

# Welcome to Branchburg



Thank you for your interest in the Township of Branchburg. We have provided information about the Township that we hope you find useful. Our goal is to assist residents and members of the public in a friendly and courteous manner. Please contact us if you have any other questions or concerns at 908/526-1300, ext. 104.

You can also check our Web Site: [www.branchburg.nj.us](http://www.branchburg.nj.us) for additional information on the Township. From our website you can also subscribe to our “gov-delivery” e-mail notification system where you can select certain items of interest to be automatically sent to your computer or cell phone.

We look forward to hearing from you and welcome you to Branchburg.

## **MAILING ADDRESS:**

Township of Branchburg  
1077 US Highway 202 North  
Branchburg, NJ 08876

## **TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE:**

John Sanford, Mayor  
Robert Petrelli Deputy Mayor  
Thomas Young  
James Schworn  
Anna Columbus

## **PHONE NUMBERS:**

Telephone:	908/526-1300
Municipal FAX:	908/526-2452
Rec/DPW FAX:	908/526-0353
Health FAX:	908/526-7027
Police	908/526-3830
Emergency	911

Web Site: [www.branchburg.nj.us](http://www.branchburg.nj.us)

## **BRANCBURG'S HISTORY**

Incorporated in 1845, the area now known as Branchburg Township was originally inhabited by the Raritan Indians a tribe of the Lenni-Lenape Indians. By 1686 most of the land was purchased by the Lords proprietors of East Jersey. These Proprietors sold the land in small parcels to numerous settlers, mostly of Dutch or English extraction. Branchburg at that time was located in a large area called East Jersey and encompassed parts of Essex and Middlesex Counties as well. County boundaries were a subject of controversy until 1741 when Somerset County acquired parts of Middlesex and Essex Counties, nearly doubling its size.

Due to the expansion of Somerset County, Branchburg finally lay entirely within the County where it is presently located. Today, Branchburg is a semi-rural area of approximately 20.2 square miles, is eleven miles long and approximately two miles across at its widest point.

There is a touch of small village flavor in the hamlets of North Branch and Neshanic Station.

## **TOWNSHIP GOVERNMENT**

Initially Branchburg was governed by a three-member Township Committee which met annually in the spring to consider the needs of the Township. The Township Committee began to meet monthly in 1876. In the 1971 General Election, Branchburg voters elected a five member Township Committee. This was mandated by State statute due to the increase in population beyond 4,000 as shown by the 1970 census.

All five members of the Township Committee are elected at large for staggered three year terms. Their duties include a combination of legislative, executive and administrative functions, such as enacting ordinances and seeing to the enforcement thereof, appointing personnel, appointing board/commission members, managing financial affairs, etc.

The Mayor is selected by the Township Committee from among its' members for a one-year term. The Mayor's major responsibilities, in addition to those as a voting member of the Township Committee, are to preside over the meetings and to sign checks and contracts. The Mayor is in effect, the Chairman of a Committee, as the statute provides, and "...shall be known as the Mayor of such Township, but shall have no additional authority by virtue of such designation except as may be otherwise provided by law applicable to the Township. All actions taken must be the actions of the Township Committee."

The Regular Meetings of the Township Committee are held on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month. Special Meetings and Work Sessions are periodically scheduled. The Township Committee meets in an Executive Session at 7:00 PM; the public portion of the meeting begins at 8:00 PM. All meetings, unless otherwise specified, are held in the Municipal Building.

All public meetings usually have two portions where the public is invited to speak, in addition to any public hearings on Ordinances that may be scheduled.

Township Committee meetings are shown live on ComCast Local Access Channel 27 and FiOS Channel 46 beginning at 8:00 PM. Meetings are also streamed live on the Township's website. Planning Board and Board of Adjustment meetings are also televised and streamed live via the website.

Agendas are available on the day of the meeting in the Township Clerks' Office and on line at [www.branchburg.nj.us](http://www.branchburg.nj.us) the Friday before the meeting. Proposed Ordinances and Resolutions are also posted on the Township's website on the afternoon of the meeting and in the meeting room on the night of the meeting.

# MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS



ADMINISTRATOR.....GREGORY BONIN

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER/DIRECTOR OF FINANCE.....DIANE SCHUBACH  
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF FINANCE.....KAY PETERSEN

CHIEF OF POLICE .....DAVID YOUNG

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICIAL.....JOHN TAMBURINI  
BUILDING-SUBCODE/INSPECTOR .....JOHN TAMBURINI  
ELECTRICAL SUBCODE/INSPECTOR .....DAVE MYERS  
FIRE-SUBCODE/INSPECTOR.....WILLIAM BOYLE

CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS .....SHARON BRIENZA

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR.....JAMES KENNEDY  
DEPUTY COORDINATOR .....CHARLES SPRINGER  
ASST. DEPUTY COORDINATOR .....THOMAS MEOLA

ENGINEER .....DOUGLAS BALL

FIRE OFFICIAL.....JOSEPH OLIVO  
FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTOR .....WAYNE WINSMANN

HEALTH OFFICER.....CINTHIA WEAVER  
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST .....CARL SCIALFA

LICENSING OFFICIAL.....SHARON L. BRIENZA

MUNICIPAL CLERK .....SHARON L. BRIENZA  
DEPUTY MUNICIPAL CLERK .....MARY ANN SINAWA

MUNICIPAL COURT ADMINISTRATOR.....RUTH J. MULLIGAN  
DEPUTY COURT ADMINISTRATOR .....KIMBERLY MATHEWSON

MUNICIPAL LAND USE OFFICER/ZONING OFFICER .....THOMAS LEACH

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR.....THOMAS MANTZ  
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR .....RONALD CHEESMAN

QUALIFIED PURCHASING AGENT .....DENISE PISZKOWSKI

RECREATION DIRECTOR.....GLENN BURRELL

RECYCLING COORDINATOR .....DOREEN DANNER

REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS.....SHARON BRIENZA  
DEPUTY REGISTRAR .....DEBORAH BROOKS

SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATOR .....JOHN HITCHCOCK

ASSESSMENT SEARCH OFFICER.....DOUGLAS BALL

TAX ASSESSOR .....FRANCES S. KUCZYNSKI

TAX COLLECTOR & TAX SEARCH OFFICER.....DIANE WYNN

DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR.....CORAL CREED

## COMMUNITY INFORMATION

**Recreation.** Branchburg has a variety of Recreational facilities including White Oak Park located on Baird Road which is the most developed park in the Township. It includes a walking trail, picnic facilities, tennis courts, handball court, baseball, softball and soccer fields and playground. Other parks include Ten Eyck Park in North Branch, Marshall Street Park in Neshanic Station and Old Towne Park located in the Olde Towne Development. Joseph J. Stala Park also located in Neshanic Station, is in the planning stages of development. Golf courses include Somerset County's Neshanic Valley Golf Course on South Branch Road which is a public golf course and Fox Hollow Golf Club which is a private golf club.



**Country Fair.** This annual event is held in September beginning at 11:00 AM and ends with a fireworks display at approximately 8:30 PM. (2015 Date: September 26; Rain Date: September 27). All day entertainment, food, crafters, community groups and much more make this a very successful event enjoyed by everyone who attends.

([www.branchburgcountryfair.org](http://www.branchburgcountryfair.org))



**Dog/Cat Licensing.** State law requires all dogs over the age of 7 months to be licensed by January 31 of each year; Municipal Ordinance requires all cats over the age of 7 months to be licensed by September 30 of each year. Applications can be found on the Township's website or in the Township Clerk's Office. *State regulations require rabies vaccinations to be good for the first 10 months of the licensing year.*



**Organizations.** There are several organizations serving the community including, but not limited to: Branchburg Rotary Club, Senior Citizens Club, Branchburg Woman's Club, Neshanic Garden Club, numerous recreational organizations including softball, baseball, soccer, lacrosse, etc. (Please contact our Recreation Department for further information), Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops, Branchburg Republican Club and Branchburg Democratic Club.

