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## Voorhees Township, New Jersey Code of Ordinances

**CHAPTER 50: GARBAGE**

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## COLLECTION PRACTICES

### § 50.01 DEFINITIONS.

For the purpose of this chapter, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

**ASHES.** The residue from combustion of any type of solid fuel, such as wood, coal, coke, charcoal, paper or any similar substance.

**BULK.** All items of trash, debris or discarded household items not falling within the definition of **GARBAGE** or **RECYCLABLES**, which shall not fit in the trash cart assigned to the resident. **BULK** items shall also include **WHITE GOODS** as defined herein.

**GARDEN REFUSE.** Small branches of trees, under three inches in diameter; hedge, bush and vine trimmings; stalks of vegetables and plants, grasses, weeds and similar substances or materials found in residential yards; but not leaves in bulk, tree roots, tree trunks or portions thereof, or large tree branches.

**OCCUPANT.** the owner, agent, tenant, lessee, caretaker or any other person in charge of any premises affected by this chapter, whichever classification may be appropriate and effective for its enforcement.

**TRASH** and **RUBBISH.** All miscellaneous materials such as rags, leather goods, cartons, rubber, broken glass, crockery or any similar materials or substances, but not concrete, firewood, sod, logs, earth, sand, bricks, mortar, railroad ties or other substances which may accumulate from building or demolition operations.

**TREE TRIMMING.** Limbs and branches not exceeding five inches in diameter and at least four feet in length, that have accumulated because of storm damage and/or routine maintenance, but not as a result of tree removal or lot clearing activities.

**WHITE GOODS.** Household appliances, including, but not limited to, hot water heaters, washers, dryers, ranges and refrigerators with doors removed. **WHITE GOODS** shall not mean hot water heaters, washers, dryers, ranges and refrigerators generated by a commercial vendor.

('74 Code § 70-1) (Ord. — , passed - - ; Am. Ord 18-01, passed 9-24-01; Am. Ord. 103-07, passed 5-14-07 )

### § 50.02 GRANTING OF TRASH REMOVAL RIGHTS.

The Mayor and Township Committee shall have the right and power by resolution to grant the exclusive privilege of removing and transporting ashes, trash, rubbish, garden refuse and garbage within the corporate limits of the Township, in the county and state, or to otherwise provide therefor.

('74 Code, § 70-2) (Ord. — , passed - - ; Am. Ord. 103-07, passed 5-14-07)

### § 50.03 REGULATION OF TRASH REMOVAL.

The collection and removal thereof shall be done in accordance with the provisions of these rules and regulations and shall be subject to the general supervision of the Mayor and Township Committee and the County Board of Health and shall be subject to such additional rules and regulations as the Mayor and Township Committee and the County Board of Health may from time to time prescribe by resolution.

('74 Code, § 70-3) (Ord. — , passed - - ; Am. Ord. 103-07, passed 5-14-07)

### **§ 50.04 CARTS.**

The owner, agent, lessee, tenant and/or occupant of every dwelling and other premises shall be provided with one 95-gallon cart by the Township. Additional trash carts are available to the residents at a cost set by the Township.

(A) All receptacles must be placed by the occupant in front of the premises at the curb the evening before, but no later than 6:00 a.m. of the scheduled collection day. Receptacles are to be removed from the curblane the evening of the scheduled collection day.

(B) The resident shall be responsible for maintaining the cleanliness of the cart. Maintenance (i.e. wheels, lids) will be provided by the Township. If the cart is damaged or destroyed due to negligence or abuse by the resident, costs of repair or replacement shall be assessed to the resident.

(C) The cart is registered to the residence and shall remain registered at the residence it is registered to even though property owners change. The Township reserves the right to inspect the cart at the time of the change of ownership to insure the condition of the cart is acceptable.

