

Recycling & Solid Waste Collection Guide 2021



Recycling Collection Calendar for 2021



Municipal Phone Street Directory



Important Recycling Information



Preserving Resources Preventing Waste



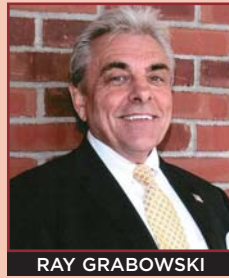
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CLIFTON CITY COUNCIL

Dear Citizens of Clifton:

Two years ago, the City implemented a new solid waste and vegetative waste collection schedule which consists of two collections per section per week, and Wednesdays is reserved for collection of vegetative waste for the entire City. We also investigated increasing the number of collections from once every three weeks to more frequent pickups. We are presently doing an analysis of the cost of collecting recyclables to determine whether the new market pricing will justify the additional collection costs rather than passing the cost onto the taxpayers.

While many residents comply with the rules and regulations specified in the Recycling Guide, we are falling short of our goals that we are determined to achieve, such as:

- Separate all recyclables from the solid waste stream
- Place the specified number of bulk items at the curb, on the first collection of the week only
- Bring all televisions and electronics to the DPW or call for assistance, do not leave them at curbside or at the Recycling Center
- Remove empty containers after collection and store them on the side or behind your home
- Reduce plastic bags consumptions by recycling them at your local supermarket collection program, or reuse the bag for another purpose
- Download the Recycle Coach App on your cell phones to receive reminders and check on collection schedules

I appeal to all property owners and landlords to read and familiarize yourself with this brochure, to provide a copy to your tenants, and explain the laws and regulations to your tenants to stress the importance of recycling. Failure to adhere to these regulations will result in fines or other legal action against the landlord.

I encourage anyone with questions, complaints or suggestions to call the Department of Public Works (DPW) at 973-470-2237, or visit our website at www.cliftonnj.org.

Thank you for your ongoing participation and cooperation in making our Recycling and our Clean Communities programs a success.

Sincerely,

Dominick Villano
City Manager



RECYCLING - HOW AND WHAT TO RECYCLE CURBSIDE

Place all recyclables curbside the night before your scheduled day of collection. Anything in plastic bags will **NOT** be collected!

CALL 973-470-2239 WITH ANY QUESTIONS

CITY OF CLIFTON STREET DIRECTORY

1. LOCATE YOUR STREET BELOW 2. THE NUMBER NEXT TO THE STREET INDICATES YOUR RECYCLING SECTION 3. THE LETTER NEXT TO THE NUMBER INDICATES YOUR GARBAGE COLLECTION DAYS

Recycling categories: Glass (Amber, Emerald, Flint), Metal (Aluminum Beverage Cans), Paper (Newspaper, Mail, Magazine, Books), Cardboard (All cardboard boxes), Plastic Bottles/Containers (PETE, HDPE, PP). Includes images of various items and instructions for disposal.

Street directory table listing streets, recycling sections (A-Z), and garbage collection days (A-Z). Includes streets like Abbe Lane, Circle Ave, Fifth St, Hugo St, etc.

COLLECTION 2021 Garbage Collection. Section A (Mon and Thurs), Section B (Tues and Fri). Includes a diagram of a garbage truck and collection dates for sections 1-14.

SECTIONS 1 & 2. 01/12, 02/02, 02/23, 03/16, 04/06, 04/27, 05/18, 06/08, 06/29, 07/20, 08/10, 08/31, 09/21, 10/12, 11/01, 11/22, 12/14

SECTION 3. 01/13, 02/03, 02/24, 03/17, 04/07, 04/28, 05/19, 06/09, 06/30, 07/21, 08/11, 09/01, 09/22, 10/13, 11/03, 11/23, 12/15

SECTION 4. 01/14, 02/04, 02/25, 03/18, 04/08, 04/29, 05/20, 06/10, 07/01, 07/22, 08/12, 09/02, 09/23, 10/14, 11/04, 11/24, 12/16

SECTION 5. 01/15, 02/05, 02/26, 03/19, 04/09, 04/30, 05/21, 06/11, 07/02, 07/23, 08/13, 09/03, 09/24, 10/15, 11/05, 11/25, 12/17

