

HO-HO-KUS LOVES TO RECYCLE



The Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus, in accordance with the State of New Jersey regulations, participates in the recycling program. Over the years, the structure for recycling has changed as the program advanced from its infancy. Recycling is legally required by the State of New Jersey of all municipalities and resident.

On January 1, 2015 we will commence with a new solid waste and recycling contract that was once again awarded to the low bidder Suburban Disposal. Solid waste pick-ups will remain the same however, it has become necessary to address our recycling program to reflect new recycling regulations.

Many of our residents have reported to us that the hauler in the past has removed recycling and solid waste in the same truck. This causes our solid waste disposal tonnage to escalate and recycling tonnage to drop. This is not acceptable. We have discussed this problem with our hauler and have devised a system that we feel will help their staff differentiate between solid waste and recycling.

The Borough will be purchasing new 32 gallon recycling cans for our residents. These will continue to be blue and you will be able to utilize the old cans you presently have. The new cans will just increase the recycling capacity for each homeowner. **ALL COMINGLED RECYCLING WILL BE REQUIRED TO BE IN THESE BLUE CANS.** (Definition: glass, aluminum, plastic and tin.) This recycling will continue to be rear yard pick-up. As in the past, all newspaper and cardboard will be picked up at the curb. You may see the hauler putting the comingled recycling and paper in the same truck. This is acceptable because they will dispose of this at a single stream site. This means the disposal site has the capability of separating glass, cans, paper, aluminum and plastic with new state of the art equipment. You may ask then, why do I have to put the paper and cardboard at the curb? This is because of the weight, which would cause the hauler to make several trips to your rear yard. Of course, this would cause additional charges due to the increased labor.

Every resident in town also has the option of bringing their comingled recycling and their paper and cardboard to our recycling center located at 26 Hollywood Avenue (across from the DPW garage) Monday thru Friday 8:00 am to 3:00 pm and Saturday from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm.

There is a major change in the Saturday morning bulk pick-up process. We can no longer pick up any recycling material on Saturdays. Everything that is picked up on those days contributes to our solid waste tonnage. Once again, if the recycling is included (as it was in the past), our solid waste tonnage goes up, causing costs to inflate. Cardboard or other recycling materials will be left at the curb by the hauler. All metal products, including bed frames, lawnmowers, propane grills, tire rims, electronics including TV's and computers they must be brought to our recycling center.

Construction materials and remodeling debris are also not picked up on the Saturday morning bulk pickups. These materials should be disposed of by contractors or residents can use a Bagster (<http://www.thebagster.com>) or similar service available online, from TrueValue Hardware or The Home Depot.

Should you have any questions, contact Jeff Pattman, Recycling Coordinator and Superintendent of Public Works 201-445-8161 between 8:00 am and 1:00 pm.

WHAT WE RECYCLE AT THE HO-HO-KUS RECYCLING CENTER

Heavy Metals: ___ anything metal, bikes, hot water heaters, refrigerators, mowers, lawn furniture, bed frames, propane grills, tire rims.

Electronic Waste: TV's, computers, printers, fax machines, copiers, DVR/VCR (anything with electric cord)

All news print: ___ newspapers, inserts (shiny paper), magazines, books

Plastics: _____ 1 thru 7  (previously only 1 thru 2 were recyclable)

Cardboard: _____ corrugated and any other packaging cardboard, pizza boxes etc.

Glass

Aluminum

Tin

IN THE RECYCLING CENTER WE HAVE

2 Cardboard dumpsters

1 Newspaper and mixed paper dumpster

1 Glass dumpster

1 Commingled dumpster for plastic, aluminum, tin and glass

1 Metal dumpster

1 Electronic dumpster

REAR YARD RECYCLING PICK-UP

Commingled of glass, aluminum, plastic and tin

CURBSIDE RECYCLING PICK-UP

Newspapers, cardboard, inserts (shiny paper), magazines, books

