



## KEEP RAMAPO CLEAN

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Below are some guidelines to help you prepare your garbage, trash and recycling. For all questions and problems, call the **Department of Public Works at 845-357-0591**.

Household garbage, trash and other bulky material, **EXCLUDING CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION DEBRIS** are collected twice weekly. Co-mingled and paper/cardboard recycling is collected once a week. Garbage should be placed in cans and both trash and garbage should be brought to the curb the night before scheduled pickups. Garbage cans are limited to 30 gallons in volume or 60 pounds in weight.

**HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:** Garbage is picked up on holidays. Recycling and trash are picked up the day following a holiday.

**MISSED PICKUPS:** If you are experiencing problems with missed pick-ups of any of these items, please notify the **Department of Public Works at 845-357-0591**. The DPW maintains a log of all complaints, and they will follow through to get all matters resolved properly.

**BIODEGRADABLE BROWN PAPER LEAF BAGS:** Leaves and yard waste must be bundled in brown paper, biodegradable leaf bags and placed at the curb for pickup on your regular garbage day. Do not place rocks or dirt in the bags. This policy remains in effect throughout the year. Biodegradable leaf bags are available **FREE** of charge to residents of unincorporated Ramapo. Bags may be picked up at the Public Works Building, located at 16 Pioneer Avenue, in Tallman. The office is open Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Residents may get up to 25 bags per visit. Please call **845-357-0591** for additional information.

**REPLACEMENT RECYCLING BINS:** If your recycling bins are lost or damaged, replacements are available **FREE** of charge to residents of unincorporated Ramapo. Bins may be picked up at the Department of Public Works building located at 16 Pioneer Avenue, in Tallman.

**BRUSH:** Brush and branches should be cut and securely tied into bundles no longer than 4' in length and no heavier than 60 pounds.

**FLUORESCENT BULBS:** Fluorescent bulbs can be put at the curb on garbage day.

Hazardous household waste and electronics equipment must be taken to the Fire Training Center in Pomona.

The Household Hazardous Waste Facility is open between 8:00 am —1:00 pm weekdays and on specific Saturdays and Sundays. Call their hotline at **845-354-2444** or consult their website at [www.rocklandrecycles.com](http://www.rocklandrecycles.com) for additional information and a complete list of hazardous material.

**BULKY ITEMS:** Bulky items, including furniture and chairs, should be placed at the curb on regular garbage days. Treadmills and other exercise equipment, basketball courts, metal sheds, garage door openers and swing sets will be picked up at the curb on regular garbage days but they must be taken apart. Poles cannot be longer than 5' in length. Wooden sheds **WILL NOT** be picked up. Carpet and padding will be picked up if they are rolled or folded and tied or taped and are not longer than 4' in length. Broken toys, bicycles, strollers, old garbage cans, broken recycling bins and ladders should have a note attached to alert the carter to remove them.

**CARDBOARD BOXES:** Cardboard must be flattened and bundled securely together. Place flattened boxes in a recycling bin or inside another box.

**COMPUTERS AND FAX MACHINES:** Computers and fax machines are picked up at the curb on regular garbage days.

**NO CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION DEBRIS:** Construction and Demolition Debris, including plywood, lumber, sheetrock, floor or ceiling tiles, roof shingles, asphalt, concrete, cabinets, doors, windows or any kind of wood other than furniture **WILL NOT** be picked up. **Contact a private carter to remove these items.**

**HARD COVER BOOKS:** Remove the hard cover from books. Place covers in the garbage and the books in a recycling container.

**TIRES:** Permits are available from the Town Clerk's office for unincorporated Ramapo residents for \$3 apiece. Affix a permit to each tire. Remove rims from tires. Tires can be left at the curb on your regular garbage day.

**WHITE GOODS/LARGE METAL ITEMS:** Large metal household appliances, including stoves, refrigerators, washing machines, dryers, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, microwaves, furnaces, hot water tanks, (must be empty of water), water conditioners (must be empty of crystals and water), central air conditioning units and lawn mowers (gas and oil must be removed) are called white goods and are collected at the curb on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Please note that **ALL DOORS MUST BE REMOVED** from refrigerators and freezers. Please notify the **Department of Public Works at 845-357-0591** so they can inform the carter.

