

# Lawrence Township



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## 2023 Municipal Calendar

# Lawrence Township Council



**Council Member**  
Christopher Bobbitt

**Council Member**  
Jim Kownacki

**Mayor**  
John T. Ryan

**Council Member**  
Cathleen Lewis

**Council Member**  
Michael S. Powers

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“You may not control all the events that happen to you,  
but you can decide not to be reduced by them”  
Maya Angelou

Lawrence Township Residents,

It is both an honor and a privilege to serve as your Mayor. In our form of government, I am but one of the five voices on Township Council who are here to serve the great people of Lawrence Township. Thank you for your trust in me to do the right thing for all of our Community Residents. I look forward to 2023 and know there are better things to come in the year ahead. Once again, I want to thank you for all your support and putting your confidence in me.

Honorable John T. Ryan, Mayor, Lawrence Township

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# January 2023

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
1	2 <b>New Year's</b> Municipal Offices Closed Trash is Collected	3  Council Meeting	4	5	6	7 <b>Colonel Hand March</b>
Zone 1 Yard Waste Collection						
8	9 Recycling Collected	10	11	12	13	14
Zone 2 Yard Waste Collection						
15	16 <b>Martin Luther King Day</b> Municipal Offices Closed Trash is Collected	17  Council Meeting	18  Zoning Board Mtg.	19	20	21 <b>Rabies Clinic</b>
Zone 3 Yard Waste Collection						
22	23 Recycling Collected	24	25	26	27	28
Zone 4 Yard Waste Collection						
29	30	31				

# Recreation Department



The Lawrence Township Recreation Department provides a variety of recreational and leisure opportunities for residents. Some of the activities include summer camps, swim team, art programs, adult volleyball and special events throughout the year. The Recreation Department is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Please call the Recreation Department at (609) 844-7067 for additional information.

## Programs and Activities

Adult Volleyball	Safety Town
Art Classes	Summer Camps
Community Gardens	Swim Lessons
Lawrence Lightning Swim Team	Tennis Lessons
Nature Center Camp	Track
Swimming Pool Membership	Youth Basketball
Youth Police Academy	Wrestling



Lawrence Nature Center 481 Drexel Ave, Lawrence, NJ



## Township Parks

- Carson Woods
- Central Park
- Colonial Lake Park
- Drexel Woods
- Eldridge Park
- Gilpin Park
- Hamnett Park
- Loveless Nature Preserve
- Mercer Meadows
- Shipetauken Woods
- Stonicker Park
- Turtleback Park
- Village Park
- Veterans Park

## Special Events

- Colonel Hand March
- Valentine's Day Walk
- Memorial Day Parade
- Independence Day Fireworks
- 9/11 Memorial Service
- Community Day
- Veterans Day
- Municipal Tree Lighting

## Township Athletic Fields

### Baseball/Softball Fields in Central Park

Colavita Field  
Carroll Field  
Grant Field  
Hughes Field  
Pezzicola Field

### Softball Fields in Village Park

Betty Leedom Field  
Gatterdam Field

### Football Field in Central Park

Elvin Bethea Field

### Soccer/Lacrosse Fields

Armory Fields  
Twin Pines- Steven J. Groeger Fields  
Mooch Myernick Training Facility at Village Park  
Zimmer Field in Central Park



Captain Lawrence Playground  
Central Park



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# February 2023

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
			1	2	3	4
5	6 Recycling Collection  Planning Board Mtg	7  Council Meeting	8	9	10	11
Zone 1 Yard Waste Collection						
12	13 <b>Lincoln's Birthday</b> Municipal Offices Closed Trash Collected	14	15  Zoning Board Mtg.	16	17	18
Zone 2 Yard Waste Collection						
19	20 <b>President's Day</b> Municipal Offices Closed Trash Collected Recycling Collected	21  Council Meeting	22	23	24	25
Zone 3 Yard Waste Collection						
26	27	28				
Zone 4 Yard Waste Collection						

# Ecological Center/Grass Clippings

# Brush Pickup/Bulky Waste

## Joseph H. Maher Jr. Ecological Center

The Joseph H. Maher, Jr. Ecological Center located at 3701 Princeton Pike (just south of Fackler Road) is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (except holidays) and 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. each Saturday (closed December through March). Lawrence Township residents may pick up screened leaf mulch and wood chips at no charge. Residents may also bring brush, branches, leaves and grass to Ecological Center for disposal. Commercial vehicles are prohibited on Saturdays.

For additional information, please contact the Public Works Department at (609) 587-1894.

## Grass Clippings

Cut it and leave it- Lawn care experts say the best way to handle grass clippings is to leave them on your lawn. Grass clippings provide a natural and healthy fertilizer.

Grass clippings may be disposed of as regular solid waste by putting it in bags in your trash cart. It may not be disposed of in plastic bags at the edge of the road or in containers, other than the township carts.

Grass shall not be placed loose at the curb for brush collection.



