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# Elmwood Park

## 2012 WASTE WATCHERS' HANDBOOK *Plus*

Your Complete Guide To:  
**Recycling**  
**Garbage**  
**Clean-up Services**



*Plus*

**Town Services & Laws That Affect You**

## A Message From the Mayor

Dear Resident,

The Elmwood Park Waste Watcher Handbook was first published in 1993 to inform our residents about the new laws passed by the State of New Jersey concerning recycling. It was the first comprehensive booklet on local garbage, recycling and clean-up services in our Borough. We hoped that residents would understand the need to recycle by knowing how much money the Borough could save by recycling and also remind them that recycling was now mandated by state law. It contained information residents needed and, hopefully, answered any questions.

Since the first edition, the handbook has become the *Waste Watchers' Handbook Plus*. It has expanded not only the number of pages but in its content.

The Handbook now includes such diverse information as storm water pollution, hazardous waste, snow removal, health services, property maintenance, home and property information and leisure-time activities. This *Handbook Plus* now contains 20 pages of valuable Borough information.

Please take the time to read it through, and if you believe the next edition should contain information not listed, please call the Recycling Office at 201-796-1457, ext. 223, and pass it on to us. If we feel it is needed and have the space, it will be included.

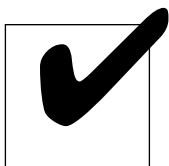
Not only was Elmwood Park one of the first towns to mail such a booklet to all residents, but we want it to remain one of the most comprehensive.

Thank you,



Richard A. Mola, Mayor

## Voter Registration

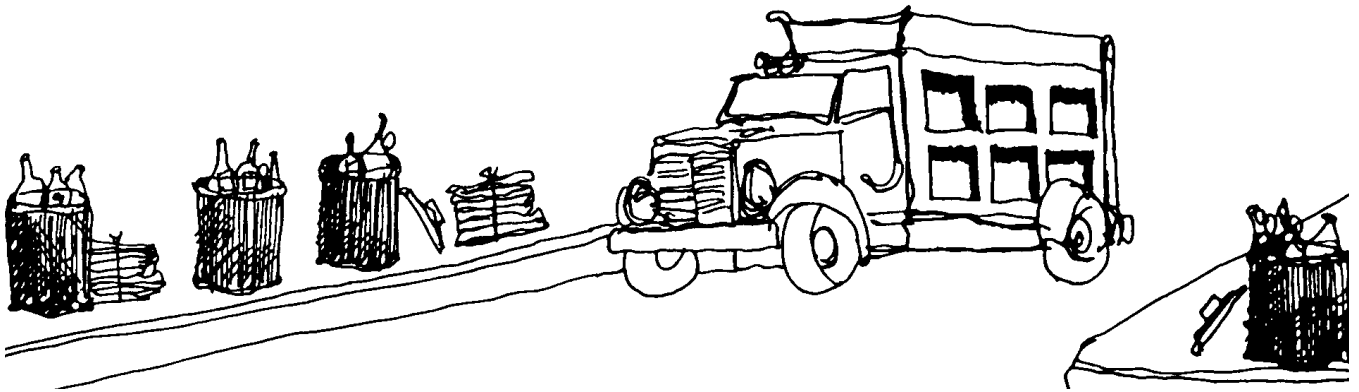


If you are not registered, have changed your name, or moved from one district to another, please call the Borough Clerk's Office. Registration books are closed twenty-one (21) days before each election; therefore, to vote, you must register before that time. Applications may be downloaded in PDF form at <http://www.elmwoodparknj.us/forms.html>

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## Regular Garbage Collection



Garbage must be on curbs after sundown (before dark) the night before collection. Garbage containers should be covered since rain and snow will add to the weight of garbage, creating a senseless waste of tax money.

● **Pick-Up Schedule:** Regular household garbage is picked up curbside throughout the community every Monday and Thursday.

**Bulky Garbage** (couch, chair, table, box spring, mattress, tied rug, not a roomful of furniture) will be picked up on Thursday. If you have any questions about these items, please call first for information. *Note:* When moving, residents *must not* line the curb with items to be discarded.

