



# Township of Branchburg

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Procedures to file an odor complaint:

## **Day Time**

Between the hours of **8:30 am – 4:30 pm** contact the Somerset County Health Department at 908-231-7155 and advise the person answering the telephone that you have an odor complaint and need someone to investigate it. At that time, you must be willing to remain at your property until an inspector arrives.

Please be advised that for a violation to exist under the Air Pollution Control Act, the odor must be of a duration and intensity to interfere with the enjoyment of your property. You must be willing to sign a Statement of Complaint in order for the County to pursue the matter in Court.

Please note that observing odors on the roadway, at the store, or throughout the vicinity of an industrial park does not constitute a violation of the Air Pollution Control Act. Responses will not be made unless the odor is impacting your property.

## **Night Time**

Between **4:30 pm – 8:30 am** contact the NJ Department of Environmental Protection at 1-877-WARN-DEP. Most of the facilities in your neighborhood are regulated by the State, and it is important that they establish a record of citizen complaints. The dispatcher at the hotline will take your information & ask if you are requesting NJDEP assistance. Answer yes if you are experiencing health effects or interference with the use and enjoyment of your property (can't open your windows, etc).

Time is of the essence with odor investigations, calls should be made immediately.