## Yard Waste Collection Rules

For the purpose of collecting vegetative materials, the Township is divided into four (4) zones (see zone map attached). Vegetative materials will be collected in ZONE 1 during the week of the first Monday of the month, ZONE 2 during the week of the second Monday, ZONE 3 during the week of the third Monday, and ZONE 4 during the week of the fourth Monday. Guidelines to follow are:

1. Vegetative materials shall be placed at the front yard curb, or edge of the street or road in the front yard manner convenient for the township collector and that does not impede pedestrians and motorists from safely traversing the streets and sidewalks.
2. Vegetative materials shall only be placed at the street the Saturday or Sunday immediately preceding the week in which the zone is to have collection.
3. Vegetative material shall be placed in an area of the street or road edge not greater than four feet (4') from the edge of the pavement.
4. Vegetative materials shall be piled not greater than three feet (3') in height and twelve feet (12') in length.
5. Trees, or segments thereof, and branches greater than six inches (6") in diameter may not be disposed of through municipal curbside collection.
6. Trees, or segments thereof, branches and twigs shall not exceed three (3') in length.
7. Residents are prohibited from adding, or allowing the addition of, their vegetative materials to other piles or collections located in the front yards of neighboring or adjacent properties.
8. Brush collection is suspended during the months of November and December of each year to accommodate the Municipal Leaf Collection Program.
9. Tree trunks and stumps are prohibited.

Commercial landscapers are required to register with Lawrence Township annually and are responsible for adhering to the regulations in our Township Ordinances.

## Regulations for Bulky Waste Pickup

Bulk waste will be picked up on your regular collection day. Bulk waste consists of items to be discarded which are too large to fit into your cart. Large bulk items must be broken down into manageable pieces for disposal.

- Residents are allowed three bulky items each week during their regular garbage collection.
- Do not place bulky items including wood inside your blue trash cart. All bulk items are to be placed next to your blue cart for collection. Carpeting must be cut into sections not wider than 5 feet and tied. Weight of bundles shall not be greater than
- 50 pounds. Each section is considered (1) one bulky item.
- Windows and mirrors must be taped (criss-cross strips).
- Mattresses and box springs must be wrapped in plastic. Plastic bags or wrapping must cover the entire mattress or box spring.
- Wooden fencing shall be cut into lengths of four feet. Please remove nails or screws that are protruding from the wood. Each section is considered one bulky item.
- All metal items (including ovens, refrigerators, washers, dryers) are collected by appointment only. Please contact the Public Works Department at 609-587-1894 to make an appointment.

## Items Excluded from Bulky Waste Pickup

All Construction Materials	Chemical Containers	Railroad Ties or Treated Lumber
Asbestos Materials	Metal Fence	Refrigerators/Freezers
Asphalt Materials	Pesticide Containers	Roofing Materials
Cement Blocks	Propane or Gas Tanks	Sod

# March 2023

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
			1	2	3	4
5	6 Recycling Collected  Planning Board Mtg.	7  Council Meeting	8	9	10	11
Zone 1 Yard Waste Collection						
12 Set Clocks Ahead Check Smoke Detectors	13	14	15  Zoning Board Mtg.	16	17	18
Zone 2 Yard Waste Collection						
19	20 Recycling Collected  Planning Board Mtg.	21  Council Meeting	22	23	24	25 <b>MCIA Household Waste Disposal Event</b>
Zone 3 Yard Waste Collection						
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Zone 4 Yard Waste Collection						

# Recycling and Waste Pickup

## Recycling Bucket

All recyclables must be in the official buckets and at the curb by 7:00 am. \* **Recyclables should not be placed in plastic bags.** If collection day falls on a holiday (New Years Day, Memorial Day, 4<sup>TH</sup> of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving or Christmas) collection will be the following Saturday. Lawrence Township residents may place all acceptable recyclable materials into one container. Single stream recycling collection facilitates decrease of collection vehicles on the road and lowers vehicle emissions. Residents may continue to utilize their yellow and green buckets. Cans, bottles, glass, newspapers, magazines, etc., can be placed all together in either bucket. Please continue to use the yellow and green buckets to help identify the recyclable material. Please feel free to visit the Mercer County Improvement Authority website at [www.mcia-nj.com](http://www.mcia-nj.com) for more information or call Public Works Department at (609) 587-1894.

MERCER COUNTY RECYCLING

ACCEPTED MATERIALS

- Office Paper & Mixed Paper
- Postcards & Fax Paper
- Manila File Folders
- Magazines & Newspapers
- Junk Mail & Catalogs
- Mailing Tubes
- Window Envelopes
- Telephone Books & "Soft" Cover Books
- Hard Cover Books (hard cover must be removed)
- Glass Food & Beverage Jars/Bottles (all colors)
- Corrugated Cardboard (broken down & bundled)
- Aluminum & Metal Beverage Containers
- Plastic Beverage Bottles
- Milk Jugs
- Shredded Paper (in PAPER bag)
- Juice Boxes & Juice/Beverage Cartons
- Plastics with #1 or #2 Symbols

Please Place Curbside Recycling on Curb in Yellow Bins by 7AM

MCIA  
MERCER COUNTY  
IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL 609-278-8086  
 OR VISIT [WWW.MCIANJ.ORG](http://WWW.MCIANJ.ORG)

MATERIALS NOT ACCEPTED

- PIZZA BOXES**
- PLASTIC BAGS**
- 3-Ring Binders (all types)**
- Light Bulbs & Fluorescent Light Bulbs**
- Aluminum Foil & Metal Baking Pans**
- Aerosol Cans**
- Bandage & Cookie Tins**
- Carbon & Wax Paper**
- Tissue & Packing Paper**
- Paper Lunch Bags**
- Plastic Utensils**
- Styrofoam**
- Coffee K-Cups**
- Napkins, Paper Plates & Paper Towels**
- Packing Peanuts & Plastic Packing Materials**
- Drinking Glasses, Dishes & Broken Window Glass**
- Plastics with #3 - #7 Symbols**

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## Disposal of Covered Electronic Devices

1/1/11, NJ DEP banned disposal of covered Electronic Devices including TVs, computers, monitors & laptops. Don't place these items in your blue cart. They MUST be recycled! Visit [www.state.nj.us/dep](http://www.state.nj.us/dep) & click "recycling" for additional resources. Call Public Works @ (609) 587-1894 for assistance. Lawrence's drop-off for these items is Public Works. Each Wednesday residents can recycle "covered electronic devices" @ Public Works 240 Bakers Basin Rd, 8:00am—4:00pm. Visit the office @ Public Works for assistance.