(D) Bulk trash will occur the third full week of every month on your trash day. This week may be confirmed by contracting Public Works or reviewing the Township calendar or website. All bulk items shall be placed at curblane the evening before, but prior to 6:00 a.m. of the scheduled day for collection. Bulk items and white goods generated by commercial or professional movers, cleaners, builders or installers shall be removed by private services but in no event shall such bulk items remain at the residence or property for more than 48 hours after receiving due notification.

('74 Code, §§ 70-4, 70-5) (Ord. — , passed - - ; Am. Ord. 791-97, passed 3-10-97; Am. Ord. 18-01, passed 9-24-01; Am. Ord. 103-07, passed 5-15-07) Penalty, see § 50.99

### **§ 50.05 PREPARATION OF GARBAGE FOR COLLECTION.**

(A) No garbage shall be placed for collection outside of provided trash cart. All garbage shall be thoroughly and completely drained of all liquids and placed in a cart, as defined herein above, with other trash.

(B) All other materials and/or substances referred to herein shall be stored and held in carts as defined herein whenever possible. Any trash, rubbish and/or garden refuse of such a nature or size that it cannot be placed in a cart shall be properly and securely tied into bundles or packages to prevent spilling or scattering. Such bundles or packages shall be of a size to permit ease of handling by one man and shall not, in any case, weigh more than 50 pounds or exceed 48 inches and will be picked up on the bulk trash day only.

(C) Carts that are badly broken or otherwise fail to meet the requirements of this chapter may be treated as rubbish and collected and disposed of as such by the agency responsible for the collection thereof.

('74 Code, § 70-6) (Ord. — , passed - -; Am. Ord. 18-01, passed 9-24-01; Am. Ord. 103-07, passed 5-14-07) Penalty, see § 50.99

### **§ 50.06 (RESERVED).**

### **§ 50.07 PROHIBITED PRACTICES.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to:

(A) Place or store any of the substances and/or materials referred to in this subchapter in any paper bag, parcel, wooden keg or barrel, basket, drum or any type of container whatsoever other than the type of cart herein specified.

(B) Collect, pick up, rake or in any other way disturb the substances and/or materials referred to in this subchapter when deposited in receptacles or otherwise and laid or placed on any curb, street or public place for collection; provided, however, that this division (B) shall not apply to authorized officials, including, but not limited to, authorized sanitation personnel or firefighter or law enforcement officers in the performance of their respective official duties.

(C) Place for collection, any explosive to include but not limited to ammunition, flares, fireworks and the like.

(D) Place for collection, any medical waste unless properly secured. Hypodermic needles must be placed in a secured metal container.

(E) The Township will issue a Notice of Violation to those residents failing to comply with the conditions of this chapter. The Township reserves the right, after due notice of violation, to remove trash from curblane. The costs of this removal will be certified by the Township and shall become a lien against the property.

(F) Violate any other term, condition or requirement of this subchapter.

(74 Code, § 70-8) (Ord. —, passed - -; Am. Ord. 18-01, passed 9-24-01; Am. Ord. 103-07, passed 5-14-07) Penalty, see § 50.99

#### **§ 50.08 LEAF COLLECTION.**

(A) Subject to rules and regulations established by and the general supervision of the Township Committee, the Township may establish each spring and/or fall specific times during which the Township Department of Public Works will collect loose, piled leaves which are located along the curb in front of the resident's property. Any resident wishing to take advantage of this service must place the leaves in loose piles along the curb in front not more than one week before the initial day of curbside pick-up for the resident's particular neighborhood.

(B) Leaves must be raked out to the curb and must not contain plants, branches, shrub clippings or other foreign matter.

(C) Only leaves generated from plants and trees located on or adjacent to the resident's property can be placed along the curb for collection by the Township. Under no circumstances can leaves from property outside of the Township be placed along the curb for collection.

(D) If the resident does not place leaves curbside for collection as provided in divisions (A) and (B) above, the leaves must be placed in sealed compostable bags or trash cans with lids and placed curbside for collection. A full bag or trash can must weigh less than 40 pounds. Leaves may not be placed in the Township provided waste or recycling carts. In no event shall leaves be placed into non-compostable bags for collection.