**Public Safety.** Emergency services are provided by the following four fire companies: **North Branch Volunteer Fire Company, Neshanic Volunteer Fire Company, Readington Volunteer Fire Company and Country Hills Volunteer Fire Company** and the **Branchburg Rescue Squad**. All members of the emergency services are volunteers and are on call 24/7. *As all of the emergency service organizations are volunteers, they depend on citizen donations to help defray their operating costs.* To make a contribution to any of these valuable organizations, you will find their addresses listed later in this brochure. Citizens receive police protection from the Branchburg Police Department which also provides 24-hour coverage.



**Libraries.** The Branchburg Library is a small library with limited hours located in the Neshanic Station section of the Township and is part of the Somerset County Library system. The Somerset County Library is located on North Bridge/Vogt Drive in Bridgewater (908/526-4016). Both are available to Branchburg residents.

**Medical Care.** There are no hospitals or nursing homes within Branchburg, however, an urgent medical care facility is located on US Highway 22 in the Township; Somerset Medical Center in Somerville is approximately 6 miles away and Hunterdon Medical Center in Flemington is approximately 15 miles away.



**Places of Worship.** There are three churches located in Branchburg: The Church of Latter Day Saints on Lamington Road in the North Branch section of the Township, the United Methodist Church on Maple Avenue in the Neshanic Station section of the Township and Branch Point Church on US Highway 22. Temple Beth El of Somerville is approximately 5 miles away; St. Bernard Roman Catholic Church located on US Highway 22 in Bridgewater is approximately 3 miles away; St. Ann's and St. Joseph's in Raritan are approximately 3 miles away. There are also several other places of worship in surrounding communities.



**Media.** Local newspapers which carry Branchburg news are the Courier News, the Star Ledger and the Branchburg News. All national network television stations are available as well as public television. Comcast Cable, Verizon and satellite companies also provide services.

**Utilities.** The following utility companies serve the Township:

Jersey Central Power & Light: Customer Service Center 800/662-3115  
Public Service Gas & Electric: General Inquiries or Emergency Service 800/436-7734  
NJ American Water Company: General Inquiries/Service 800/272-1325  
Telephone Company: Verizon 800/621-9900 / [www.verizon.com](http://www.verizon.com)  
Cable Television: ComCast: New Connections: 888/210-9147 / Other: 800/266-2278  
Verizon FiOS: 888/591-6075  
DISH Network: 888/825-2557  
Direct TV: 888/795-9489

**Garbage Pick-up:** As the Township does not provide garbage pickup, residents must contract with a private hauler. (The Township does not provide referrals and suggests speaking with neighbors.)

**Recycling:** Branchburg contracts with Somerset County for recycling pickup. Detailed information including pickup dates can be found on page 21 or [www.co.somerset.nj.us/recycle/index.html](http://www.co.somerset.nj.us/recycle/index.html)

## TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Anna	Columbus	Member	524 Horizon Way Neshanic Station, NJ 08853
Robert	Petrelli	Deputy Mayor	310 Kelly Drive Neshanic Station, NJ 08853
John	Sanford	Mayor	6 Iroquois Trail Branchburg, NJ 08876
James	Schworn	Member	8 Rolland Drive Branchburg, NJ 08876
Thomas	Young	Member	208 Johns Lane Neshanic Station, NJ 08853

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Meetings: 2nd & 4th Monday of each month at 8:00 PM

Township Clerk: Sharon Brienza

## BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Barbara	Bye	Deputy Chair	37 Buffalo Hollow Trail Branchburg, NJ 08876
Sea	Sullivan	Alt. No. 1	68 Yuma Trail Branchburg, NJ 08876
Paul	Crandall	Secretary	46 Choctaw Ridge Road Branchburg, NJ 08876
Thomas	Lembrich	Member	806 Devon Lane Neshanic Station, NJ 08853
David	Owens	Member	5 Laurel Court Branchburg, NJ 08876
Michael	Pappas	Member	35 Mohawk Trail Branchburg, NJ 08876
Vacant		Alt. No. 2	
Terry	Pollin	Chair	133 Stony Brook Road Branchburg, NJ 08876
Kasia	Walch	Member	66 Huyler Road Branchburg, NJ 08876

