday for residents with a Monday - Thursday garbage schedule. Place Yard Waste at the curb the night before a scheduled pick-up except as shown on 2024 Holiday Schedule.

Items Not Collected

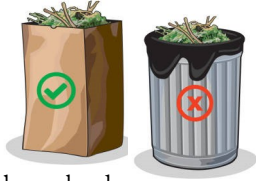
The following items are not considered Yard Waste and will not be picked-up.

- NO LEAVES
- NO DIRT
- NO ROCKS
- NO TREES
- NO TREE STUMPS

INSTRUCTIONS

Vegetation, Plants, Flowers, Grass Clippings, Tree Limbs and Twig Collection (no leaves)

- Yard Waste must be placed in brown recyclable bags or loose in a reusable sturdy container with no liner.
- Each brown bag or container cannot weigh over 50 pounds. Yard waste in plastic bags, landscaping barrels or not in a container will not be collected.
- Brown yard waste bags are available at the DPW. Residents are entitled to 10 free bags per season (or until we run out). Contact Nancy Durkin at 201-891-4333 to schedule a time to pick up.



CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

Christmas trees are collected curbside on designated dates during the month of January. Remove tinsel and ornaments and do not place trees in plastic bags.

2024 Christmas Tree Collections

Friday, January 5, 2024
 Friday, January 19, 2024

METAL/APPLIANCE RECYCLING

Schedule a collection at www.franklinlakes.org/metal.

Metal and appliance items will be picked up curbside on the first Friday of every month. To request a collection, fill out an online form with your name, address, telephone number and the item to be collected at www.franklinlakes.org/metal. Requests need to be

submitted by 2:00 PM the day before the pick up. Your completed form is your confirmation. Remove doors from appliances, and food from refrigerators prior to placing items curbside.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air Conditioners • Basketball Hoop • Basketball Hoop Pole • BBQ Grills - no tanks • Bed Frames - metal • Bicycles • Boilers • Dishwashers • Dehumidifiers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dryers • Filing Cabinets • Freezers • Garage Door Opener • Gutters • Heaters • Hot Water Heaters • Metal Poles/Railings • Metal Shelving | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Metal Tables • Oven/Stove/Range • Pool Heater • Radiators • Refrigerators • Metal Swing Sets • Tool Boxes • Trampoline Poles • Trash Compactors | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Washing Machines • Water Storage Tank • Metal Exercise Equipment • Lawn Mowers and Snow Blowers with no fuel • Tanning Beds - no bulbs • No propane tanks • Remove cement from metal poles |
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2024 Schedule	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
	5	2	1	5	3	7	12	2	6	4	1	6

BULK WASTE CURBSIDE COLLECTION

(201) 891-4000, Ext. 3700, garbage@franklinlakes.org

Schedule a collection at www.franklinlakes.org/bulkwaste.

Bulk Waste will be collected curbside on the first and third Thursday of every month for residential wooden furniture, mattresses, carpets, toilets, decorations, mirrors, and one wooden pallet.

Schedule a Bulk Waste Curbside Collection

- To schedule a pickup, complete an online form at www.franklinlakes.org/bulkwaste.
- Request a pickup by 10:00 AM the day before the scheduled date of collection. Dates on back cover.
- Maximum of **three (3)** bulk items can be disposed of per collection.
- A confirmation will be provided after online request is submitted.

Bulk Waste Items Collected:		Items Not Collected:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residential furniture • Bench • Box spring • Carpets (rolled & tied) • Chair • Couch • Decorations and pictures • Desk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dresser and hutch • Mattress • Mirror • Table • Toilet - one per collection • Indoor/outdoor wooden furniture and bed frames (no metal) • Wooden pallet (one max) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No garbage • No solid waste. • No construction materials of any kind. • No metal, appliances, bikes, or exercise equipment (see page 3 for metal recycling).
<p>Request bulk waste pickup at www.franklinlakes.org/bulkwaste.</p>		

COMPOSTING

Composting is a resourceful way to recycle the food scraps and yard trim you generate at home all year and manage your waste more sustainably. You reduce the volume of materials that would be disposed of in the garbage collection while also reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Composting involves minimal effort, equipment, expense, and expertise, and can be fun. You can use your compost to build healthier soil, prevent soil erosion, conserve water, and improve plant growth in your garden and yard.

Purchase a composter from the Franklin Lakes Environmental Commission for \$60. Visit www.franklinlakes.org/compost. The ingredients for composting include a proper balance of the following materials:

What You Can Compost at Home		What to Avoid Composting at Home
<p>Nitrogen-Rich Material ("Greens")</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food and vegetable scraps • Most grass clippings and yard trim • Coffee grounds and paper filters • Paper tea bags (no staples) • Eggshells (crushed) 	<p>Carbon-Rich Materials ("Browns")</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dry leaves • Plant stalks and twigs • Shredded paper (non-glossy, not colored) and shredded brown bags • Shredded cardboard (no wax coating, tape, or glue) • Untreated wood chips 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meat, fish and bones • Cheese and dairy products • Cooked food • Pet waste and cat litter • Fats, oils and greases • Glossy paper • Treated or painted wood • Aggressive weeds/weeds with seeds • Diseased, infested, and plants with herbicide • Compostable bags and food service ware

DPW DROP-OFF RECYCLING CENTER

Franklin Lakes Recycling Center
www.franklinlakes.org/depot
500 DeKorte Drive
(201) 891-4000, Ext. 3700

Hours of Operation

Monday thru Friday - 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM
Saturday - 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

WHAT CAN BE LEFT AT THE RECYCLING CENTER?