(E) The Township will issue a Notice of Violation to those residents failing to comply with the conditions of this chapter. The Township reserves the right, after due notice of violation, to remove the leaves from the curb line. The costs of this removal will be certified by the Township and shall become a lien against the property.

(F) Nothing in this section shall be deemed to prohibit on-site composting of leaves by the resident so long as such composting is done in the rear yard area of the property and in all other respects complies with

Township codes and ordinances and the laws, rules and regulations of Camden County and the State of New Jersey.

(Ord. 804-97, passed 5-19-97; Am. Ord. 18-01, passed 9-24-01; Am. Ord. 103-07, passed 5-14-07; Am. Ord. 278-16, passed 3-28-16) Penalty, see § 50.99

### **§ 50.09 GARDEN REFUSE.**

(A) The Township will collect, on a weekly basis, one pile of garden refuse, not to exceed the volume dimensions of a trash pile which measures two cubic yards. Special hauling arrangements for garden refuse which exceed the amount and/or size set forth herein shall be coordinated with a private vendor by the resident for proper removal.

(B) Garden refuse shall be placed at the curb in the following manner:

- (1) Length of material shall not exceed four feet;
- (2) Diameter of material shall not exceed three inches;
- (3) All materials shall be bundled with compostable twine or rope;
- (4) Each bundle must weigh less than 40 pounds;

(5) Loose garden refuse, including grasses, shall be placed curbside in sealed compostable bags or trash cans with lids. A full bag or trash can must weigh less than 40 pounds;

(6) Garden refuse may not be placed in the Township provided waste or recycling carts. In no event shall garden refuse be placed into non-compostable bags for collection.

(C) The Township will not collect materials as listed in this category which are generated by landscapers or other contractors, or which exceeds the amount and/or size defined herein.

(D) The Township will issue a Notice of Violation to those residents failing to comply with the conditions of this chapter. The Township reserves the right, after due notice of violation, to remove the garden refuse from the curb line. The costs of this removal will be certified by the Township and shall become a lien against the property.

(E) Nothing in this section shall be deemed to prohibit on-site composting of garden refuse by the resident so long as such composting is done in the rear yard area of the property and in all other respects complies with Township codes and ordinances and the laws, rules and regulations of Camden County and the State of New Jersey.

(Ord. 18-01, passed 9-24-01; Am. Ord. 103-07, passed 5-14-07; Am. Ord. 278-16, passed 3-28-16)

### **§ 50.10 TREE TRIMMING.**

Tree trimming shall be placed untied in an organized fashion between the sidewalk and curb or on the street within three feet of the curb. The Township will remove on a weekly basis a volume of tree trimming not to exceed four cubic yards.

(Ord. 18-01, passed 9-24-01; Am. Ord. 103-07, passed 5-14-07)

### **§ 50.11 COMPLIANCE REQUIRED.**

In the collection, removal and disposal of substances and/or materials hereunder, all the provisions of these rules and regulations and all provisions of any other ordinance or regulation of the Township Committee or of any state or federal law or regulation which may pertain to the subject matter shall be fully and completely complied with.

('74 Code, § 70-9) (Ord. — , passed - -; Am. Ord. 18-01, passed 9-24-01; Am. Ord. 103-07, passed 5-14-07) Penalty, see § 50.99

## **RECYCLING**

### **§ 50.45 SHORT TITLE.**

This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Voorhees Township Recycling Program Ordinance."

('74 Code, § 97-1) (Ord. 307-86, passed 1-27-86; Am. Ord. 103-07, passed 5-14-07)

### **§ 50.46 DEFINITIONS.**

For the purpose of this subchapter, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

**GLASS CONTAINERS.** Products used as bottles, jars and other glass containers made from silica or sand, soda ash and limestone, the product being transparent or translucent and being used for packaging or bottling of various matter or liquid, and all other material commonly known as **GLASS**; excluding, however, blue and flat glass commonly known as **WINDOW GLASS**.