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Meetings: 1st Monday/3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM

Clerk to the Board: JoAnn Petruzzello, 526-1300, ext. 152

Enabling Statute: Municipal Land Use Law (40:55D)

## COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Robert	Anczarki	Vice Chair	928 Manchester Drive Branchburg, NJ 08876
Robbie	Bostin-Ross	Secretary	60 Choctaw Ridge Road Branchburg, NJ 08876
Alex	Breidenbruch	Member	325 W. County Line Road Branchburg, NJ 08876
Steve	Harris	Chair	159 Brandon Court Neshanic Station, NJ 08853
Rachel	Herzog	Member	157 Brandon Court Neshanic Station, NJ 08853
Vacant			
Amy	Ramsden	Member	264 Readington Road Branchburg, NJ 08876
Kate	Sarles	Member	39 Buffalo Hollow Trail Branchburg, NJ 08876

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Meetings: 1st Monday of each month at 7:30 PM

Established by Ordinance No. 97-729; amended by Ordinance No. 2007-1080

## ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Douglas	Chabrak	Chair	212 County Line Road Branchburg, NJ 08876
Thomas	Grenci	Concurrent with Pl Bd	PO Box 423 420 Olive St. Neshanic Sta, NJ 08853
Mike	Merchant	Member	131 Otto Road Neshanic Station, NJ 08853
Steven	Olivetti	Deputy Chair	3358 Lukes Pond Road Branchburg, NJ 08876
Douglas	Pollock	Secretary	138 Howell Drive Branchburg, NJ 08876
Greg	Vitali	Member	7 Katherine Street Branchburg, NJ 08876
Edward	Wizemann	Member	128 Brandon Court Neshanic Station, NJ 08853

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Meetings: 1st Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM

Clerk to the Board: Lillian Ricci, 526-1300, ext. 158

Established by Ordinance No. 72-264; amended by Ordinance No. 80-367 (7 members)

## BOARD OF HEALTH

Anna	Columbus	Member	524 Horizon Way Neshanic Station, NJ 08853
Robert	Petrelli	Deputy Chair	310 Kelly Drive Neshanic Station, NJ 08853
John	Sanford	Chair	6 Iroquois Trail Branchburg, NJ 08876
James	Schworn	Member	8 Rolland Drive Branchburg, NJ 08876
Thomas	Young	Member	208 Johns Lane Neshanic Station, NJ 08853

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Meetings: 2nd & 4th Monday of each month at 8:00 PM during Township Committee meetings

Clerk to the Board/Registrar: Sharon Brienza; Deputy Registrar: Sharon L. Brienza

Health Officer: Cinthia Weaver; Environmental Health Specialist: Carl Scialfa

## HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Robyn	Abramo	Member	413 Olive Street Neshanic Station, NJ 08853
Robert	Bouwman	Secretary	65 North Branch River Road Branchburg, NJ 08876
Suzanne	Daniels	Alt. No. 1	319 Station Road Branchburg, NJ 08876
George	Hunter	Member	2053 South Branch Road Branchburg, NJ 08876
Vacant		Alt. No. 2	
Raymond	Sanderson	Chair	1026 Route 28 Branchburg, NJ 08876
William	Schleicher	Member	65 Harlan School Road Branchburg, NJ 08876
David	Tompkins	Deputy Chair	1071 Route 28 Branchburg, NJ 08876
Susan	Winter	Member	801 Acorn Lane Neshanic Station, NJ 08853

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Meetings: 3rd Monday of each month at 7:30 PM