The Recycling Center accepts Paper/Cardboard, Plastic/Metal/Glass (Commingled), Electronic Waste, Metal and Appliances, Rechargeable Batteries, Textiles, and Books. **NONE** of these items should be placed with regular garbage. When leaving items at the Recycling Center, please follow these instructions:

- **BREAK DOWN** and flatten all cardboard boxes—do not leave packing material in boxes.
- Take all items out of plastic bags. Recycle plastic bags at Stop & Shop and the Market Basket.
- The Recycling Center **CANNOT** accept Styrofoam. Place Styrofoam in regular garbage.
- **Please do not place regular garbage in ANY of the recycling containers.**

CLOTHING AND BOOK BINS



Residents can enable reuse of old clothes, shoes, pillows, cushions, towels and other textiles by placing them in the textile bins. Hard and soft cover books can be placed in the book bins. The textile and book bins are located at the Recycling Center at 500 DeKorte Drive. Please do not place any items outside of these bins.

LEAF COMPOST DROP-OFF

FACILITY

Residents may bring their leaves to the Leaf Compost Drop-Off Facility on Wednesday's between 8:00 AM and 3:00 PM. The Leaf Compost Facility is located across the street from the Police Department on DeKorte Drive. To make sure the gate is unlocked, please call prior to dropping off your leaves on a Wednesday at 201-891-4333. No professional landscapers are allowed to use this facility. Seasonal weekend hours are posted on the website at www.franklinlakes.org/leafcompost.

BATTERY RECYCLING

Rechargeable/Automotive Batteries

Place each rechargeable battery in a separate plastic bag in the drop-off recycling box located at the Recycling Center. Rechargeable batteries include batteries from cell phones, cordless phones, laptop computers, cameras, toys, power tools, and button cells from hearing aids and watches. Automobile batteries are recycled at BCUA Household Hazardous Waste collection or "trade-in" where new battery is purchased.

ELECTRONIC WASTE DROP-OFF

FACILITY (E-WASTE RECYCLING)

Electronic Waste Recycling can be dropped off at the Recycling Center located at 500 DeKorte Drive (behind Police Headquarters).

Electronic Waste items accepted:

- Computers
- Computer Monitors
- Hard Drives
- Copy Machines
- Fax Machines
- Keyboards
- Laptops
- Microwaves
- Modems
- Printers
- Scanners
- Speakers
- Stereo Equipment
- Televisions
- Toaster Ovens

SHRED DAY

Shred days are held twice a year in April and October at the DPW.

For details and dates, visit:

www.franklinlakes.org/shred.



BCUA RECYCLING

Bergen County Utilities Authority (BCUA)
www.franklinlakes.org/BCUA
 (201) 641-2552

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE RECYCLING

The Bergen County Utilities Authority (BCUA) offers a household hazardous waste management program to Bergen County residents. The program offers residents an opportunity to properly dispose of household hazardous waste items. Additional information is available at www.bcua.org.

WHAT HAZARDOUS WASTE MATERIAL IS RECYCLABLE?

- Aerosol cans
- Anti-freeze
- Batteries - (vehicle and rechargeable only)
- Blacktop sealers
- Disinfectants
- Drain cleaners
- Fire extinguishers
- Solvents and thinners
- Photographic chemicals
- Propane gas cylinders (11lb and 20lb only)
- All types of paints and varnishes
- Fluorescent bulbs
- Oil filters (used)
- Gasoline
- Kerosene
- Pesticides
- Fertilizers
- Herbicides
- Insecticides
- Bug spray
- Thermostats/ thermometers
- Used motor oil
- Glue
- Lighter fluid
- Mercury switches

2024 Hazardous Waste Collection Sites

For dates, visit www.franklinlakes.org/BCUA

Bergen County Campgaw Mountain Reservation
 200 Campgaw Rd., Mahwah

Bergen County Community College
 400 Paramus Rd., Paramus

Bergen County Utilities Authority
 Foot of Empire Blvd., Moonachie

HAZARDOUS WASTE NOT ACCEPTED

- Unlabeled containers with unknown contents.
- Regulated medical waste, radioactive materials and explosives.
- Containers larger than 5 gallons.
- Compressed cylinders (oxygen or acetylene).
- Pressure-treated lumber or railroad ties.



OTHER BCUA COLLECTION EVENTS

Proof of residency is required for these events and all materials should be in original containers and labeled. Please visit www.bcua.org for more information.