## Curbside Organic Collection Program

Lawrence provides residents, as an option, the opportunity to compost organic waste through Curbside Organic Collection Program. The 2023 program cost is \$38.50 per month billed quarterly by Interstate Waste Service, and includes a 32 gallon recycle cart. Organic carts are collected Thursdays and contents transported to various local farms for composting. During the week, residents are encouraged to store their waste in compostable BioBags.



# April 2023

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
						<b>1</b> <b>Easter Egg Hunt</b> Ecological Center Saturday Hours Resume
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Recycling Collected  Planning Board Mtg	<b>4</b>  Council Meeting	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <b>Good Friday</b> Municipal Offices Closed Trash Is Collected	<b>8</b>
Zone 1 Yard Waste Collection						
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
Zone 2 Yard Waste Collection						
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Recycling Collected  Planning Board Mtg	<b>18</b>  Council Meeting	<b>19</b>  Zoning Board Mtg	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
Zone 3 Yard Waste Collection						
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <b>MCIA</b> <b>Document</b> <b>Shredding Event</b>
<b>30</b>	Zone 4 Yard Waste Collection					

# Solutions to Stormwater Pollution

## Easy Things You Can Do Every Day To Protect Our Water

### A Guide to Healthy Habits for Cleaner Water

**P**ollution on streets, parking lots and lawns is washed by rain into storm drains, then directly to our drinking water supplies and the ocean and lakes our children play in. Fertilizer, oil, pesticides, detergents, pet waste, grass clippings: You name it and it ends up in our water.

Stormwater pollution is one of New Jersey's greatest threats to clean and plentiful water, and that's why we're all doing something about it.

By sharing the responsibility and making small, easy changes in our daily lives, we can keep common pollutants out of stormwater. It all adds up to cleaner water, and it saves the high cost of cleaning up once it's dirty.

As part of New Jersey's initiative to keep our water clean and plentiful and to meet federal requirements, many municipalities and other public agencies including colleges and military bases must adopt ordinances or other rules prohibiting various activities that contribute to stormwater pollution. Breaking these rules can result in fines or other penalties.



**As a resident, business, or other member of the New Jersey community, it is important to know these easy things you can do every day to protect our water.**

### Limit your use of fertilizers and pesticides

- Do a soil test to see if you need a fertilizer.
- Do not apply fertilizers if heavy rain is predicted.
- Look into alternatives for pesticides.
- Maintain a small lawn and keep the rest of your property or yard in a natural state with trees and other native vegetation that requires little or no fertilizer.
- If you use fertilizers and pesticides, follow the instructions on the label on how to correctly apply it.



Make sure you properly store or discard any unused portions.

### Properly use and dispose of hazardous products

- Hazardous products include some household or commercial cleaning products, lawn and garden care products, motor oil, antifreeze, and paints.
- Do not pour any hazardous products down a storm drain because storm drains are usually connected to local waterbodies and the water is not treated.

- If you have hazardous products in your home or workplace, make sure you store or dispose of them properly. Read the label for guidance.
- Use natural or less toxic alternatives when possible.
- Recycle used motor oil.
- Contact your municipality, county or facility management office for the locations of hazardous-waste disposal facilities.



### Keep pollution out of storm drains

- Municipalities and many other public agencies are required to mark certain storm drain inlets with messages reminding people that storm drains are connected to local waterbodies.
- Do not let sewage or other wastes flow into a stormwater system.

### Clean up after your pet

- Many municipalities and public agencies must enact and enforce local pet-waste rules.
- An example is requiring pet owners or their keepers to pick up and properly dispose of pet waste dropped on public or other people's property.
- Make sure you know your town's or agency's requirements and comply with them. It's the law. And remember to:

- Use newspaper, bags or pooper-scoopers to pick up wastes.
- Dispose of the wrapped pet waste in the trash or unwrapped in a toilet.
- Never discard pet waste in a storm drain.

### Don't feed wildlife

- Do not feed wildlife, such as ducks and geese, in public areas.
- Many municipalities and other public agencies must enact and enforce a rule that prohibits wildlife feeding in these areas.



### Don't litter

- Place litter in trash receptacles.
- Recycle. Recycle. Recycle.
- Participate in community cleanups.

### Dispose of yard waste properly

- Keep leaves and grass out of storm drains.
- If your municipality or agency has yard waste collection rules, follow them.
- Use leaves and grass clippings as a resource for compost.
- Use a mulching mower that recycles grass clippings into the lawn.



