

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

Dear Resident,

We need your help! As most of you know recycling is an extremely important building block in maintaining a sustainable community. The Franklin Township Department of Public Works provides residents with a convenient and easy alternative to curbside recycling through the use of the Recycling Center at the DPW garage in Pittstown. The Center is open Monday-Friday 7:00am-3:00pm and the First Saturday of each month from 8:00am – 12:00 noon.

The reason for this letter is to let you know that many residents are using the recycling center as a means to dispose of trash and items not recycled by their own haulers or by those providing the collection at the center. Many items have a recycling symbol on them but are not accepted by haulers or at the depot and end up as trash. These items include but are not limited to plastic bags, Styrofoam and any aluminum, glass, plastic, and tin that was not originally some type of container. The volume of non-recyclable items being dumped has steadily increased to the point of becoming troublesome. The unaccepted items such as Styrofoam and plastic bags have consistently been blowing out of the dumpsters leaving unsightly debris in the area. And it is costing tax payer dollars to clean up, sort thru and dispose of the unaccepted items. Unfortunately, if we do not see a significant improvement over the next few months we will be forced to cut the recycling center hours to times when an attendant is present and can monitor dumping.

We are asking that our residents pay special attention when dumping and to follow the posted guidelines. A list of what is accepted is available on the Township Website, at the Depot or by calling the Department of Public Works at 908-735-8384.

Thank you in advance for your attention and anticipated cooperation.

Comingled Container Accepted Items

- Aluminum Cans
- Glass Bottles (brown, clear, green)
- Plastic Containers (#1-#7)- (motor oil and detergent leave lids on)
- Tin food and Beverage cans

ALL ITEMS MUST BE RINSED AND FREE OF FOOD

ABSOLUTELY NO: windows, plate glass, auto or safety glass, Pyrex, plastic buckets, pails, flowerpots, plastic toys, Plexiglas, dinnerware, utensils, Tupperware, paint cans, aerosol cans, old pots, frying pans, junk or scrap metal.

ABSOLUTELY NO PLASTIC BAGS OR STYROFOAM

All Paper Container Accepted Items

- Cardboard, brown paper bags, cereal boxes, six pack holders, pizza boxes, toilet tissue/paper towel tubes (Must be flattened)
- Junk Mail (put in brown paper bags or dump loose)
- Books
- Magazines (cross tied in bundles)
- Newspaper (cross tied in bundles)

ABSOLUTELY NO: Photos, photography paper, plastic coated files, binders, carbon paper, or shredded paper.

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