

## BOROUGH OF EMMAUS

### REFUSE AND RECYCLING INFORMATION

The Borough's Refuse & Recycling Collector and Hauler is *Raritan Valley Disposal*. The Customer Service phone number is *610-432-7574* or *1-877-534-4446*.

#### REFUSE COLLECTION

Under normal conditions, refuse collection shall be made by the contractor between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Refuse may only be set out within 12 hours prior to approximate time of collection. Empty containers must be cleared from their collection point by the owner or occupant of the premises served within 24 hours.

Garbage collection will not be collected on the following holidays if they fall on pick up days: *Christmas Day, New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, and Thanksgiving Day.* Should a holiday fall on a pick-up day for regular trash or recyclables, trash or recyclables shall be collected on the next scheduled pickup day.

Each refuse unit entitles the customer to six (6) 32 gallon containers, or a combination of containers and bundles not to exceed six, on any one collection day. Placing less than six (6) on one day does not permit more than six (6) on another day. Containers and bundles must be placed at ground level at a point just inside the curb or street line where they are easily accessible for collection. Any refuse container set out for pick up that does not comply with these regulations or which is in such a condition that its further use renders it likely to injury or harm the collector or his employees, will not be collected or emptied. Refuse must originate at the property in Emmaus where it is set out for collection.

#### **Collection Schedule (Two Pickups/Week)**

Pickup on Mondays and Thursdays: All streets south of Chestnut and Main Streets from Robert Street to Klines Lane.

Pickup on Tuesdays and Fridays – Chestnut Street, Main Street, and State Ave., entire area of Borough east of State Ave., and entire area of Borough north of Berger Street.

Pickup on Wednesdays and Saturdays – All streets north of Chestnut Street, Main Street, and State Ave. to and including Berger Street, from Green Drive to and including Beechwood Street.

1<sup>st</sup> pickup day: trash, recyclables, white goods, and other metal recyclables

2<sup>nd</sup> pickup day: trash, furniture, mattresses, ruffraff, household, and building waste

#### CONTAINERS

Containers must be of metal, plastic or other suitable material. They must be liftable and non-leaking. Capacity may not be less than 10 gallons or more than 32 gallons. Weight of containers and contents is limited to fifty (50) pounds. Cardboard or composition containers, including

those with metal rims and plastic bags are acceptable but will not be returned. Also, any container under 10 gallons that is placed out for collection will not be returned. It is a responsibility and requirement placed on users to keep containers in sanitary condition.

### PREPARATION

All garbage and rubbish must be drained and free of liquids. Garbage shall be wrapped in paper or plastic bags before being placed in containers. Pressurized containers must be completely empty to avoid explosion and fragmentation with possible injury to workers when compressed in collector's equipment. Items with points or sharp or jagged edges must be wrapped or packaged to protect collector's employees from injury. Users should fill containers so that they may be easily emptied. If containers are too tightly packed, workers must knock or hammer them to loosen the contents. Oil, paint, gasoline and other flammable or explosive refuse are all prohibited items. Anyone placing such items in refuse, trash, or garbage assumes liability for any accident, damage or injury therefrom. Auto parts, tires, dirt, stones, and large dead animals will not be carried away by the contractor. (You will find information on how to dispose of auto waste under Recycling.) Wearing apparel, bedding or refuse to be cleared from premises where there have been highly infectious or contagious diseases shall be done under supervision and direction of the Board of Health. Removal must be arranged for with the Borough (965-9292).

### RECYCLING

Single Stream Recycling—The Borough adopted an expanded list of recyclables that will no longer need to be separated. The following list includes many types of items that were not previously recycled. In addition, you will no longer need to use Borough issued recycling containers. You can simply use a regular garbage can and place all recyclable items into the same can. Use a marker or other labeling method to identify the container as holding recyclables. All of the recyclables are commingled, so that you do not need to separate the items.