Created by Ordinance No. 88-545 pursuant to Municipal Land Use Law 40:55D-107

## PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

Christopher Anczarki	Deputy Chair	13 Mohawk Trail Branchburg, NJ 08876
Brendon Beatrice	Alt. No. 1	2 Santoro Court Branchburg, NJ 08876
Harry Frevert	Chair	73 Station Road Branchburg, NJ 08876
Eileen Gilmartin	Member	38 Village Way Branchburg, NJ 08876
Bonnie Liobis	Member	450 Brookview Court Branchburg, NJ 08876
Arthur Quade, Jr.	Member	150 Stony Brook Road Branchburg, NJ 08876
Ed Roche	Alt. No. 2	111 Station Road Branchburg, NJ 08876
Steve Sokol	Member	6 Mulberry Court Branchburg, NJ 08876
William Sundheim	Member	10 Shale Hill Road Branchburg, NJ 08876

Ordinance No. 2014-1254 - Adopted June 9, 2014

After initial appointments for regular members - terms will be 3 year terms

After initial appointments for alternate members - terms will be 2 year terms

Meetings: 1st Monday of each month @ 7:30 PM

Information: 526-1300, ext. 187

Recreation Director: Glenn Burrell, ext. 186

## PLANNING BOARD

Robert	Bouwman	Member	65 North Branch River Road Branchburg, NJ 08876
Francis	Devlin	Member	59 Bernard Street Branchburg, NJ 08876
Thomas	Grenci	Concurrent with Env Comm	PO Box 423 420 Olive Street Neshanic Station, NJ 08853
Todd	Hay	Chair	328 Swan Court Branchburg, NJ 08876
Meghan	Hunscher	Member	269 Bald Eagle Drive Branchburg, NJ 08876
Sarah	McGrath	Secretary	236 Carol Jean Way Branchburg, NJ 08876
John	Sanford	Mayor	1077 US Highway 202 Branchburg, NJ 08876
James	Schworn	TC Appointment	1077 US Highway 202 Branchburg, NJ 08876
Laurel	Truppi	Deputy Chair	90 Katydid Drive Branchburg, NJ 08876

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Meetings: 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM

Clerk to the Board: JoAnn Petruzzello, 526-1300, ext. 152

Enabling Statute: Municipal Land Use Law (40:55D)

## WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Douglas	Chabrak	Member	212 County Line Road Branchburg, NJ 08876
Thomas	Eastman	Member	606 Talamini Road Bridgewater, NJ 08807
Larry	Fox	Member	39 Vail Terrace Neshanic Station, NJ 08853
Gregory	Gonzalez	Member	14 Carswell Court Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
Douglas	Pollock	Member	138 Howell Drive Branchburg, NJ 08876
James	Sutton	Member	290 Vanderveer Avenue Branchburg, NJ 08876
Raymond	Szpond	Chair	2079 Lyde Place Scotch Plains, NJ 07076

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Meetings: 1st Thursday of each month at 6:30 PM

Municipal Liaison: John Hitchcock, 526-1300, ext. 106

Created by Ordinance No. 2010-1156

**EMERGENCY SERVICES  
FOR EMERGENCIES ONLY: 911  
FOR NON-EMERGENCIES: 526-3830**



<i>Name/Number</i>	<i>Organization/Address</i>
James Kennedy OEM Coordinator	Township of Branchburg 1077 US Highway 202 North Branchburg, NJ 08876
Charles Springer OEM Deputy Coordinator	Township of Branchburg 1077 US Highway 202 North Branchburg, NJ 08876
Thomas Meola Assistant OEM Deputy Coordinators	Township of Branchburg 1077 US Highway 202 North Branchburg, NJ 08876
Joseph Olivo Fire Official 526-1300, ext. 156	Township of Branchburg 1077 US Highway 202 North Branchburg, NJ 08876
Wayne Winsmann Fire Inspector 526-1300, ext. 157	Township of Branchburg 1077 US Highway 202 North Branchburg, NJ 08876
Matt Hoffman Captain 722-0365	Branchburg Rescue Squad 113 River Road Branchburg, NJ 08876
Dave Hickson Chief 725-2305	North Branch Volunteer Fire Company 1169 Route 28 Branchburg, NJ 08876
C. J. Davis Chief 369-3644	Neshanic Volunteer Fire Department 333 Maple Avenue Neshanic Station, NJ 08853
Brian Ricks Chief Station 1: 725-7070	Country Hills Volunteer Fire Company 352 Vanderveer Road Bridgewater, NJ 08807
William Kaplan Chief 534-1433	Readington Volunteer Fire Company 6 Hillcrest Road Whitehouse Station, NJ 08889