### Contact information

For more information on stormwater related topics, visit [www.njstormwater.org](http://www.njstormwater.org) or [www.nonpointsource.org](http://www.nonpointsource.org)

Additional information is also available at U. S. Environmental Protection Agency Web sites [www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater](http://www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater) or [www.epa.gov/nps](http://www.epa.gov/nps)

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection  
Division of Water Quality  
Bureau of Nonpoint Pollution Control  
Municipal Stormwater Regulation Program  
(609) 633-7021



April 2004

# May 2023

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
	<b>1</b> Recycling Collected  Planning Board Mtg	<b>2</b>  Council Meeting	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
Zone 1 Yard Waste Collection						
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
Zone 2 Yard Waste Collection						
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Recycling Collected  Planning Board Mtg	<b>16</b>  Council Meeting	<b>17</b>  Zoning Board Mtg	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
Zone 3 Yard Waste Collection						
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <b>Memorial Day Parade</b> Make-up Trash Collected for 5/29
Zone 4 Yard Waste Collection						
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <b>Memorial Day</b> Municipal Offices Closed No Trash Collection No Recycling	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>			



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# **Independence Day Fireworks**

**Friday, June 30, 2023**

Free and open to the public



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# June 2023

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
				1	2	3 Recycling Make-Up For May 29
4	5  Planning Board Mtg	6	7	8	9	10 <b>MCIA Household Waste Disposal Event</b>
Zone 1 Yard Waste Collection						
11	12 Recycling Collected	13	14	15	16	17
Zone 2 Yard Waste Collection						
18	19 <b>Juneteenth Day</b> Municipal Offices Closed Trash Collected	20  Council Meeting	21  Zoning Board Mtg	22	23	24
Zone 3 Yard Waste Collection						
25	26 Recycling Collected	27	28	29	30 <b>Fireworks Display</b>	
Zone 4 Yard Waste Collection						



## Personal, Commercial and Specialty Insurance

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- » Professional career-preparation experiences including internships, guided research and field work
- » Connection to a powerful world-wide alumni network

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# July 2023

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
						<b>1</b> <b>Fireworks</b> <b>Raindate</b>  Make-Up Trash Collection For 7/4
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>  Planning Board Mtg	<b>4</b> <b>Independence</b> <b>Day Observed</b> Municipal Offices Closed No Trash Collection	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
Zone 1 Yard Waste Collection						
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Recycling Collected	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
Zone 2 Yard Waste Collection						
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>  Planning Board Mtg	<b>18</b>  Council Meeting	<b>19</b>  Zoning Board Mtg	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
Zone 3 Yard Waste Collection						
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Recycling Collected	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	Zone 4 Yard Waste Collection				

# Cat Licenses

# Health Department

## CAT APPLICATION

(September 1 - August 31)

License No. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Office Use Only)

Owner's Name			Telephone Numbers	
Owner's Address				
Cat's Name	Sex <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	Neutered or Spayed <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Rabies Certificate Expires	Color	Breed		
Microchip No.	Email Address			
Are you an active/retired Law Enforcement Officer (including Local/State Prosecutors) or a Member of the Judiciary? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No				

**NOTICE TO ALL CAT OWNERS** - Return this application with Proof of Rabies and Spaying/Neutering certification, if applicable, along with the appropriate fee to the address listed below. **CASH or CHECK ONLY** (Make check or money order payable to: Township of Lawrence)

MAIL TO:  
Township of Lawrence  
Attn: Municipal Clerk's Office  
P.O. Box 6006  
Lawrence Township, NJ 08648



LICENSE FEES - \$11.00 if spayed or neutered  
\$14.00 if not spayed or neutered

DELINQUENT FEES - \$5.00 surcharge plus \$1.00 for each month overdue

License Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_

FREE RABIES VACCINATION  
CLINICS FOR DOGS AND CATS  
HELD TWICE A YEAR

For details visit: [www.lawrencetwp.com](http://www.lawrencetwp.com)

\*\*\*All Applicants must be 18 years of age or older

ALL CATS (7) SEVEN MONTHS AND OLDER MUST BE LICENSED

ALTERNATE CONTACT PERSON (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

The Lawrence Township Health Department provides professional, competent, and efficient environmental and public health services to the residents of this community. Under the mandates of the New Jersey State Public Health Practice Standards and the ordinances and policies of the Board of Health, the Health Department promotes and protects the public's health by the use of disease prevention, health promotion and education, inspections, and enforcement activities. The Health Department responds quickly and effectively to the ever-changing priorities of the public health field in order to meet the needs of the community.

For information on upcoming activities please visit [www.lawrencetwp.com](http://www.lawrencetwp.com). You may also sign up for township announcements, including emergency messages on the township website, Facebook, and Twitter.

### SERVICES WE PROVIDE:

#### ANIMAL CONTROL

Report, investigate and follow up on all animal bites. Investigate animal nuisance complaints and enforce all State and local laws and ordinances concerning animals. Inspects pet shops, kennels, and shelters to ensure compliance with State laws and regulations prescribed for these establishments. Free rabies vaccination clinics are offered each year for dogs and cats. Check website for specific dates/locations. Call (609) 844-7092 for more information.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Conducts routine inspections of retail food establishments and also responds to individual complaints as well as the monitoring of recalled foods to ensure that only safe products reach the public. Investigates environmental nuisances concerning insects, rodents, weeds, garbage and debris, and general unsanitary conditions. Monitors the installation of individual water supplies within the Township and ensures wells no longer in use are properly abandoned. Installation and operation of individual sewage disposal systems are monitored to ensure proper operation and correction when malfunctions occur.

#### VITAL STATISTICS

Maintains records of all marriages, domestic partnerships, civil unions, births, and deaths which occur in Lawrence Township. The services include handling burial permits, marriage applications, and issuing marriage licenses and certified copies. For further information contact the vital statistics office (609) 844-7093.

#### PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING

Offers a variety of services that screen for hearing, vision, hypertension, diabetes, Body Mass Index (BMI), and provides preventative counseling and education. Maintain records on all reportable diseases and complete required surveillance reports. Investigate various disease occurrences and initiate control measures. Individuals are referred to the Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) Clinic at the Hamilton Township Division of Health, 2100 Greenwood Ave., Hamilton, NJ for free and confidential treatment and counseling. Call (609) 890-3647 or (609) 890-3884 for additional information. Flu vaccinations are offered each fall to senior citizens and high-risk individuals. Immunizations are available for infants and children with no insurance coverage through high school as part of the Child Health Clinics. Clinics are staffed by a pediatrician and trained public health nurses. Check the website or call (609) 844-7094 for more information for specific dates.

#### COVID-19 RESOURCES

For detailed information regarding COVID-19 vaccination sites, testing, and updated guidance please check the website or call (609) 844-7089.





# August 2023

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
		<b>1</b> <i>National Night Out</i>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Recycling Collected  Planning Board Mtg	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
Zone 1 Yard Waste Collection						
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>  Council Meeting	<b>16</b>  Zoning Board Mtg	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
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<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Recycling Collected  Planning Board Mtg	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
Zone 3 Yard Waste Collection						
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		
Zone 4 Yard Waste Collection						

# Leaf Pick Up

## Leaf Collection Program

- During the months of November and December the Department of Public Works will provide leaf collection and assign one leaf collection crew to each brush zone.
- Brush Collection will be suspended during this time period. Do not place brush at the curb for pickup.
- Residents should place loose leaves at the curb to be collected.
- Leaves shall be placed ten feet from storm drains. These procedures have been implemented to adhere to the Municipal Stormwater Regulations. This program is intended to give residents a more efficient leaf removal service while protecting the environment.

Please contact the Public Works Department at (609) 587-1894 for any questions or concerns.



# Tree City USA

## Lawrence Township Tree City USA Since 1996

The benefits of trees are well recognized. Trees filter particulates from the air helping to clean it, absorb carbon dioxide and release oxygen; conserve soil and water; moderate temperatures, shelter homes from strong winds, reduce energy bills, increase privacy and help absorb traffic noise. The positive effects of the trees surpass the negative effects, which can be eliminated or reduce by planting and properly maintaining the right tree species.

In 1996, Lawrence Township received the national recognition of Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation. To qualify to be a Tree City USA, a community must meet four standards:

- Tree board or department (Lawrence Township established the Shade Tree Advisory Committee consisting of seven members).
- Community tree ordinance.
- Community forestry program with an annual budget of at least \$2 per capita.
- Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

The Shade Tree Advisory Committee functions include:

- Recommending to Township Council programs of shade tree improvement , planting and replacement along public rights-of-way.
- Advising the Planning Board and Zoning Board on applications in regard to tree issues.
- Recommending to the Planning Board and Zoning Board standards, types and planting specification for shade trees.
- Advising the Township Council on shade tree concerns on public property.

The Shade Tree Advisory Committee programs include:

- Outreach Program: Power point presentations illustrating the benefits of trees and tree care.
- Memorial Tree Programs: The Memorial Tree Program offers participants unique way to honor a loved one or to remember a special event by donating a tree for public space in the Township. Trees can grow for a century or more making them enduring, living symbol.

The Lawrence Township Shade Tree Advisory Committee encourages residents to plant new trees and to preserve existing ones and welcomes the public to help with its mission. The Committee meets the 4th Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

Additional information about The Shade Tree Advisory Committee and programs can be found at the Lawrence Township web site [www.lawrencetwp.com](http://www.lawrencetwp.com).

# September 2023

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
Cat Licenses Due This Month					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Make-up Trash Collection for 9/4
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <b>Labor Day</b> Municipal Offices Closed No Trash Collection No Recycling	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Make-up Recycling Collection for 9/4
Zone 1 Yard Waste Collection						
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
Zone 2 Yard Waste Collection						
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Recycling Collected  Planning Board Mtg	<b>19</b>  Council Meeting	<b>20</b>  Zoning Board Mtg	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <b>MCIA</b> <b>Household Waste Disposal Event</b>
Zone 3 Yard Waste Collection						
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <b>Community Day</b>
Zone 4 Yard Waste Collection						

# Lawrence Senior Center

The Lawrence Senior Center is open to Lawrence Township residents 60 years of age and older. The Senior Center offers a wide range of social, recreational and educational activities as well as a library/lounge where seniors are welcomed to relax, socialize, watch television, play board games or read. Perhaps you will consider participating in the excursions they offer. A nutritious lunch is served by the Mercer County Nutrition Project on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. The Lawrence Township Office on Aging publishes a monthly "Lawrence Senior Activities and Events Calendar" to keep seniors updated on the programs being offered at the Senior Center. The Lawrence Senior Citizen van is available to provide transportation for Lawrence seniors Monday through Friday. Call the Office on Aging at (609) 844-7048 for more information, transport assistance guidelines and to schedule appointments. The Senior Center is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding holidays.



