



# **BOROUGH OF RINGWOOD**

## **Recycling and Garbage Information**

### **January 2025 – December 2025**

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 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 help 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**

**Wednesdays: 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm**

**Ringwood Garbage and Recycling Department – (973) 475-7179**

**Department of Public Works- (973) 475-7133**

**Passaic County Recycling Hotline – (973) 881-4506**


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

**Passaic County Office of Recycling website: <https://www.passaiccountynj.org>**


**Ringwood Borough Website – [www.ringwoodnj.net](http://www.ringwoodnj.net)**

# RECYCLING

Please see [Schedule A](#) to determine your **Recycling pickup day**. Residential curbside recycling is collected **every other week**. Recyclables must be placed curbside by 6:30 am on the day of your scheduled pickup, with no lids on containers.



## 2025 RINGWOOD RECYCLING CALENDAR


RECYCLING WEEK

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<b style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">HOLIDAYS WITH CHANGES TO COLLECTION:</b>	JAN 1— <b>No Garbage</b> —collection pushed to the next day for the rest of the week, ending with Friday's collection picked up on Saturday, January 4th. MAY 26— <b>No Garbage &amp; Recycling</b> —collections pushed to the next day for the week, ending with Friday's collection picked up on Saturday, May 31st. JULY 4— <b>No Garbage</b> —collection picked up on Saturday, July 5th. SEPT 1— <b>No Garbage &amp; Recycling</b> —all collections pushed to the next day all week, ending with Friday's collections picked up on Saturday, September 6th. NOV 27— <b>No Garbage &amp; Recycling</b> —all collections pushed to the next day for rest of the week, ending with Friday's collections picked up on Saturday, November 29th. DEC 25— <b>No Garbage &amp; Recycling</b> —all collections pushed to the next day for rest of the week, ending with Friday's collections picked up on Saturday.

## **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.
- 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 is collected once per week. Collection days are Monday through Friday. Garbage must be at the curb before 6:30am.

Garbage cans containing trash must be water tight and have lids. Trash cannot be placed curbside prior to 24 hours before scheduled pickup and cans must be removed from the curb within 12 hours after the collection. Garbage cans should not weigh more than 50 pounds each. 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 items**. 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 heavy metal items once a week, on Wednesdays, if you have called for a scheduled pickup. Heavy metal items include stoves, refrigerators, washing machines, dishwashers, microwaves, 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 or email [recycling@ringwoodnj.net](mailto:recycling@ringwoodnj.net) 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.** There is no set day schedule for leaf collection. 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, Lowes, Walmart 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 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 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](http://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 or [recycling@ringwoodnj.net](mailto:recycling@ringwoodnj.net)**

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.

## **RINGWOOD RECYCLING CENTER**

Ringwood's Recycling Center is located at the end of Peter's Mine Road (off Margaret King Avenue).

<b>Hours:</b>	Saturdays & Sundays	9:00 am – 5:00 am
	Wednesdays	12:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Bringing your materials to the Recycling Center generates income for Ringwood because sorted recyclables are sold by the Borough.

**Accepted items:** Cardboard, newspaper, mixed paper/junk mail, commingled containers (bottles/cans), plastics #1-7, scrap metal, white goods (appliances), electronics, automobile tires (\$3.00 per car tire, \$10.00 per truck tire fee), used motor oil, automotive batteries, clothing, leaves (must be debagged when dumped), Christmas trees (January only) and small brush.

**Items not accepted:** Household batteries, plastic shopping bags, propane tanks (empty or full), gasoline, hazardous materials, fluorescent bulbs, cooking oil, paint of any kind, grass clippings, bamboo or any invasive plant species, large stumps and logs, branches over 2" in diameter, railroad ties, brick, block, stone, concrete, or asphalt, and construction/demolition materials, household furniture, and household trash. The Borough reserves the right to deny disposal of any other item or material deemed non-recyclable, hazardous, or damaging to the environment.

## **CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION MATERIALS**

**The Ringwood Recycling Center does not accept any construction materials. Our solid waste contractor, Interstate Waste, will collect a small amount of construction debris that is placed curbside with household trash as follows:**

- The construction material is in small container, no larger than 32 gallons and does not exceed 50 lbs. in weight.
- Any scrap wood **MUST** be cut into pieces, no longer than 4 feet in length, bundled and tied. **ONLY** one small bundle per week will be picked up.
- A toilet or sink (not a recyclable stainless steel sink) may be thrown out with the household trash.

The State of New Jersey and the Passaic County Office of Recycling has mandated the recycling of the following construction materials and demolition debris: concrete, brick, block, asphalt, asphalt-based roofing scrap, ferrous and non-ferrous metals, piping, non-chemically treated wood and tree stumps.

There are two nearby locations that accept construction debris:

Skytop Recycling- 80 Airport Road in West Milford, NJ (973) 728-4444

Sterling Recycling- 99 Sterling Mine Road in Sloatsburg, NY (800) 270-5522

## 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 <https://www.passaiccountynj.org> 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!

Sign up for [RECYCLE COACH](#) for Garbage & Recycling Reminders and Information!

**RINGWOOD NOW HAS RECYCLE COACH**  
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Holidays (and how it will affect pick up) →

Passaic County Events →

Garbage Day →

Recycle Day →

What Goes Where? Ask Milo → Find out how to get rid of items.

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