**METAL CONTAINERS.** All disposable containers made and fabricated primarily of metals such as steel, aluminum, or tin.

**PAPER PRODUCTS.** Products manufactured from the pulp of wood or other fibrous substances, commonly used for writing, drawing, or printing on, or as packaging material, including newspapers, magazines, paperback books, regular and junk mail, office paper and file folders, paperboard boxes, cartons, corrugated cardboard, paper bags, and paper towel rolls.

**PLASTIC CONTAINERS.** All disposable containers made and fabricated primarily of plastic, and having imprinted on them a recycling code of #1, #2, #4, #5, or #7.

**SOLID WASTE.** Includes all garbage, rubbish and waste normally collected by the Township or its authorized agents.

('74 Code, § 97-2) (Ord. 307-86, passed 1-27-86; Am. Ord. 313-1986, passed 2-24-86; Am. Ord. 103-07, passed 5-14-07; Am. Ord. 279-16, passed 3-28-16)

### **§ 50.47 PROGRAM ESTABLISHED.**

On and after the effective date of this subchapter and under the regulations and schedules issued by the Township Committee of the Township in accordance with the terms of this chapter, hereby establishes a program for the mandatory preparation and placement for collection of the recyclable materials herein defined and designated in § 50.49 of this chapter, for collection or recycling by the Township or its duly authorized agents.

('74 Code, § 97-3) (Ord. 307-86, passed 1-27-86; Am. Ord. 103-07, passed 5-14-07; Am. Ord. 279-16, passed 3-28-16)

### **§ 50.48 APPLICABILITY.**

The provisions of this subchapter shall be applicable to all owners, lessees, tenants and occupants of residential properties in the township who are provided with and utilize the services of the township or its authorized agents for the collection and disposal of solid waste.

('74 Code, § 97-4) (Ord. 307-86, passed 1-27-86; Am. Ord. 103-07, passed 5-14-07)

### **§ 50.49 RECYCLABLE MATERIALS.**

The recyclable solid waste materials which are required to be prepared and placed for collection by the Township or its authorized agents shall include:

- (A) Paper products;
- (B) Metal containers;
- (C) Glass containers;
- (D) Plastic containers; and
- (E) Such others as established by Township Committee ordinance.

('74 Code, § 97-5) (Ord. 307-86, passed 1-27-86; Am. Ord. 313-1986, passed 2-24-86; Am. Ord. 103-07, passed 5-14-07; Am. Ord. 279-16, passed 3-28-16)

### **§ 50.50 SEPARATION OF MATERIALS.**

All owners, lessees, tenants and occupants of residential properties to whom the provisions of this chapter are applicable shall prepare and place for collection the recyclable materials defined and designated in §§ 50.46 and 50.49 of this chapter in the manner hereinafter set forth.

#### **(A) *Paper products.***

(1) Paperboard boxes, cartons, corrugated cardboard, and paper bags shall be flattened before placement in the Township provided recycling cart. Oversized paper products shall be reduced into sections that fit within the cart without obstructing the dumping of its contents.

(2) The removal of paper clips, stamps, address labels, staples, metal fasteners, cellophane address windows, rubber bands, spiral bindings, or plastic tabs from paper products is not required.

(3) In no event shall plastic bags, twine, or other material be used to secure paper products for collection.

#### **(B) *Metal, glass, and plastic containers.***

(1) Used metal, glass, and plastic containers such as soup, soda, and milk containers, shall have their lids removed and be cleaned and drained free of all food and liquid or other substances before placement in the Township provided recycling cart. Loose metal lids shall also be placed in the cart.

(2) In no event shall plastic bags or other material be used to secure metal, glass, or plastic containers for collection.

