

Borough Council awards
New Trash, Recycling, and Yard Material
Contract for the next Three Years

The Borough of Pottstown has awarded a three-year contract to J.P. Mascaro to collect all recycling material, trash, and yard material. The new contract will start on January 1, 2009. The new contract will require changes to the methods used for recycling and trash. Residents are reminded to place all recycling, trash, and yard material by the curb or alley the night before the scheduled collection day. The new contract requires that the contractor collect recycling, trash, and yard material between the hours of 6 AM and 6 PM Monday thru Friday. No Saturday or Sunday collections are allowed unless written approval has been granted.

RECYCLING

The Borough has secured a grant to provide larger recycling containers. The new recycling tote holds 65 gallons of recycling material. The new tote has wheels to make it easier to move and a fixed lid to keep the recycling material dry.

1. The new totes will be delivered in December 2008. The new tote cannot be used until January 1, 2009.
2. Residents are responsible for the tote and should put their address on the tote for clear identification.
3. The new tote will allow the method of collecting recycling material to a single stream collection process. The single stream process will allow residents to place all recycling material into the 65-gallon tote.
4. Residents will no longer need to separate newspapers from other bottles and cans.
5. All residents are asked to remove all the approved items from the waste stream and place them in the new tote.
6. The new tote has a large label on the lid to show residents what items can be placed in the tote. Items that can be placed in the tote include: **(SEE LIST)**
7. Residents are asked not to place trash or any other material that is not allowed for recycling in the tote. In the event that unapproved materials are placed in the tote, it will not be emptied and the resident will need to remove all contaminated material for the next pick-up.
8. The recycling totes are the property of the Borough of Pottstown and must remain with the property.
9. Recycling pick-up is on Tuesday or Thursday. The West side of Pottstown is on Tuesday and the East side of Pottstown is on Thursday. **(SEE MAP)** The new contract will require that if a holiday falls on a Tuesday or Thursday, recycling pick-up will be the next workday.

TRASH

Changes to the Borough rules for trash will include the following:

1. Each residential property shall be allowed 4 cans and/or bags per pick-up.
2. No grass clippings will be collected as trash or as yard material at any time.
3. Trash containers shall be no larger than 30 gallon in size.
4. All containers shall be able to be lifted by one person.
5. If a holiday falls on a trash pick-up day, collection day will be the next regularly scheduled collection day.

YARD MATERIAL

Starting in May 2009 all yard material will need to be placed at curb or alley as a separate collection.

Yard material collection will be the first week of each month from May thru October on Thursday or Friday.

Leaves will be collected for 9 weeks starting in October and ending in December.

Christmas trees will be collected for 4 weeks in January.

In the event that a holiday falls on a Thursday/Friday, then yard material collection will be the next workday.

Grass clippings will not be collected as part of the yard material collection program. Yard material will only be collected in cans or biodegradable paper bags. No yard material will be collected in plastic bags. Items to be collected are as follow:

1. Hedge clippings, small branches, leaves, plants, shrubbery, and other vegetation that can be composted.
2. All branches must be tied in bundles no more than 3- 4 feet in length.

BULK WASTE

No changes have been made to the bulk waste collection program.

1. Bulk items include but limited to: appliances, furniture, rolled carpets, larger tree branches, and mattresses/box springs.
2. Bulk stickers are required for all bulk items.
3. The bulk sticker costs are \$15.00 for smaller items and \$25.00 for appliances/white goods.
4. Bulk item collection is on Thursday/Friday as part of the trash pick-up.
5. If a holiday falls on a Thursday/Friday then the bulk items will be picked-up on the following Thursday/Friday.

Any question please contact the Borough of Pottstown Public Works Department at 610-970-6527.

RECYCLING MATERIAL TO BE COLLECTED
SINGLE STREAM COLLECTION

Paper

- Newspaper & Inserts
- Magazines & Catalogues
- Junk Mail & Envelopes
- Office Paper, File Folders, Paper Bags
- Telephone Books
- Cereal, Cracker, Food boxes
- Cardboard
- Soda & Beer Cartons
- Books (Hard or Paperbacks)

Glass

- All Colors – green, clear, & brown
- All bottles that contained pourable liquids
- All jars that contained food products

Metal

- Aluminum Beverage Cans
- Steel and Tin Beverage Cans
- Any Can that Contained Food
- Empty Aerosol Cans
- Empty Paint Cans (latex only)

Plastic

- All Plastic Containers Labeled 1 through 7
- PETE Plastic #1 (Polyethylene Terephthalate)
 - Water Jugs & Bottles
 - Soda & Juice Bottles
 - Milk Jugs
 - Salad Dressing Bottles
 - Peanut Butter Jars
 - HDPE Plastic #2 (High Density Polyethylene)
 - Orange Juice Jugs
 - Milk, Water Bottles
 - Antifreeze & Motor Oil Containers
 - Detergent & Bleach Containers
 - PVC Plastic #3 (Polyvinyl Chloride)
 - Juice Bottles
 - Cling Films
 - PVC Piping

- LDPE Plastic # 4 (Low Density Polyethylene)
 - Frozen food Bags
 - Squeezable Bottles – Honey, Mustard, Ketchup
- PP Plastic # 5 (Polypropylene)
 - Bottle Caps & Drinking Straws
 - Yogurt Containers
 - Margarine Tubs
 - Disposable Cups & Plates
- PS Plastic # 6 (Polystyrene)
 - Meat Trays
 - To-Go Clam Shell containers
 - Egg Cartons
 - Disposable Cups
- Other Plastic # 7 (Polycarbonate or ABS)
 - Tupperware
 - Beverage Bottles
 - Baby Milk Bottles

BOROUGH OF POTTSTOWN TRASH/RECYCLING COLLECTION DAYS