SECTION 8. 01/19, 02/09, 03/02, 03/23, 04/13, 05/04, 05/25, 06/15, 07/06, 07/27, 08/17, 09/07, 09/28, 10/19, 11/09, 11/30, 12/21

SECTION 9. 01/20, 02/10, 03/03, 03/24, 04/14, 05/05, 05/26, 06/16, 07/07, 07/28, 08/18, 09/08, 09/29, 10/20, 11/10, 12/01, 12/22

SECTION 10. 01/22, 02/11, 03/05, 03/26, 04/16, 05/07, 05/28, 06/18, 07/09, 07/30, 08/20, 09/10, 10/01, 10/22, 11/12, 12/03, 12/23

SECTIONS 11 & 13. 01/06, 01/27, 02/17, 03/10, 03/31, 04/21, 05/12, 06/02, 06/23, 07/14, 08/04, 08/25, 09/15, 10/06, 10/27, 11/17, 12/08, 12/29

SECTION 12. 01/05, 01/26, 02/16, 03/09, 03/30, 04/20, 05/11, 06/01, 06/22, 07/13, 08/03, 08/24, 09/14, 10/05, 10/26, 11/16, 12/07, 12/28

SECTION 14. 01/08, 01/29, 02/19, 03/12, 04/23, 05/14, 06/04, 06/25, 07/16, 08/06, 08/27, 09/14, 10/08, 10/29, 11/19, 12/10, 12/30

Recycling is mandatory for all City residences, schools, organizations and businesses. "When in doubt, throw it out." The City of Clifton strives to decrease the contaminants in the recycling process, therefore, if there is a doubt whether an item is recyclable, it is best to throw it in the garbage.



Clifton has a well-established and award winning recycling program. In November of 2019, the City of Clifton has achieved Sustainable Jersey Bronze Certification!

Municipalities that earn this certification are considered by their peers, state government, experts, and civic organizations in New Jersey to be among the leading communities in the state. Sustainable Jersey is a nonprofit organization that provides tools, training, and financial incentives to support communities as they pursue sustainability programs.

- The City of Clifton chose the following two out of twelve bronze priority action items that are mandatory in order to obtain certification:
- Prescription Drug Safety and Disposal Program
- Recycling and Waste Education

Get the Recycle Coach app today. We remember so you don't have to. Includes an image of a garbage truck and logos for Recycle Coach, Apple App Store, and Google Play.

RECYCLING - DROP-OFF - DEPOT

The City of Clifton has a Recycling Depot located on City Hall property:

900 Clifton Avenue on Recycle Road
Monday through Saturday: 7:00am - 7:00pm
Closed on Sundays

Closed Recycling Center Dates: New Year's: 01/01/21,
Memorial Day: 05/31/21, Independence Day: 07/05/21, Labor Day: 09/06/21,
Thanksgiving: 11/25/21, Christmas: 12/25/21

Accepted recyclable materials are as follows:

- Newspapers/magazines/junk mail/books
- Aluminum pie plates/trays
- Steel food cans (tin & bi-metal)
- Cardboard boxes (must flatten boxes)
- **Only** plastic bottles/containers numbered 1, 2 & 5
- Aluminum beverage cans
- Glass bottles and jars
- Used clothing/textiles
- **NO** Pizza boxes

DO NOT LEAVE ANY OTHER ITEMS AT THE DROP-OFF SITE! NO PLASTIC BAGS!

Questions? Call DPW @ 973-470-2239

Did you know... The Clifton Recycling Depot opened its doors in 1987!



OTHER MATERIALS THAT MUST BE RECYCLED!