**Lawrence Township Senior Center  
30 Darrah Lane East**

## Activities, Classes and Programs

Acrylic Art	Choral Group	Line Dancing	Senior Clubs
Ballroom Dance	Computers	Mahjongg	Silk Painting
Bingo	Exercise	Memoir Writing	Sewing
Bridge Club	Healthy Bones	Pinochle	Tai Chi
Bridge Duplicate	Hula	Poetry	Watercolor
Busy Bees	Italian	Sculpture	Yoga

## Events and Socials

Arts and Crafts Show	Holiday Luncheon	Summer Stay Cool Nights
Black History Month	New Year's Party	Thanksgiving Outreach
Chinese New Year	Older American's Month	Valentine's Day Dance
Fall Social	Senior Prom	Volunteer Appreciation
Flea Market	St. Patrick's Day Social	

# Domestic Violence

## What is Domestic Violence?

- An on going pattern of hurtful, manipulative or controlling activities, including physical, sexual, psychological, emotional and verbal abuse.
- Being afraid of your partner or spouse.

## Consider this:

- Domestic violence is the most common form of violence in our society and the least reported crime.
- Domestic violence occurs in all socio-economic groups, all religious groups, all races, all ethnic groups, people of all ages and physical abilities.
- Children who witness domestic violence may display the same emotional responses as children who have been physically and emotionally abused.
- Children whose mothers are battered are at a higher risk of being neglected, abused or injured.
- Studies show that as many as a third of high school and college age youth experience violence in their intimate dating relationships.

If you know someone who is being hurt, you should do the following: believe her/him, keep what she/he tells you confidential, validate her/his feelings and don't blame the victim. If you or someone you know is being hurt, you can get assistance from the Lawrence Township Police Department at (609) 896-1111 or Womanspace (609) 394-9000. They can provide support over the phone, additional information about domestic violence, crisis-counseling, shelter for those who are escaping domestic violence, and information about safety planning.

# October 2023

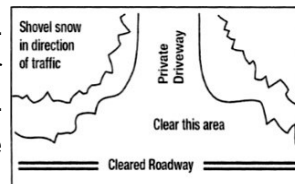
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
<b>1</b> <b>Community Day</b> <b>Raindate</b>	<b>2</b> Recycling Collected  Planning Board Mtg.	<b>3</b>  Council Meeting	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <b>MCIA</b> <b>Document</b> <b>Shredding Event</b>
Zone 1 Yard Waste Collection						
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> <b>Columbus Day</b> Municipal Offices Closed	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
Zone 2 Yard Waste Collection						
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Recycling Collected  Planning Board Mtg.	<b>17</b>  Council Meeting	<b>18</b>  Zoning Board Mtg.	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
Zone 3 Yard Waste Collection						
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <b>Trunk or Treat</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
Zone 4 Yard Waste Collection						
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Recycling Collected	<b>31</b>				

## Snow Removal/Snow Plowing/Street Sanding

During all snow events causing poor road conditions, the Department of Public Works makes roadway safety its top priority. When snowfall begins all high-traffic intersection, curves and hills are salted/sanded first. If time provides all roadways are then serviced similarly. This will melt snow, prevent icing and eliminate the need for plowing in minimal snowfalls. With significant accumulation (3 inches or more) roadways are plowed in priority order as follows:

Trucks will normally make two initial passes down the center of the street to open it for any emergency vehicles. They will return later to widen “curb to curb” so that melted snow will run to catch basins preventing flooding and freezing and also to make room to push snow that falls immediately after the first accumulation.

This “curb to curb” method often results in snow in your driveway entrance. The illustration shows how to minimize having your driveway blocked. When you clear your driveway or sidewalks, DO NOT throw snow into the middle of the street. This hinders plowing and impedes the safe flow of traffic.



### **Sidewalks:**

After the snow has stopped, property owners or tenants have 24 hours to remove snow and ice from sidewalks as per Ordinance #378, this includes entrances to cross walks. In addition, snow or ice from private properties can not be placed into or upon any street or sidewalk in the township.



## Safe Shopping



As the holidays approach, the Lawrence Township Police Department encourages citizens to remember to practice good crime prevention when shopping and running errands. Here are several crime prevention tips that can be practiced year round:

- Remain alert in parking lots; don't weigh yourself down with so many packages that you aren't aware of your surroundings and personal safety.
- Try to park in well-lit areas if you will be leaving or returning to your vehicle in the evening.
- When shopping, hold on to your purse. Do not leave it in the cart, especially when the cart is unattended.
- When loading your purchases in your vehicle, place purse in the vehicle first, so it is not in the cart while your back is turned.
- Do not leave your purse or other items of value in plain sight inside of your vehicle. Lock your vehicle and place items out of sight or take items with you, even if you are only leaving your car for a few minutes.
- Secure packages in your trunk. However, if they must be left in the vehicle, every attempt should be made to place them in a non-visible location.
- When loading your vehicle, do not place things on top of our vehicle. Many times people forget them and drive off.
- Report suspicious activity to the police immediately.

Let's work together to keep Lawrence Township a safe place to live, work and play by taking away opportunities for crime.