- Aluminum food and beverage containers
- Glass food and beverage containers—brown, clear, or green
- Ferrous (Iron) cans
- PET plastic containers with the symbol #1—with screw tops only, without caps
- HDPE natural plastic containers with the symbol #2—narrow neck containers only (milk and water bottles)
- HDPE pigmented plastic containers with the symbol #2—narrow neck containers only, without caps (detergent, shampoo bottles, etc.)
- Plastics with symbols #3, #4, #5, #6, #7—narrow and screw top containers
- Newsprint
- Corrugated cardboard
- Magazines
- Catalogues
- Cereal boxes
- Telephone books
- Printer paper
- Copier paper
- Mail
- All other office paper without wax liners

Hazardous materials can be properly disposed of at one of Lehigh County's household hazardous waste collection events during the year. Contact Lehigh County LCA Wastewater Pretreatment Plant at 610-799-4177 ext. 229 to schedule your appointment.

### **BULK REFUSE**

Appliances such as refrigerators, stoves, washing machines, etc., will be collected on your 1<sup>st</sup> collection day, which is the same day the collector picks up your recyclable materials. Old furniture, mattresses, carpeting (cut to 5' lengths), etc., will be collected by the refuse contractor on the 2<sup>nd</sup> collection day. It is the responsibility of the householder to contact Raritan Valley Disposal for collection of items that require more than one person to lift.

Limited amounts of building materials will be collected on the 2<sup>nd</sup> collection day. The material is limited to one container of not more than 70 pounds and materials not longer than 5 feet.

\*In accordance with Federal and State laws, all freon must be removed from refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, etc. prior to acceptance for disposal by the refuse contractor. You must contact an authorized dealer to remove the freon. Upon removal, a certificate must be attached to the item by the person removing the freon.

### **COMPOST**

The Borough of Emmaus operates a lawn and garden waste composting facility at Klines Lane and Minor Street, for the use of Emmaus Borough residents free of charge. The site is available for use by commercial lawn and tree businesses working in the Borough; however, commercial operators are required to have a permit to use the facility. The facility is open seasonally as posted on the Borough website ([www.borough.emmaus.pa.us](http://www.borough.emmaus.pa.us)), in the Borough Newsletter, and at the facility entrance. You can also call the Public Works Department at 610-965-9288. The following items will be accepted in the condition as described:

\*Leaves/Leafy Stems/Grass and Grass Clippings: Emptied on the pile as indicated. Loose or in earth bags (no plastic bags). Grass and leaves may be mixed.

\*Woody Branches up to 2" in diameter: Reduced to lengths not exceeding 6', placed in/on the pile as indicated.

\*Firewood Logs from freshly cut trees: From 2" diameter up to 18" diameter. Cut in 20" lengths. All limbs and branches must be cut off.

It is important to keep items separated to reduce the time required to handle the materials. The compost site is not a dump. All materials brought to the site must be in the condition as described. Any materials brought to the site other than those listed or any other trash brought to the site will be considered litter and those persons littering will be prosecuted.

### **Curbside Yard Waste Bag Pickup**

From April through November yard waste will be collected curbside by Public Works personnel on Mondays and Thursdays except holidays. Yard waste must be placed at the curb in

compost/earth bags, available for purchase for \$1.00 each at Wentz's Hardware Store, 225 Main Street. Yard waste is limited to organic biodegradable materials such as grass, leaves, hedge trimmings, leafy plants and small sticks and twigs (bags contaminated with stones or trash will not be accepted).

There are three ways to contact the Borough to have your bags collected:

**Call:** 610-965-9288 (24/7 phone number)

**Fax:** 610-965-0705

**Email:** pweiant@borough.emmaus.pa.us

Please contact the Borough by 9 a.m. for collection on that day, and remember to include your address and the number of bags.

### Curbside Leaf Collection

From late October through early December, leaves (no grass) that are raked to the curb will be collected by the Public Works Department, Monday through Friday, with a minimum of three collections throughout the Borough. Exact dates will be published on the Borough website and the Borough Newsletter.

Leaves **may not** be placed out with your trash for collection by the trash hauler. You may also take your leaves to the Borough's compost site on Klines Lane and Minor Street.

Curbside Christmas Tree Collection: The Public Works Department will begin Christmas tree collection on December 26 and continue through mid-January. Place your tree at curbside, **without a bag** for pickup.

*These regulations are in accordance with Borough Ordinance 695 as amended. Offenders will be notified and given opportunity for corrective action prior to applying the penalty clause of the Ordinance for violation or failure to comply.*

*For questions or comments regarding this information you may contact the Borough Office at (610) 965-9292, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.*