- **Electronic Items:** Do not place at curb!!! See back page for further information.
- **Used Clothing/Fabrics:** The City accepts and recycles old clothing and fabrics at the Recycling Center. Residents must place materials in the bins marked fabrics/clothing. Residents also have the option of donating unwanted clothing and furniture to thrift stores or organizations in need. Some organizations will take everything from clothes, fabrics, pocketbooks, draperies, curtains, bedspreads and towels to appliances and furniture. Even if they are no longer wearable, organizations send cloth to be recycled into cleaning rags. Sneakers and shoes may be recycled for roadway material.
- **Rigid Plastic:** Items such as plastic lawn chairs, plastic doll houses and toddler pools can be recycled. Please call DPW at 973-470-2239 to arrange pickup.
- **Metal Items/Appliances:** All metal items must be recycled - call 973- 470-2239 to schedule an appointment. Federal law requires that all refrigerators (remove door for child safety), freezers and air conditioners have the refrigerant removed. These items will only be collected if there is a sticker or certificate by a certified professional stating freon is removed.
- **Construction Debris:** All construction debris must be recycled and properly disposed of through a private contractor. Residents cannot place construction material at the curb for collection. Should you have any questions regarding this matter please call the Building Department or the Department of Public Works.
- **Car Tires:** Residents should leave tires at the store when purchasing a new one. **The city does not collect tires!**
- **Car Batteries:** Residents should leave car batteries at the store when purchasing a new one.
- **Motor Oil:** Must be collected in a clean plastic milk or water jug by all residents, and brought to either a State reinspection service station and/or retail service station that has an on-going automotive maintenance repair business. Residents cannot leave motor oil at any service station without first asking the permission of the attendant. **Failure to recycle motor oil properly could result in a summons.**

SOURCE REDUCTION: KEY TO SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

- Buy less packaging and make your buying preference known to merchants and government leaders.
 - Buy in bulk quantities and shop for durable, quality products.
 - Buy reusable items such as: rechargeable household batteries, pens, razors, cloth diapers and beverages in returnable containers.
 - Take reusable shopping bags to the store.
 - Purchase products made from recycled material.
 - Backyard composting of food and yard debris.
 - Plastic Bags: Recycling or reusing plastic grocery bags is an excellent way of keeping these items out of the waste stream. Plastic shopping bags are recyclable, but not in your curbside bin. Plastic (grocery) bags can be recycled by bringing them to supermarkets and placing them in recycling containers usually in front of the stores. Supermarkets such as ShopRite, Stop & Shop, Target may accept plastic bags and other plastic films for recycling at in-store collection bins.
- Note:** Please check your local stores regarding the recycling of these bags.



COMMERCIAL/INSTITUTIONAL RECYCLING

All commercial and institutional establishments are required to recycle all mandated items. The city does not collect Trade Waste from commercial/institutional establishments. You can reduce your solid waste tonnage and costs by joining the Waste Wise Program sponsored by the Environmental Protection Agency. For further information or questions on Clifton's recycling mandates please contact the Recycling Coordinator at 973-470-2239.

ORGANIC MATERIALS COLLECTED CURBSIDE - QUESTIONS? CALL DPW @ 973-470-2237

Vegetative Waste Collection

- Weekly collection will resume March 17th, 2021 and end December 29th, 2021.
- Consists of grass clippings, shrub trimmings, leaves, twigs, acorns and garden refuse.
- Collected once a week, place at curb Tuesday night for Wednesday collection.
- Must be in biodegradable paper bags or open containers not to exceed 35 gallons.
- **CANNOT** be placed in plastic bags or cardboard boxes.
- **MUST BE PLACED AT CURB NIGHT BEFORE PICK UP DAY.**

Collection of Leaves

- All property owners (residential, commercial, and institutional) cannot rake any leaves into the street.
- All property owners who rake leaves must place this material in biodegradable **paper bags** or in open containers (not to exceed 35 gallons). Leaves **must be** placed at the curb (after 6:00 pm) the night before your pick-up day.
- Leaves in biodegradable **paper bags** or containers will be collected, once a week, the same day as your vegetative waste pick-up. Collection will continue throughout the month of December. **Biodegradable paper bags are sold at many garden centers throughout the City.**
- All landscapers are required and have been advised that they must remove all leaves from their customers properties.

Branch Collection

- Please call the DPW @ 973-470-2237 to be placed on a list.
- Residents who trim trees should cut branches into 4 foot lengths and, if possible, bundle branches and place "neatly" at the curb for pick-up.
- Branches that cannot be bundled must be placed neatly at the curb. All residents must call the DPW at 973-470-2237 to be placed on a list for pickup.