# November 2023

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
			1	2	3	4
5 Set Clocks Back Check Smoke Detectors	6	7 <b>Election Day</b> Municipal Offices Closed Trash Is Collected	8	9 Council Meeting	10 <b>Veterans Day</b> Municipal Offices Closed Trash is Collected	11 <b>Veterans Day Ceremony</b>
Leaf Collection All Zones						
12	13 Recycling Collected	14	15 Zoning Board Mtg	16	17	18
Leaf Collection All Zones						
19	20 Planning Board Mtg	21	22	23 <b>Thanksgiving Day</b> Municipal Offices Closed No Trash Collection	24 Municipal Offices Closed Trash Is Collected	25 Make-up Trash Collection for 11/23
Leaf Collection All Zones						
26	27 Recycling Collected	28	29	30		
Leaf Collection All Zones						

# Dog Licenses

# Animal Control Regulations

**DOG APPLICATION**  
(January 1–December 31)

License No. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Office Use Only)



Owner's Name	Telephone Numbers	
Owner's Address		
	Sex <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	Neutered or Spayed <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Rabies Certificate Expires	Color	Breed
Microchip No.	Email Address	
Are you an active/retired Law Enforcement Officer (including Local/State Prosecutors) or a Member of the Judiciary? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		



**NOTICE TO ALL DOG OWNERS:** Return this application with Proof of Rabies and Spaying/Neutering certification, if applicable, with the appropriate fee to the address listed below.  
CASH or CHECK ONLY (Make check or money order payable to: Township of Lawrence)

MAIL TO:  
Township of Lawrence  
Attn: Municipal Clerk's Office  
P.O. Box 6006  
Lawrence Township, NJ 08648

LICENSE FEES - \$11.00 if spayed or neutered  
\$14.00 if not spayed or neutered  
DELINQUENT FEES - \$5.00 surcharge plus \$1.00 for each month overdue  
License Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_



FREE RABIES VACCINATION CLINICS FOR DOGS AND CATS HELD TWICE A YEAR  
For details visit: [www.lawrencetwp.com](http://www.lawrencetwp.com)

**\*\*RABIES VACCINE MUST BE GOOD THROUGH NOVEMBER 1**

**\*ALL DOGS (7) SEVEN MONTHS AND OLDER MUST BE LICENSED**

**\*\*\*All Applicants must be 18 years of age or older**

ALTERNATE CONTACT PERSON (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

Stray, lost or problems with dogs and cats should be reported to the Animal Control Officer Monday through Friday during regular business hours 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at (609) 844-7092. Any emergency problems after regular business hours or any emergencies should be reported to Lawrence Township Police at (609) 896-1111.

In order to keep the open space and playing fields in the parks clean and safe for everyone, dog owners are reminded to adhere to the following township regulations relating to dogs.

All dogs are prohibited from running at large on streets and other public places or on private property, other than that of the owner, or property designated by the township as a dog run unless accompanied by a responsible individual and controlled by a leash not exceeding ten feet in length. The township has designated a dog park in Village Park at the Yeger Drive entrance.

Any person who has charge of a dog shall be responsible for the prompt and efficient removal and disposal of the feces of the dog from any public place or private entrance.

Please note that violators of these regulations shall be subject to fines as designated in the related ordinances.

For additional information regarding animal control regulations please contact the Health Department at (609) 844-7092.



# December 2023

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
					1	2 Ecological Center Saturday Hours End
3	4 Planning Board Mtg	5 Council Meeting	6	7 <i>Tree Lighting Event</i>	8	9
Leaf Collection All Zones						
10	11 Recycling Collection	12	13	14	15	16
Leaf Collection All Zones						
17	18 Planning Board Mtg	19 Council Meeting	20 Zoning Board Mtg	21	22	23 Make Up Trash Collection for 12/25
Leaf Collection All Zones						
24	25 <b>Christmas Day</b> Municipal Offices Closed No Trash Collection No Recycling	26	27	28	29	30 Make Up Trash Collection for 1/1/24 Make Up Recycling Collection for 12/25
Leaf Collection All Zones						

# Lawrence Township Police Department

The Lawrence Township Police Department strives to promote a professional, dedicated, and knowledgeable approach to problems that affect our community.

The mission of the Lawrence Township Police Department is to develop partnerships with the community to improve the quality of life by practicing pro-active and creative problem solving strategies.

We are committed to conducting pro-active policing strategies to reduce crime and the fear of crime in our town.

We also wholeheartedly believe in and are committed to promoting the community oriented policing philosophy.

As a police department we provide many programs that work in conjunction with the community to strengthen our partnership. Some of these programs include:

- Neighborhood Watch, Fire and House Checks [for resident who are out of town]
- Coffee with a Cop
- Community Egg Hunt
- National Night Out
- Trunk or Treat

Anyone who would like information regarding these programs should contact Chief Brian Caloiaro at (609) 844-7101.

A big part of practicing the Community Oriented Policing Philosophy includes addressing quality of life issues that have an impact on the everyday lives of our Township . By allowing these quality of life issues to fester without being addressed, small problems will eventually grow into larger ones which may lead to the increase in crime in our town. That being said, we would like to remind residents of a few Township ordinances that may be beneficial to the quality of life in our community:

## **Motorized Scooters on Public Property:**

Motorized scooters and “pocket bikes” are considered motorcycles under the New Jersey motor vehicle law. They may not be registered with the NJ Motor Vehicle Commission. Therefore, it is illegal to operate them on public property, which includes all public roadways, parks and Township property.



Anyone having any questions regarding ordinances can contact Chief Christopher Longo at (609) 844-7101.