TIRE RECYCLING

There is a 4 tire limit per person, per delivery. Tires with or without rims will be accepted.

ELECTRONICS AND COMPUTERS

Computers, televisions, modems, fax machines, and more will be collected.

MOBILE PAPER SHREDDING

There is a limit of 4 bags weighing not more than 10 pounds. Confidential and personal documents are shredded in a secure manner.

2024 Collection Events

Tire Recycling/Electronics/Shredding

For dates, visit www.franklinlakes.org/BCUA

Bergen County Campgaw Mountain Reservation
 200 Campgaw Rd., Mahwah

Bergen County Community College
 400 Paramus Rd., Paramus

GARBAGE AND RECYCLING UPDATES

The Borough provides emergency alerts by text and e-mail through Nixle. You can also receive periodic e-mails from the Borough with news and information on what's happening in the Borough including garbage and recycling schedule changes, special events and upcoming meetings.

Sign up to receive the Borough's communication:

www.FranklinLakes.org/Nixle

www.FranklinLakes.org/E-blast

www.FranklinLakes.org/RecycleCoach



WHAT DO I DO WITH?

Item & Instructions	Disposal Location
Appliances or metal items (non-electronic).....	Metal Appliance Recycling
Automobile - motor oil and antifreeze.....	BCUA Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events
Batteries - rechargeable	Recycling Center, DPW, 500 DeKorte Drive
Batteries - regular (AA, AAA, C, D, 9V)	Garbage
Books - hardcover and paperback books	Recycling Center, DPW, 500 DeKorte Drive
Clothing, towels, sheets.....	Recycling Center, DPW, 500 DeKorte Drive
Documents or other paper for shredding.....	Shred Days by BCUA and Franklin Lakes
Electronics – see list on page 4.....	Recycling Center, DPW, 500 DeKorte Drive
Fluorescent light bulbs.....	BCUA Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events
Furniture, and cabinets	Donate or Bulk Waste
Mattress	Bulk Waste
Paint latex, oil, or solvent based paint cans	BCUA Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events
Plastic bags.....	Market Basket and Stop and Shop
Printer cartridges - ink jet and laser	Cartridge World, 830 Franklin Avenue, Franklin Lakes
Styrofoam peanuts — (biodegradable only).....	The UPS Store, 852 Franklin Avenue, Franklin Lakes
Styrofoam – blocks, food and meat trays	Garbage
Tires	BCUA Tire Collection Events
Wooden pallets.....	Bulk waste - maximum of one pallet per bulk waste collection
Wood furniture.....	Bulk Waste
Construction debris including concrete, blocks, brick, sheetrock, tile, old asphalt, shingles	Contact Gaeta at 973-278-6625, Ext. 23 to make special arrangements for an additional fee.

2024 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Holiday (No Collection)	New Recycling Collection Day	New/Special Garbage Collection Day
Monday, May 27, 2024 Memorial Day	Yard Waste (Monday Pick Ups) Wednesday, May 29, 2024	Thursday, May 30, 2024
Thursday, July 4, 2024 4th of July	-	Saturday, July 6, 2024
Monday, September 2, 2024 Labor Day	Yard Waste (Monday Pick Ups) Wednesday, September 4, 2024	Thursday, September 5, 2024
Thanksgiving Extra Garbage Collection	-	Friday, November 29, 2024 (Entire town on the same day.)
Wednesday, December 25, 2024 Christmas	Paper/Cardboard Recycling Thursday, December 26, 2024	Friday, December 27, 2024 (Entire town on the same day.)

2024 RECYCLING SCHEDULES

PAPER AND COMMINGLED RECYCLING

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
COMMINGLED	3					5	3				6	4
PAPER	10	7	6	3	1	12	10	7	4	2	13	11
COMMINGLED	17	14	13	10	8	19	17	14	11	9	20	18
PAPER	24	21	20	17	15	26	24	21	18	16	27	26
COMMINGLED	31	28	27	24	22		31	28	25	23		
PAPER					29					30		

BULK WASTE - wood furniture, mattresses, carpets, etc.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
First and third Thursday of the month.	4	1	7	4	2	6	5	1	5	3	7	5
Max of 3 items per collection.	18	15	21	18	16	20	18	15	19	17	21	19
Schedule a pickup at www.franklinlakes.org/bulkwaste .												

Metal/Appliance Recycling

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
First Friday of the month.	5	2	1	5	3	7	12	2	6	4	1	6
Schedule a pickup at www.franklinlakes.org/metal .												

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

Garbage/Recycling Contractor
 Gaeta Recycling Co., Inc.
 973-278-6625, Ext. 23
garbage@franklinlakes.org

Franklin Lakes
 Department of Public Works
 201-891-4333

Franklin Lakes Recycling Coordinator, Nancy Durkin
 201-891-4000, Ext. 3700, garbage@franklinlakes.org

Visit www.franklinlakes.org/gr for additional information.