Free Organic Materials For Clifton Residents

During the year the City's Public Works Department may have extra organic material which is available to Clifton residents **free of charge**, such as:

- **Firewood:** Large logs - be prepared to cut most logs.
- **Wood Chips/Mulch:** Available various times of the year.
- **Compost:** Rich black soil conditioner - may be available during summer months.

Landscapers

- Must obtain a yearly license from the City.
- Ordinance #5577-92 states that it is illegal for anyone to sweep or blow grass or any other debris into the street, roadway, or down catch basins.
- Landscapers must clean-up and recycle any grass that may fall into the street from mowing.
- All landscapers are required to remove leaves and vegetative waste from their customers properties.
- Landscapers that do not comply with these regulations shall be subject to a violation not to exceed \$1,250.

Tree Removal

- Permits must be obtained in order to remove a tree that is in diameter of 6 inches or greater. **Tree permits can be acquired at DPW** between the hours of **8:00am to 3:00pm**, there is a **\$30.00 fee payable by check only**.

RULES FOR THE COLLECTION OF GARBAGE AND BULKY WASTE

Garbage Collection

- Garbage is collected in various sections four days a week (see inside this guide for pickup days).
- The only Holiday garbage is NOT collected is if your pickup is scheduled for Christmas Day.
- Notices will be posted on the web-site, cable, and the newspaper regarding the Holiday schedule.
- Questions regarding collection should be directed to the DPW at 973-470-2239.

Garbage Collection Rules

- Twice a week limited to 3 barrels or plastic bags tied securely per collection.
- Garbage containers (metal or plastic) are not to exceed 35 gallons.
- Place containers neatly at the curb, after 6:00 p.m., the night before your collection day.
- Garbage must be placed in front of your OWN property; do not place garbage containers in street.
- Do not include dirt, stones, brick, concrete or hazardous waste with your garbage.
- Remove empty receptacles from the curb the same day after your collection, and place on the side of or behind your home.
- Do Not include any recyclable material in your garbage, for a list of recyclable material please see opposite page.

Bulk Waste - TWO PIECE LIMIT ONLY!

- Consists of mattresses, furniture, wooden cabinets and doors, tables, lumber or rugs (cut to 4-foot lengths and tied).
- Collected your first garbage day of the week (i.e., Monday or Tuesday collection).
- Place Bulk Waste neatly at the curb, after 6 pm the night before your collection day - **maximum limit 2 pieces first collection only**.
- Please remember **DO NOT** place bulk waste out on Thursday or Friday.

PROJECT MEDICINE DROP

The City of Clifton Police Department has joined the New Jersey Attorney General's "Project Medicine Drop" initiative and has installed a **Project Medicine Drop Box at Police Headquarters located in Clifton City Hall at 900 Clifton Avenue, Clifton, NJ 07013**. This drop box is available **24 hours a day, 7 days a week** for all City of Clifton residents.

Collection Dates
Vegetative Waste and Leaves

**Vegetative Waste
throughout the City will be
Wednesday – ONLY**

**LEAVES WILL NOT BE COLLECTED
IN THE STREET OR IN PLASTIC BAGS!**
Property owners who fail to comply with these regulations
shall be subject to a violation not to exceed \$1,250



Propane Tanks

- Are the responsibility of the homeowner.
- **DO NOT** place these tanks at curbside or in your trash collection. Tanks will not be collected and you may be subject to a summons.

Household Hazardous Waste

- The Passaic County Office of Recycling sponsors a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day 3 times a year. For date and location call the County at 973-305-5738.

**Note: Please store all garbage/
bulk waste on the side or
behind your home or building.
Failure to comply could result
in a summons.**

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
307 EAST 7TH STREET
CLIFTON, NJ 07011

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CITY OF CLIFTON • IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

To better serve the public and improve telephone communications, the City Administration has compiled a comprehensive telephone listing (in alphabetical order) of all services provided by the City of Clifton. Please use this listing when you are calling with questions regarding any of the services provided by the City of Clifton.

