Dear Neighbor,

I am pleased to provide you with the City of Rahway's 2020 garbage and recycling schedule. This guide highlights the collection dates for your location as well as information that will be useful throughout the year.

One of the most important ways that every resident can contribute to keeping Rahway green is recycling. Effective recycling helps reduce pollution, conserve materials, and generate savings for taxpayers. Every ton of recyclable items removed from the waste stream saves approximately $75 in disposal costs. However, to maintain the marketability of our recyclables, we must take simple but important steps to ensure that they are properly prepared. For example, recyclable glass, metal, and plastic can be contaminated in trash containers, but should not be placed in plastic bags.

How can you learn to be an effective recycler? In addition to the information in this newsletter, Recycle Coach is an app that helps support recycling by providing timely and useful information. Along with fingertip access to recycling and garbage schedules, the app offers specific instructions for the disposal of hundreds of items (“What goes where?”) as well as educational components to help each of us be more effective recyclers. You can read more about Recycle Coach in this newsletter.

As 2020 begins, I encourage every resident to become better recyclers. As a first step, please download the Recycle Coach app. As the year proceeds, be on the lookout for more tips and tricks on how to keep Rahway green.

Sincerely,

Mayor Raymond A. Giacobbe

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SCHEDULE 2020 IMPORTANT INFORMATION

HOUSEHOLD ELECTRONICS: TVs, monitors, computers, keyboards, VCRs, CD’s, DVDs, VHS tapes & desktop fax machines. Collected by appointment, please call 732-827-2159.

LATEX PAINT: MUST be completely solidified before being placed curbside, with the lids off, for your 2nd garbage collection day of the week. Paint will leak from truck if not dried thoroughly.

BULKY WASTE MATERIALS: All bulky waste materials such as RR ties (less than 4 ft.), lumber, sheetrock, carpeting, etc. must be tied and bundled or placed in containers less than 50 lbs. All bulky materials must be placed to the curb the night before the THURSDAY OR FRIDAY collection.

YARD WASTE COLLECTION: BEGINS ON APRIL 1 AND ENDS ON NOVEMBER 3, 2020. All yard waste must be placed in reusable containers (32 gallon size or less) or in bio-degradable paper bags and weigh less than 50 pounds. NO YARD WASTE WILL BE COLLECTED IN PLASTIC BAGS. BRANCHES MUST BE TIED AND BUNDLED IN FOUR FOOT LENGTHS. YARD WASTE MATERIAL WILL BE COLLECTED ON THE 1ST COLLECTION DAY OF THE WEEK ONLY.

LEAF COLLECTION: BEGINS NOVEMBER 4 AND ENDS ON DECEMBER 31, 2020. Leaves placed in paper bags will be collected while crews are in your area or call 732-827-2061 to schedule a pickup. Leaf Collection Hotline: 732-827-2063 for approximate collection dates. Branches should be kept separate from leaf piles.

SOLID WASTE COLLECTIONS: All containers that are used for solid waste collections must be less than 32 gallons in capacity, have solid handles, no wheels, and detachable lids or drainage holes and must be in good condition. Material placed in improper containers will not be collected.

WHITE GOODS AND SCRAP METALS: WILL BE COLLECTED BY APPOINTMENT. Please call 732-827-2159 to arrange for removal.

HOUSEHOLD SPECIAL WASTES/UNUSUAL WASTE: such as antifreeze, pesticides and oil based paints, should be delivered to a household special collection day event. Please call 908-654-8889 for more information or visit www.UCNJ.org/recycle for other options.

CHRISTMAS TREES: WILL BE COLLECTED FROM JANUARY 2 THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2020. All trees must be free of decorations and placed at the curb. Trees in plastic bags will NOT be collected. If you feel your tree was missed, please call 732-827-2060.

USED MOTOR OIL: CANNOT BE PLACED OUT WITH REGULAR GARBAGE—but will be accepted at the Main St. Fire House on Saturdays from 8:30 to 4:30.

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GARBAGE/BULKY WASTE/YARD WASTE RECYCLING COLLECTION HOLIDAYS 2020

These are the 7 holidays during 2020 when there will be no collections for designated materials.

NO Recycling Collection / Next Collection — January 4

NO Garbage Collection — January 23

NO Garbage or Yard Waste Collection — November 30

NO Garbage or Bulky Waste Collection — December 26

NO Recycle Collection — December 29

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RECYCLE COACH APP LAUNCHED!

Residents looking to become better recyclers need look no further than the free Recycle Coach app — now available in Rahway. Recycle Coach provides recycling information in a clear and concise manner to improve recycling rates as well as engage residents to learn about Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle principles.

With Recycle Coach, residents can:

- Stay organized with custom curbside collection and events calendars
- Receive collection reminders and real-time updates on service disruptions
- Access the comprehensive “What Goes Where?” search tool
- Report issues like missed collections

For more information and to download the Recycle Coach app, please visit https://solutions.recyclecoach.com or search for Recycle Coach in the Apple or Google app stores.
From the office of Mayor Raymond A. Giacobbe

2020 RESIDENTIAL GARBAGE RECYCLING PROGRAM

**SECTION A**
Garbage: Monday & Thursday
Recycling: Every other Wednesday

**Recycling Dates**
- January 8 & 22
- February 5 & 19
- March 4 & 18
- April 1, 15 & 29
- May 13 & 27
- June 10 & 24
- July 8 & 22
- August 5 & 19
- September 2, 16 & 30
- October 14 & 28
- November 11 & 25
- December 9 & 23

The materials collected in this program, and preparation guidelines are:

1. **All Paper Products:** newspapers, cardboard, magazines, junk mail, books, computer paper, glossy paper, food boxes, etc. These items can be placed in paper bags, cardboard boxes or tied and bundled with string only. Please make sure that all material is free from nonpaper items such as plastic, tape or garbage.

2. **Beverage/Food Containers:** glass bottles and jars, aluminum cans, tin, steel, bi-metal cans, plastic squeeze bottles, plastic containers holding food, aerosol cans, motor oil and antifreeze containers, milk cartons, soup cartons and juice boxes, aluminum foil and metal clothes hangers, plastic bottles and jugs*: All of these materials should be rinsed, caps removed and COMINGLED (mixed) in any sturdy reusable container. **DO NOT** include window glass, drinking glasses, mirrors, crystal, Pyrex and/or plastic bags. **DO NOT** put other materials in plastic bags.

3. **Batteries:** Rechargeable, lantern and button cell only in a clear plastic bag on top of your newspapers/mixed paper.

**SAFETY ALERT!** Items such as chemicals, paints and pesticides MUST be disposed of properly! Please follow guidelines on back for disposal.

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**SECTION B**
Garbage: Tuesday & Friday
Recycling: Every other Wednesday

**Recycling Dates**
- January 4*, 15 & 29
- February 12 & 26
- March 11 & 25
- April 8 & 22
- May 6 & 20
- June 3 & 17
- July 1, 15 & 29
- August 12 & 26
- September 9 & 23
- October 7 & 21
- November 4 & 18
- December 2, 16 & 30

* Special Saturday Collection due to Holiday

**Missed Collection?**
Call the Recycling Hotline:
732-827-2159

**Important Note:**
Only materials listed and prepared as required will be collected in this program. If garbage or refuse is mixed with recycling materials they will not be collected.

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**PAPER SHREDDING EVENT**
Thursday, July 9, 2020
Rahway River Park