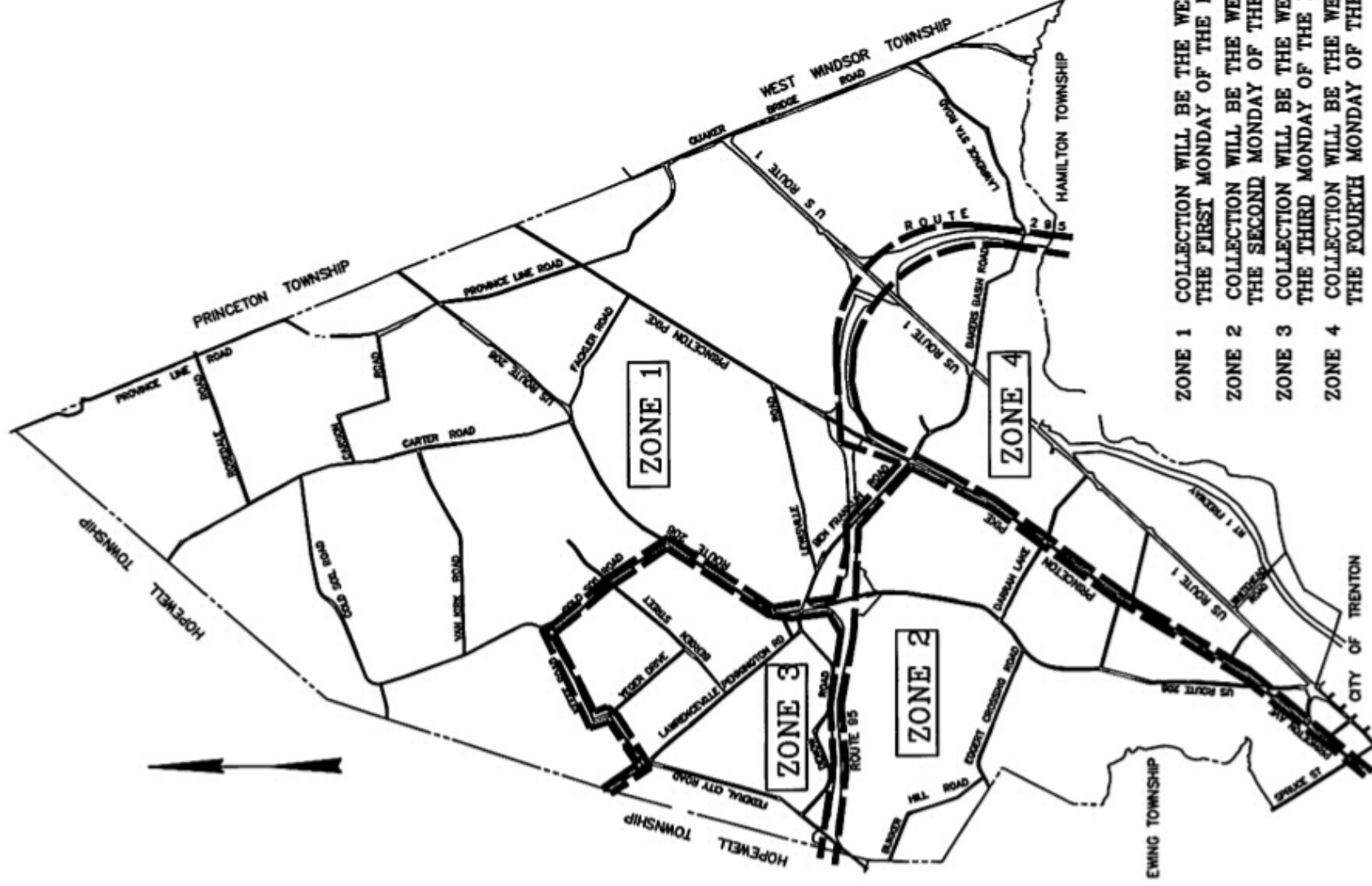
Finally, many times residents have questions on how to obtain a Firearms Purchaser Identification Card and/or a permit to purchase a Handgun. For Lawrence Township Residents, you may apply at the Lawrence Township Police Department. You must be 18 years old to purchase a rifle or shotgun, which includes BB pellet and black powder rifles. You must be 21 years old to purchase a handgun. Applications and instructions are available at the Police Records window or on the Township website (Lawrencetwp.com/police.)

Anyone having further questions regarding Firearms Applications should contact Agent Richard Kulak by calling (609) 844-7112.

**Unregistered Vehicles on Public or Private Property:** Lawrence Township Code, Sections 12-23 and 10-24 prohibits the outside storage of unregistered vehicles on public or private property for one year. A permit may be issued for vehicles that meet certain conditions. For further information, contact Code Enforcement Agent Richard Kulak by calling (609) 844-7112.

**Prohibited Signs:** Lawrence Township Land Use Ordinance, Section 535 prohibits signs from being attached, affixed or painted on trees, fence, utility poles, light posts, attached to other signs, placed upon motor vehicles which are continuously or repeatedly parked in a conspicuous location to serve as a sign. Yard sale signs may be placed on private property but shall not be erected more than seven days prior to such sale. No more than eight signs are permitted and must be removed within 48 hours after sale

**TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE, MERCER COUNTY, NJ  
RESIDENTIAL YARD WASTE COLLECTION SCHEDULE**



- ZONE 1** COLLECTION WILL BE THE WEEK CONTAINING THE FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH.
- ZONE 2** COLLECTION WILL BE THE WEEK CONTAINING THE SECOND MONDAY OF THE MONTH.
- ZONE 3** COLLECTION WILL BE THE WEEK CONTAINING THE THIRD MONDAY OF THE MONTH.
- ZONE 4** COLLECTION WILL BE THE WEEK CONTAINING THE FOURTH MONDAY OF THE MONTH.