*All members of the fire companies and rescue squad are volunteers and are on call 24/7. These volunteer organizations depend on citizen donations to help defray their operating costs. Your consideration of donating to the fire company serving your area or the rescue squad is extremely appreciated.*

## VOTING AND ELECTION INFORMATION

### **PRIMARY ELECTION:**

TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2015

*POLLS OPEN 6:00 AM TO 8:00 PM*

***LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE: MAY 12, 2015***



### **GENERAL & SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS:**

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2015

***LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE: OCTOBER 13, 2015***

***PRIMARY, GENERAL ELECTIONS—POLLS ARE OPEN 6:00 AM TO 8:00 PM***

### **What guidelines do I follow to register to vote?**

You must be a Citizen of the U.S.

You must be 18 years of age by the next election

You must be a resident of Branchburg for at least 30 days prior to the Election

### **When would I have to re-register?**

If you move to another County in New Jersey

If you have changed your name and/or address

### **Where do I register to vote?**

At the Branchburg Township Clerks' Office

or the Somerset County Board of Elections

County Administration Building, Somerville, NJ

[www.co.somerset.nj.us/elections](http://www.co.somerset.nj.us/elections)

### **Can I register by mail?**

Yes, by completing a mail-in registration form obtained from the Township Clerk's Office, County Board of Elections or from their website: [www.co.somerset.nj.us/elections](http://www.co.somerset.nj.us/elections).

### **If I have never voted in a Primary election or declared a party, can I vote?**

Yes, but you must declare a party at the polls on Primary Election Day.

### **How do I change my party affiliation?**

A Party Declaration form must be filled out and received by the Somerset County Board of Elections no later than 50 days prior to the Primary Election.

### **Mail In Ballots:**

You may apply for a Mail-In Ballot in any election for any reason. Applications are available in the Township Clerk's Office or from the Somerset County Clerk's Office.

**When is the last day to apply for an Absentee Ballot?**

If mailed, no later than 7 days *before* the Election.

If delivered in person to the County Clerk's Office, Administration Building, Somerville, NJ, no later than 3:00 PM the day *before* the Election.

**Where do I vote?**

*For Primary, General and School Board Elections:*

- District 1:** Branchburg Rescue Squad
- District 2:** Station House
- District 3:** Branchburg Rescue Squad
- District 4:** Stony Brook School
- District 5:** Branchburg Rescue Squad
- District 6:** Branchburg Municipal Building
- District 7:** Stony Brook School
- District 8:** Hyatt House
- District 9:** Branchburg Municipal Building
- District 10:** Branchburg Rescue Squad
- District 11:** Branchburg Municipal Building
- District 12:** Hyatt House
- District 13:** Station House
- District 14:** Branchburg Municipal Building

*Important Note: Your Sample Ballot will have your voting district and polling location printed on it. Please make a note of it.*



# DUMPSTER INFORMATION

## PERMITS ARE REQUIRED IN ORDER TO USE THE DUMPSTER

*Dumpster Permits may be purchased in the Township Clerks' Office*

*Monday—Friday*

*9:00 AM to 4:00 PM*

- To obtain a permit, the registration of your vehicle must be presented proving Branchburg residency.
- For residents who may need to borrow or rent a vehicle in order to dispose of large items, **SPECIAL PERMISSION** must be received.
- If using another vehicle other than the one stated on the permit, you **MUST** obtain a “transfer pass,” in the Township Clerks’ Office **before using the dumpster.**

**PERMIT IS GOOD FOR ONE YEAR FROM DATE OF ISSUE.**

### Dumpster Hours:

Every Friday                      12:00 PM to 3:00 PM

1st Saturday of Month      9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