**It is against the law for you to be charged a fee for garbage removal. If this happens to you, call the Ramapo Police at 845-357-2400.**

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## A Message From Ramapo Supervisor Christopher P. St. Lawrence

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The Town of Ramapo was voted the "Second most desirable town to live on the East Coast" by MONEY Magazine. We are proud that our residents work together with the Town to keep Ramapo safe and beautiful.

### PROPER DISPOSAL OF CARDBOARD AND RECYCLABLES



We provide recycling bins for separating recyclables, including newspapers, junk mail and magazines, cardboard, plastic and glass items. Place all separated recyclable items curbside no earlier than 3:00 p.m. on the day prior to your scheduled collection day. Remove all recycling bins no later than 8:00 p.m. on the day of collection. To avoid violation and code enforcement measures, please follow Town guidelines.

### IMPROPER DISPOSAL OF CARDBOARD AND RECYCLABLES

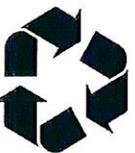


Our goal is to protect the health and safety of our residents. Properly bagging garbage will result in a cleaner and healthier environment. Help us keep the Town clean and safe by eliminating unsightly garbage and refuse that scatters on homeowners' lawns and on property. We need your active participation and your concern for our community in order to maintain the beauty of our Town.

### GUIDELINES FOR REMOVAL OF CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL

The Town does not pick up construction debris. It is the homeowner's or renter's responsibility to have all construction materials removed from their premises by a private carter (look under the heading "Garbage Removal" in the Yellow Pages), or it can be taken directly to the Solid Waste Authority (will incur fees at the Solid Waste Authority).

RECYCLE



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Do's	Don'ts
Place bins curbside the night before collection.	Don't put recycling bins curbside on a non-recycling day.
Remove recycling bins from curb immediately after collection.	Don't leave empty bins at the curb later than 8:00 p.m. on the day of collection.
Rinse containers to remove excess foods. Place glass, plastic, tin, aluminum, bi-metal jars and bottles in recycling bins.	Don't place non-recyclables in the recycling bins.
Place newspapers and inserts, junk mail and magazines in recycling bin.	Don't put broken glass, light bulbs, china or porcelain in recycling bins.
Flatten corrugated cardboard. Tie with cord or place in recycling bin.	Don't put newspapers or magazines in paper or plastic bags.
Use a mulching lawnmower so that there is no need to bag grass clippings.	Don't put cardboard boxes outside for pickup if they're not broken down. Flatten and secure them first.
Bring car batteries and motor oil to a service station.	Don't put leaves in plastic bags.
Tire disposal stickers are available for \$3 apiece from the Town Clerk's office at 845-357-5100. Attach a sticker to each tire and place at the curb on your regularly scheduled recycling day.	Don't dump used motor oil or anti-freeze in sewers or on the ground so as not to contaminate our drinking water.
Collect leaves in bio-degradable paper bags and place at the curb. Up to 25 leaf bags per visit are available <b>FREE</b> at the Department of Public Works, located at 18 Pioneer Ave, Tallman.	<b>Questions and comments about recycling should be brought to the attention of the Town of Ramapo Department of Public Works. Please call 845-357-0591.</b> The office is open Monday-Friday between 8:00am-3:30 pm



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT GARBAGE, TRASH AND RECYCLING IN THE TOWN OF RAMAPO

CHRISTOPHER P. ST. LAWRENCE, SUPERVISOR



### **I HAVE DIFFERENT TYPES OF ITEMS TO GET RID OF. WHAT WILL THE TOWN COLLECT?**

The following items will be collected: household garbage, household trash, junk, furniture, bulky appliances, recyclables including commingled paper (cardboard and newspaper), commingled containers (metal cans, plastic containers and glass bottles) and yard waste (leaves, grass clippings and branches). Call the Ramapo Department of Public Works (DPW) at 845-357-0591 for any questions you may have about these items.