Ambulance 9-1-1	Garbage Collection 470-2237	Purchasing 470-5754	Fire Department
Animal Control 470-5761	Grass/Leaf Collection 470-2237	Public Works 470-2237	Fire-Non Emergency/Gen Info 470-5801
Arts Center 472-5499	Health 470-5758	Quality of Life Hotline 470-5755	Fire-Fire Prevention Bureau 470-5804
Building Inspect/Additions 470-5809	Housing 470-5848	Recreation 470-5956	Police Department
City Clerk 470-5825	Legal Department 470-5817	Recycling 470-2239	Police-Non Emergency/Gen Info 470-5900
City Manager 470-5854	Library (Main Branch) 772-5500	Rent Control Board 470-5770	Police-Administrative Svs Bur 470-5895
Clifton Cable T.V. (Channel 77) 470-5834	Library (Allwood Branch) 471-0555	Senior Citizen Programs 470-2234	Police-Investigations Bureau 470-5908
Community Development 470-5255	Mayor 470-5757	Tax Assessor 470-5838	Police-Records, ID, Permits 470-5877
Economic Development 470-5200	Municipal Court 470-5860	Tax Collector 470-5830	Police-Traffic Division
Engineering 470-5793	Nurse Programs 470-5770	Zoning Officer 470-5808	(summons call Mun Court) 470-5904
Finance 470-5790	Personnel Office 470-5855	Passaic Valley Water Commission 973-340-4300	Police-Youth Services Division 470-5882
		Public Service Gas Electric 1-800-436-7734	

EMERGENCY • POLICE - FIRE - AMBULANCE 9-1-1 • EMERGENCY

GARAGE SALES

- The fee for such permit shall be fixed at \$10 - Ordinance # 6930-11.
- All sales in a residential zone shall be conducted between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
- A sale in a residential zone shall be conducted for no more than three consecutive days within a seven day period.
- In the event that any sale is interrupted by rain and the sale had not been conducted for more than five consecutive hours, the permit holder may reschedule that sale day with the new sale day to be held within fourteen days of the canceled date. Reschedule with City Clerk's office within 72 hours.
- A permit may be issued for the same location no more than two times in a calendar year.



SHRED DAYS - CLIFTON RESIDENTS ONLY

As a service to our community, Clifton residents can recycle a LIMITED quantity of (ONLY) the following confidential PAPER documents: Tax Returns, Credit Card Statement, Old Checks, Utility Bills, Medical Information, Bank Statements and Other Personal Records "FREE" of charge. The amount, per household, should be limited to four Banker's boxes (10"x 13"x 16"). Please note that the event is over when the truck is filled to its capacity.
 Two events will be held rain or shine in 2021 at the Clifton Senior Center (City Hall) 900 Clifton Avenue from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 17th, 2021 and Saturday, September 25th, 2021. Proof of residency MUST be provided.
 Questions – please call DPW at 973-470-2239.



ELECTRONIC ITEMS

Consist of monitors, computers, keyboards, stereos, radios, telephone systems, VCR's, televisions, printers, etc. These items are the homeowner's responsibility to recycle and cannot be left at curb, and will not be collected with your garbage. Residents have the option of donating electronics to a **charity or make arrangements with department stores and electronic retailers** when purchasing a new item. Some organizations that will accept electronic items are:

Vietnam Veterans of America: 1-800-775-8387 – they will collect electronics and other items from residents.

Salvation Army: 1-800-958-7825 – they will enter resident's home for collection.

Passaic County - sponsors Electronic Collection Days – please call County for dates at 973-305-5738

FREecycle.ORG - Residents who have good working TV's and other electronics can register on line with FREecycle.ORG

Clifton residents can drop-off electronics at the DPW garage at 307 East 7th Street between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday.

Residents must sign in the office, and **Must show proof of residency !!**

Electronics will not be accepted if stripped of the interior components and wires.

DO NOT place electronic items at the curb – failure to comply may result in a summons.

For further information, please call 973-470-2239



No Curb Pickup

ROAD KILL / DEAD ANIMALS

To report a dead animal in the road residents can call the DPW at 973-470-2237 Monday thru Friday from 7:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. After those hours and on Saturday and Sunday residents can call the Police Department at 973-470-5900.

Official Clifton Website: www.cliftonnj.org

For more information, visit the DPW webpage: www.cliftonnj.org/188/Trash-Recycling