**SUBJECT TO CHANGE DURING INCLEMENT WEATHER**

### Fees for use:

Cars, Station Wagons, SUV’s, Minivans    \$25.00 = 5 trips

Trucks, Vans, Utility Trailers              \$25.00 = 2 trips

(No longer than 8 feet long)

### GENERAL RULES FOR USE:

- **NO commercial** vehicles or **large trucks** permitted.
- Pickup Trucks and utility trailers can be filled **no higher** than the side of the bed/trailer.
- Residents are responsible for unloading and placing material into the dumpsters.
- An additional coupon will be required for anyone removing or putting seats down OR using a different, larger vehicle than what is stated on the permit.
- *Attendants have the authority to refuse an individual from using the dumpsters when they do not meet the requirements.*

### *Acceptable Items for Disposal:*

- Household appliances. (Examples: microwaves, washers, dryer)
- Furniture, toys
- Household construction material (**MINIMAL AMOUNT**)
- Tires without rims (maximum of four)

## VEGETATIVE WASTE DUMPSTER

### (Dumpster Permit Required)

Grass **MUST** be placed in the special dumpster. (Plastic bags **CANNOT** be placed in the dumpster). Tree limbs must be in 6 foot lengths.



#### *Unacceptable Items:*

- Kitchen Garbage
- Vehicle parts, including **motor oils**
- Paints (any type)
- Construction material including, but not limited to: concrete blocks, stone, rocks, cement, dirt
- Pressure treated wood
- Due to stricter Freon laws, refrigerators, air conditioners, computers, TVs and dehumidifiers are no longer accepted and must be taken to an approved site.

## PROPER DISPOSAL OF USED MEDICATIONS



Residents can drop off medications (prescription and over the counter) to the Branchburg Police Station Mondays – Fridays from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Syringes or liquids are not permitted. Medications should be in their original packages or bottles with personal information removed. The name of the medication should be visible.

Residents can also take medications to the Somerset County Sheriff's office medicine collection drop box 24-hours a day, 7 days a week, no questions asked. The drop box is located on the lower level of the Somerset County Administration Building, 20 Grove Street, Somerville, near the entrance to the Sheriff's Office.

# COUNTY CURBSIDE RECYCLING INFORMATION

## *2015 Curbside Recycling Dates:*

January 5, 20	July 6, 20
February 2, 17	August 3, 17, 31
March 2, 16, 30	September 14, 28
April 13, 27	October 12, 26
May 11, 26	November 9, 23
June 8, 223	December 7, 21



<p><b>NEWSPAPER</b> Newspapers must be bundled and tied with string or twine.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Newspaper</li> <li>• Inserts that come with the newspaper, such as:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- comics</li> <li>- TV/magazine sections</li> <li>- glossy coupons</li> <li>- colored food/store ads</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>GLASS BOTTLES, PLASTIC BOTTLES (#1-#7), STEEL, BIMETAL &amp; ALUMINUM CANS</b> These items should be rinsed thoroughly and placed inside your blue recycling bucket. Only the items listed at right are acceptable.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Glass bottles (all colors)</li> <li>• Glass jars (all colors)</li> <li>• Steel cans</li> <li>• Bi-metal cans</li> <li>• Aluminum cans</li> <li>• All plastic bottles and containers #1-#7</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>NO STYROFOAM</b></p>
<p><b>OTHER PAPER/JUNK MAIL</b> Other paper should be placed in a brown paper bag and placed next to your blue recycling bucket.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Magazines</li> <li>• Writing/school paper</li> <li>• All envelopes</li> <li>• Copy paper</li> <li>• Paperback books</li> <li>• Hardcover books</li> <li>• Non-metallic gift wrap</li> </ul>
<p><b>CORRUGATED CARDBOARD &amp; CHIPBOARD</b> Corrugated cardboard must be cut into squares of 2ft. x 2ft. and tied with string or twine. Place bundle next to blue recycling bucket.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Corrugated cardboard</li> <li>• Pizza Boxes</li> <li>• Brown paper bags</li> <li>• Chipboard Boxes: Cereal, cookie, pasta, cake, cracker, detergent (remove plastic liners), gift, shoe, shirt or any retail boxes.</li> <li>• Poster board and backing on writing pads</li> <li>• Tissue boxes; paper towel rolls</li> </ul>

Residents are asked to thoroughly clean and rinse their recycling buckets periodically with hot, soapy water. Clean buckets attract fewer pests and reduce offensive odors.