### **WHEN SHOULD I TAKE OUT MY GARBAGE, TRASH & RECYCLING FOR COLLECTION?**

Garbage, trash and recycling should be taken out the night before a scheduled pickup. Some homeowners wait until they see the trucks on their street and then rush to take out their garbage or recycling. By that time the truck has already left and often the homeowner will call the Department of Public Works to say they were missed. Please be aware that if items are taken out too late, you will have to wait until your next scheduled pickup day. Call the Department of Public Works at 845-357-0591 if you don't know your scheduled collection day. Garbage cans must always have clear access for the garbage collectors. Make sure vehicles don't block the area and if there is snow and/or ice you must clear it. If you do not place your cans where the garbage carters can reach them, you will have to wait until your next scheduled collection day.

### **HOW SHOULD I SET OUT THE GARBAGE, TRASH AND RECYCLING?**

All items must be placed in neat piles to enable the garbage collectors to put refuse into the truck. Garbage and trash should not be put into cardboard boxes. All cardboard must be flattened and tied securely or placed into one box. If it is windy, put a cover on paper and cardboard recycling bins so that they will not be blown away. Carpeting and padding must be no longer than 5' in length, rolled up and secured with either heavy tape or heavy string and placed roadside for your scheduled garbage-day pickup. If carpet is longer than 5', either fold it in half and secure it or cut it in sections and secure it. Collection of bulky metal appliances such as refrigerators, washers, dryers and dishwashers must be scheduled for special pickup through the Ramapo Department of Public Works. Call 845-357-0591.

### **WHERE SHOULD I PUT MY GARBAGE?**

Bagged household garbage should be placed in a receptacle that can hold a maximum of 30 gallons or 60 pounds. The carter will only collect garbage if the cans are placed curbside. After the cans are emptied, they must be stored near your house.

### **WHERE SHOULD I PUT GARBAGE, TRASH, RECYCLING OR YARD WASTE?**

All garbage, bulk trash, leaf bags and recycling must be neatly set out curbside and must be accessible to the collectors. If there is snow or ice, clear the area so that your items can be picked up.

### **HOW SHOULD I PREPARE YARD WASTE?**

Yard waste must be left at the curb. Leaves must be placed in biodegradable brown paper leaf bags. Plastic bags are not acceptable and will not be picked up. Sticks and branches must be tied in bundles no longer than 4' and no heavier than 60 pounds. Tie the bundles securely so they won't break apart when picked up. The Town does not contract to remove stumps, dirt, rocks or railroad ties.

### **WHAT DOES NOT GET COLLECTED?**

The Town does not collect hazardous materials including paint, batteries and chemicals. These items and others can be brought to the Rockland County Solid Waste Management Authority's collection site. For the full list of hazardous materials that can be brought to the collection site, please call 845-364-2444.

The Town does not collect construction/demolition waste from home improvement projects (plywood, lumber, concrete and roofing). You can hire a private contractor to remove it or you can haul it directly to the Rockland County Solid Waste Management Authority Transfer Station. Call 845-753-2200 for hours and directions. A list of providers is listed in the Yellow Pages under the "Garbage Removal" category. Miele Sanitation, (201-768-5407) can send someone to your home to provide an estimate to pick up your construction/demolition waste.

### **WHAT SHOULD I DO IF THE CARTER MISSES A COLLECTION?**

Call the Ramapo Department of Public Works at 845-357-0591 to report a problem. They will notify the carter. Please do not call the DPW until after 6pm on your scheduled collection day. Sometimes the garbage and recycling men are behind schedule and do not get there when they usually would.

### **WHEN DOES THE DPW TAKE CALLS?**

Office hours are 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. You can leave a voicemail message after hours. DPW will notify the carter when they open the next day.

### **WHO SHOULD I CALL IF I HAVE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS ABOUT COLLECTIONS?**

Call the Ramapo Department of Public Works at 845-357-0591.