



BOROUGH OF RINGWOOD

Recycling and Garbage Information

December 2016 – November 2017

Dear Resident,

The Borough of Ringwood provides residential curbside collection of garbage and recyclable materials in addition to its Recycling Center. Ringwood's garbage and recycling contractor is Interstate Waste. Please refer to the enclosed schedules to determine which days your curbside garbage and recycling will be picked up. Please do not hesitate to call any of the referenced numbers below or my office should you require assistance. Thank you for your efforts to ensure our recycling program is a success.

Scott Heck, Borough Manager

Interstate Waste (Garbage Collection/Recycling Contractor) – (866) 342-5497

Ringwood Recycling Center – located on Peter's Mine Road (off Margaret King Avenue)

Hours: Saturdays and Sundays 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Wednesday and Thursday 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Ringwood Recycling Department – (973) 475-7179

Department of Public Works (Garbage) - (973) 962-7626

Passaic County Recycling Hotline – (973) 881-4506

Passaic County Office of Recycling & Natural Resources – (973) 305-5738

Ringwood Borough Website – www.ringwoodnj.net

RECYCLING

The holidays in 2017 affected by this change

- **No service. Monday May 29th (Memorial day)** –Tuesday to pick up both Monday and Tuesday garbage
- **Tuesday July 4th (Independence day)** – Due to both Garbage and recycling needing to be picked up we will run both routes on the 4th of July and keep this as normal week
- **No service. Monday September 4th (Labor Day)** -Tuesday to pick up both Monday and Tuesday garbage and recycling
- **No service. Thursday November 23rd (Thanksgiving)** -Friday to pick up both Thursday and Friday garbage and recycling
- **No service. Monday December 25th (Christmas)** -Tuesday to pick up both Monday and Tuesday garbage
- **No service. Monday January 1st (New Year's Day)** -Tuesday to pick up both Monday and Tuesday garbage and recycling

CURBSIDE ITEMS

COMMINGLED CONTAINERS- Aluminum cans, tin cans, steel cans, glass jars and plastics #1 thru #7 may be combined in a reusable container no larger than 32 gallons at curbside. Commingled items should be loose in a recycling can or in clear bags only.

- Plastic shopping bags should not be included with your commingled recyclables. Also, please note the Ringwood Recycling Center does not accept plastic bags. The Stop & Shop in Ringwood will accept and recycle any plastic bags brought to them.
- Empty latex paint cans may be included in your commingled recyclables. **Cans must be empty with lids removed. Dried latex paint can be thrown in the garbage. A latex paint can filled with dried paint may be placed in household trash or at curb for trash pickup with lids removed.** Please note that all oil-based paint, varnishes and paint thinners are considered hazardous waste and must be disposed of as hazardous waste. Please call the Passaic County Recycling Hotline at (973) 881-4506 for information regarding the next scheduled date and location for hazardous waste disposal.

NEWSPAPERS – Newspaper must be tied and bundled or can be combined with junk mail and corrugated cardboard in a single container or brown bag.

JUNK MAIL/MIXED PAPER – Must be tied in bundles or placed in brown bags at curbside, or can be combined with newspapers in a single container.

CARDBOARD – Must be flattened, tied and bundled or flattened and placed in a single container. It can be combined with newspaper and junk mail.

GARBAGE PICK UP DAYS

Please see Schedule B to determine your Solid Waste pickup day. Residential solid waste curbside collection continues to be once per week, with collection days Monday through Friday.

Garbage must



Garbage cans containing trash must be water tight and have lids. Trash cannot be placed curbside prior to 24 hours before scheduled pickup. Also, cans must be removed from the curb within 12 hours after the collection. It is your responsibility to cleanup your trash if an animal gets into it before it is picked up. **You may put out**

one, heavy bulk item curbside each week with regularly scheduled solid waste pickup. Items such as sofas, mattresses, wood furniture and carpeting fall under the category of **heavy bulk**. Carpeting must be rolled, tied and cut into four-foot sections.