(C) *Prohibited items.* The following items are prohibited from placement in the Township provided recycling cart:

- (1) Scrap metal;
- (2) Plastic bags;
- (3) Plastic lids and caps;
- (4) Plastic six-pack holders;
- (5) Needles and syringes;
- (6) Plastic microwave trays;
- (7) Window panes and mirrors;
- (8) Ceramics and Pyrex dishware;
- (9) Plastics other than those listed;
- (10) Paint, pesticides, oils, and cleansers;
- (11) Stickers or address label sheetwaste;
- (12) Waxed paper and waxed cardboard;
- (13) Styrofoam and paper to-go containers;
- (14) Organic material and food waste;
- (15) Electronic waste (batteries, cell phones, computers, etc.);
- (16) Such others as established by Township Committee ordinance.

(D) *Recycling education.*

(1) A Voorhees Township Guide to Residential Waste Disposal and a Voorhees Township Guide to Single Stream Recycling will be distributed to residents with each Township provided recycling cart.

(2) These guides will be designed to provide information on commingled recycling, recyclable items that are accepted through municipal collection, and how residents may dispose of other types of recyclable waste. These guides will be updated as required and posted on the Township website.

(74 Code, § 97-6) (Ord. 307-86, passed 1-27-86; Am. Ord. 313-1986, passed 2-24-86; Am. Ord. 103-07, passed 5-14-07; Am. Ord. 279-16, passed 3-28-16) Penalty, see § 50.99

## **§ 50.51 COLLECTION DATES.**

The Township Committee shall divide the Township into districts and schedule the collection dates for each district in an effort to provide for the collection of the recyclable materials by the Township or its authorized agent weekly. The Township Committee shall be responsible for providing residents with ample publication and notice of the area of the Township included within each district and the respective dates of collection of recyclable materials for each district. Residents shall be responsible for placing their Township provided recycling cart curbside no sooner than the evening prior to their scheduled recycling collection date.



(74 Code, § 97-7) (Ord. 307-86, passed 1-27-86; Am. Ord. 103-07, passed 5-14-07; Am. Ord. 279-16, passed 3-28-16)

### **§ 50.52 PLACEMENT FOR COLLECTION.**

All recyclable materials in the Township provided recycling cart shall be placed for collection between the curb and sidewalk in front of the residence as provided in § 50.50 of this chapter. If placement cannot be made by the resident as heretofore provided, then the Township Committee shall have the right to establish or approve another designated location on the resident's premises for the placement of such recyclables. In no event shall recyclable materials or other solid waste be placed in the street or right-of-way.

(74 Code, § 97-8) (Ord. 307-86, passed 1-27-86; Am. Ord. 103-07, passed 5-14-07; Am. Ord. 279-16, passed 3-28-16) Penalty, see § 50.99

### **§ 50.53 RULES AND REGULATIONS.**

The Township Committee is hereby authorized to promulgate, from time to time, additional rules and regulations relating to the separation, preparation, placement and collection of the recyclable materials pursuant to the provisions of this program and subchapter; provided, however, that such rules and regulations shall not be inconsistent with terms and provisions of this subchapter and shall be approved by the Township Committee. Such rules and regulations shall be duly promulgated by publication so that the public has had notice thereof.

(74 Code, § 97-9) (Ord. 307-86, passed 1-27-86; Am. Ord. 103-07, passed 5-14-07)

### **§ 50.54 COLLECTION BY UNAUTHORIZED PERSONS PROHIBITED.**

(A) From the time of placement of the recyclable materials herein defined and designated at the curb or other designated place for collection by the Township or its authorized agent pursuant to the provisions of this subchapter and any rules and regulations adopted thereunder, said recyclable materials shall become and be the property of the Township or its authorized agent.

(B) It shall be a violation of this chapter for any person not duly authorized by the Township to collect or pick up or cause to be collected or picked up any recyclable materials placed at the curb or other designated place for collection by the Township or its authorized agent pursuant to the provisions of this chapter. Any and each such unauthorized collection in violation hereof from one or more residences shall constitute a separate and distinct offense punishable as hereinafter provided.