***Recyclables are the property of Somerset County when placed at the curb. Please notify your local police if anyone other than County employees removes recyclables from the curb. Theft of recyclable materials is illegal.***

# HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE



## 2015 Hazardous Waste Disposal Days - 9:00 AM—2:00 PM

**March 21**, Bernards Township Public Works

**April 18**, Warren Township Public Works

**June 20**, Franklin Township Sewerage Authority

**September 12**, Branchburg Township Public Works

**October 24**, South County Public Works Garage

For more information on Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off locations, please call 908/231-7031.

### ***What CAN be collected:***

- All hazardous waste generated from households along with **banned or outdated pesticides** (must be in their original, labeled containers)
- Auto products: Anti-freeze, transmission fluids, brake fluids, wet-cell car batteries, motor oil (2 gallon maximum) & used oil filters
- Fluorescent tubes & compact fluorescent lights
- Ammonia-based cleaners
- Gasoline, kerosene
- Mercury, Mercury switches
- Oil-based paints\*
- Pool chemicals
- Propane tanks
- Rechargeable and button cell batteries

### ***What CANNOT be collected:***

- Unknown or unidentified material
- Electronic Waste, smoke alarms
- Air conditioners/dehumidifiers
- Tires
- Gas cylinders
- Infectious Waste
- Explosives
- Dioxins
- PCBs
- Pentachlorophenol
- 2, 4, 5-TP (Silvex)
- Latex paint \*

\*Latex or water-based paints may be air-dried or diluted with water, and the cans can be thrown in the regular trash.

## **OTHER COUNTY SPONSORED PROGRAMS:**

### ***Electronic Waste Collection:***

Somerset County residents can bring electronic waste to Newtech Recycling weekdays from 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM or on the first Saturday of the month.

Newtech Recycling, Inc.  
600 A Apgar Drive, Building 600A  
Somerset, NJ 08873  
732/564-3110  
[www.newtechrecycling.com](http://www.newtechrecycling.com)

### ***Curb Hunger Program:***



Somerset County collects canned food donations at the curb during the month of June on recycling days. Orange plastic bags will be distributed to all households in May. Residents are asked to place the bags of canned goods at the curb on their regularly scheduled recycling collection days. For more information, call Curbing Hunger at 908/647-1557 or visit the organization's web site at: [www.curbinghunger.org](http://www.curbinghunger.org)

### ***Christmas Tree Recycling:***

The Somerset County Park Commission accepts Christmas trees during the month of January at North Branch Park, Parking Lot A, in Bridgewater or in Colonial Park, Parking Lot F, in Somerset. For information on Christmas tree recycling ONLY, call 908/722-9292, press 6.



## SENIOR CITIZEN INFORMATION

The Branchburg Senior Citizens Club meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 11:00 AM in the Community Room at Whiton Hills. Branchburg residents age 55 or older are eligible for membership.

For additional information on the Branchburg Senior Citizens Club, please contact 2015 President Jack Bergen at 908/526-5817.



### *Other Services:*

The Somerset County Office on Aging (27 Warren Street, Somerville, NJ; 888/747-1122 or 908/704-6346) offers the following assistance to Senior Citizens:

In-home care	Shopper Services
Meals on Wheels	Handyman program
Legal Services	Senior Nutrition Centers
Income Tax Preparation Assistance	Transportation
SHIP	PAAD/Senior Gold
County ID program	Respite Care/Congregate Care

- State of NJ Division of Taxation - Property Tax Reimbursement Hotline - 800/882-6597
- NJ Homestead Property Tax Rebate - 800/323-4400
- [www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation](http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation)
- Social Security Office: 29 Davenport Street, Somerville, NJ 800/772-1213

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