If you are moving or have a large volume of heavy bulk waste, you must make private arrangements to have these items hauled away. If you hire a private contractor to replace your carpets or do maintenance projects etc. on your home, please have the contractor remove the solid waste that was generated. **Please direct any garbage questions or concerns to the contractor, Interstate Waste at (866) 342-5497.**

CURBSIDE HEAVY METAL

As a courtesy to residents, the Borough of Ringwood DPW will pick up your large heavy metal items once a week, on Wednesday mornings if you have called for a scheduled pickup. Heavy metal items include stoves, refrigerators, washing machines, dishwashers, hot water heaters, disassembled metal swing sets, iron railings and miscellaneous metal items. All scrap metal should be kept out of the garbage and either scheduled for curbside pickup or dropped off at the Recycling Center. **Please call the Recycling Dept. at (973) 475-7179 to schedule a curbside metal pickup.**



ELECTRONICS COLLECTION

Ringwood recycles electronic components to keep these items out of the waste stream as well as to protect the environment from contaminants. Electronics accepted at the Recycling Center include, but are not limited to: telephone systems, computers and computer components, copiers, printers, fax machines, radios, televisions, CD players and stereo systems. **By law, televisions, computers and computer components must be recycled. Recycled electronics should be brought to the Recycling Center. There is no curbside pickup for electronic items.**

LEAVES

Curbside leaf collection is once per week in the Spring (April 1 through May 31), and in the Fall (October 1 through November 30). Leaves must be placed at curbside Monday mornings prior to 6:30 am. **Leaf pickup will start Monday and continue throughout the week.** Leaves must be placed in recyclable, biodegradable brown leaf bags (such as Union Camp, RCI or comparable bag). Bags are available for purchase at Home Depot, Stop & Shop, Sears and similar stores. Leaves may also be placed loose in trash cans provided the cans are no larger than 32 gal and weigh no more than 50 lbs. when filled. It is helpful to label leaf cans. **No plastic bags or brown grocery bags will be accepted at curbside.**

Curbside leaf collection also includes small brush (plants, shrubs and tree branches). Brush must not exceed four feet in length and two inches in diameter and must be tied and bundled, placed in leaf bags or be in cans. Leaves and small brush are accepted throughout the year at the Recycling Center and must be debagged when dumped. **NO LOGS OR STUMPS WILL BE ACCEPTED. NO GRASS CLIPPINGS ALLOWED,** as per State of NJ mandate.

A list of Grass Markets can be found on the Ringwood Borough Website (www.ringwoodnj.net). **Questions about the Curbside Leaf Collection Program should be directed to the Recycling Contractor at (866) 342-5497 or the Ringwood Recycling Department at (973) 475-7179.**

All Christmas trees must be brought to the Ringwood Recycling Center during operating hours in the **month of January only.** There is no curbside pickup of Christmas trees.

FLUORESCENT BULBS - Fluorescent light bulbs **cannot** be placed in curbside recycling. They are considered hazardous waste. Please call the Passaic County Recycling Hotline at (973) 881-4506 for information on the next Hazardous Waste Disposal. **The Ringwood Recycling Center does not accept fluorescent bulbs.**

60 Margaret King Ave
Ringwood, NJ 07456

IMPORTANT RECYCLING & GARBAGE INFORMATION

Please read and save this flyer.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE/HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES

The Ringwood Recycling Center does not accept any Hazardous Waste. Passaic County sponsors three Household Hazardous Waste drop off days each year (usually April, June and October). Acceptable materials include; pesticides, herbicides, solvents, thinners, corrosives, cleaners, pool chemicals, aerosol cans, old gasoline, mixed oil, car batteries, oil-based paint and anti-freeze. Please call the Passaic County Recycling Hotline at (973) 881-4506 or go to www.passaiccountynj.org/natural-resources for more information.

Alkaline/Household Batteries may be disposed of in your household garbage according to new State regulations and County recommendation. We encourage residents to utilize rechargeable batteries. Rechargeable batteries should not be placed in the garbage, as they contain heavy metals, but rather safely recycled through the Passaic County Household Hazardous Waste Program.

RECYCLE- IT'S THE LAW

The Borough of Ringwood and its Solid Waste Contractor are cracking down on recyclable material that is put in the curbside garbage. The first offense is an initial warning sticker. The second offense is a final warning sticker and no garbage collection. Lastly, a court summons and fine are issued.

Remember to Recycle- It's the Law!