(74 Code, § 97-10) (Ord. 307-86, passed 1-27-86; Am. Ord. 103-07, passed 5-14-07)

Penalty, see § 50.99

### **§ 50.55 EFFECT ON OTHER LEGISLATION.**

This subchapter shall be deemed to be supplemental to and not a repealer of that portion of the Code of the Township which provides for the placement and collection of solid waste by the Township or its authorized agents. In the event that any term or provision of this chapter shall be inconsistent or in conflict with any term or provision of said Code, the terms and provisions of this subchapter shall prevail and control.

('74 Code, § 97-12) (Ord. 307-86, passed 1-27-86; Am. Ord. 103-07, passed 5-14-07)

### § 50.99 PENALTY.

(A) Any person violating, or failing to comply with, any of the provisions of §§ 50.01 through 50.09 shall, upon conviction thereof, be punishable by a fine of not less than \$50 and not more than \$500 or by imprisonment for a term not to exceed 90 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the Judge. The continuation of such violation for each successive day shall constitute a separate offense, and the person or persons allowing or permitting the continuation of the violation may be punished as provided above for each separate offense.

('74 Code, § 70-10) (Ord. —, passed - - ; Am. Ord. 19-1974, passed 12-30-74; Am. Ord. 3-1976, passed 4-12-76; Am. Ord. 103-07, passed 5-14-07)

(B) (1) Any person who violates § 50.54(B) shall, upon conviction thereof, be punishable by a fine not to exceed the sum of \$500 for each and every offense.

(2) Any person who violates or fails to comply with any other provision of §§ 50.45 through 50.55, except § 50.54(B), or who violates or fails to comply with any rule or regulation promulgated pursuant thereto shall, upon conviction thereof, be punishable by a fine not to exceed the sum of \$500.

('74 Code, § 97-11) (Ord. 307-86, passed 1-27-86; Am. Ord. 103-07, passed 5-14-07)



**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

**Voorhees Township Department of Public Works has instituted a new program encouraging all Voorhees residents to place vegetation yard waste, grass clippings and leaves in cans or biodegradable bags. Plastic bags can no longer be used per Voorhees Township, NJ, Code of Ordinances, TITLE V, Section 1: Chapter 50, Section 50.08 and 50.09.**

**\* Loose leaves can be placed curbside during fall and spring leaf collection periods. \***

**Please do not place vegetation yard waste, grass clippings or leaves in blue trash carts or green recycling carts.**

**Please join Voorhees Township in our “Go Green” intuitive!**

**Thank you for your cooperation!**



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

**2018 BULK TRASH DATES**

Bulk trash will be picked up on the **3<sup>RD</sup> FULL WEEK OF EVERY MONTH ON YOUR SCHEDULED TRASH DAY.** (The first full week is the week that includes a Monday). Bulk items consist of furniture, mattresses, carpet, excess trash etc. Cardboard, hazardous material, electronics, construction and/or remodeling debris is **NOT BULK TRASH.**

January	15 – 19	July	16 – 20
February	19 – 23	August	20 – 24
March	19 – 23	September	17 – 21
April	16 – 20	October	15 – 19
May	21 – 25	November	19 – 23
June	18 – 22	December	17 – 21

**PLEASE NOTE:**

- \*\*Please do NOT place vegetation in blue trash or green recycling carts.
- \*\*Household hazardous waste (paint related products, oil-based paint, automotive fluids, household cleaners, pesticides, etc.) can be dropped off at the Voorhees Public Works recycling area located at 100 American Way.
- \*\*Latex paint must be dried and placed in your household trash. Do NOT place liquid latex paint in your trash. ONLY dried latex paint can be placed in your trash.
- \*\*Contractors must dispose of construction and/or remodeling debris.
- \*\*Cardboard must be flattened and placed in your green recycling cart each week.
- \*\*Call 856-428-5499 to schedule a special pickup for **metal/white goods (appliances), electronics (tv's, computers, printers) and cardboard that does not fit in your green recycling cart.**