

Important Information from the Borough

Emmaus Recycling Collection Changes

The refuse disposal industry has changed its policies concerning the handling of recyclable materials. Until now, waste haulers generally have required that customers separate recyclables based upon classes of recyclables. The newest approach is called “SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING” in which all recyclables are commingled into the same container and then separated at a recycling site or transfer station. **You do not need to separate recyclables—all of them go in the same container.**

The Borough’s contract with its new hauler, Raritan Valley Disposal, incorporates this new collection method and expands the list of recyclables.

- Aluminum food and beverage containers
- Glass food and beverage containers – brown, clear, or green
- Ferrous (Iron) cans
- PET plastic containers with the symbol #1 – with screw tops only, without caps
- HDPE natural plastic containers with the symbol #2 – narrow neck containers only (milk and water bottles)
- HDPE pigmented plastic containers with the symbol #2 – narrow neck containers only, without caps (detergent, shampoo bottles, etc.)
- Plastics with symbols #3, #4, #5, #6, #7 – narrow and screw top containers
- Newsprint
- Corrugated cardboard
- Magazines
- Catalogues
- Cereal boxes
- Telephone books
- Printer paper
- Copier paper
- Mail
- All other office paper without wax liners

We suggest that you keep a copy of this list on hand so that you can consult it to determine whether an item is recyclable.

As part of this change, refuse customers are no longer required to use Borough-issued recycling containers. Any garbage can will suffice. Simply use a permanent marker or other method to label the container “Recyclables” so that the collector knows which container is recyclables. Or, you can pick up an adhesive “Recyclable” sticker in the Borough Manager’s Office in Emmaus Town Hall.

There will no longer be dumpsters located at the Highway Garage for office paper and telephone books.

If you have any questions about refuse collection, please contact the Borough Manager at 610-966-6357 or Kathy at 610-965-0701.

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Changes In Refuse And Recycling Policies Coming Soon

As of July 1, 2010 the Borough's refuse contractor will be Raritan Valley Disposal, which was awarded a competitive bid contract in October 2009. During the bidding process the Borough determined that it needed to change some of its collection practices.

***** THESE CHANGES WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE ON JULY 1, 2010 *****

1. **Single Stream Recycling**—See opposite page.
2. **Commercial Dumpsters**—All commercial establishments using dumpsters will be able to select their own hauler, but those selecting one other than Raritan Valley will be charged a \$35 fee for the Borough's cost in monitoring compliance with local and state waste hauling regulations. Commercial establishments, including apartment complexes that opt for dumpster service other from a hauler besides Raritan Valley, will need to file a form in the office of the Borough Manager, so that the Borough can ensure that all collection is consistent with state and local regulations. The forms will be available in the Borough Manager's Office and on the Borough website.