**Items not collected.** Recyclables picked up by recycling contractor or Department of Public Works – including glass, tin, aluminum, paper, leaves, grass and yard waste – will not be collected by the garbage contractor.

**REMEMBER:** *The garbage collectors have been instructed to leave any garbage container that has recyclable materials in it.*

**Items not picked up** by the garbage contractor or the Department of Public Works include:

- **Tires and car batteries**
- **Building materials**
- **Metal** may not be discarded with garbage.

**REMEMBER:** *When doing construction work on your home, you not only need a building permit, but you must recycle materials left from the job.*

● **Hot water heaters** will be picked up by D.P.W. when a permit is issued for a new one and it is inspected by the plumbing inspector.

● **White goods** – which are large appliances like stoves, refrigerators, freezers, washers, dryers and air conditioners. You must call the Recycling Office for a pick-up of these items.

● **TVs and computers** must either be traded in when a new item is purchased or brought to the DPW Yard, where there is a recycling container for them. If you have questions regarding these items, please call 201-796-1457, ext. 223.

### **HOLIDAYS\***

#### **No Garbage Pick-Up**

<b>Monday, May 28</b>	Memorial Day
<b>Monday, September 3</b>	Labor Day
<b>Thursday, November 22</b>	Thanksgiving Day

#### **Garbage Pick-up Following Holidays**

\*On the next regularly schedule pickup, garbage must be placed at the curb the night before, since pickup will begin after 3 a.m.

\* *Contracted holidays may change due to contract changes during the year.*

### **DISPOSING OF MEDICAL SYRINGES**

Residents who require the use of syringes at home for medical conditions may properly dispose of them by putting them in a coffee can or sturdy detergent bottle, securing the lid with duct tape. They may then be placed out with the regular garbage.

## Recycling Program

Mandatory recycling items. Elmwood Park residents are expected to recycle the following mandatory items:

- Glass
- Aluminum cans
- Tin cans
- Plastics
- Newspapers
- Magazines
- Paper
- Corrugated and chip-board cardboard
- Brown paper bags
- Yard recyclables
- Grass
- Leaves

How to package and separate these things as well as when to place them on your curb for pick-up are explained on the following pages.

**Please note: Recycling items to be picked up must be put at the end of your driveway.**

### **HOLIDAYS\***

#### **No Collections**

<b>Monday, May 28</b>	Memorial Day
<b>Wednesday, July 4</b>	Independence Day
<b>Monday, September 3</b>	Labor Day
<b>Thursday, November 22</b>	Thanksgiving Day
<b>Tuesday, December 25</b>	Christmas Day
<b>Tuesday, January 1, 2013</b>	New Year's Day

#### **Recycling Pick-up Following Holidays**

When a holiday falls on your collection day, recycling pick-up for that week will be on the following Saturday (except leaves and yard waste).

*\* Contracted holidays may change due to contract changes during the year.*

## Recycling Manufactured Items

Manufactured recyclable materials are collected by Elmwood Park's Recycling Contractor. Co-mingled or separately packaged materials are picked up on alternate weeks throughout the year.

For pick-up, place recyclables at your curb by 6 a.m. on your designated collection day in containers weighing not more than 40 pounds each.



### **Co-Mingled Recyclables: Glass, Aluminum, Tin, Plastics**

Glass, tin, aluminum and plastic items are to be *co-mingled*, which means that these items can be stored together in one container. **Do not place co-mingled recyclables in plastic or brown paper bags.**

**Glass** includes glass jars and bottles of all colors, rinsed and placed together in container.

- *Do not recycle* mirrors, ceramic cups and plates, clay flower pots, crystal, light bulbs, window glass, heat-resistant ovenware or drinking glasses.

**Tin and aluminum containers** includes all rinsed tin and aluminum food and beverage cans.

- Rinse containers and, when possible, crush to flatten.
- *Do not recycle* aerosol spray cans, frozen food trays or disposable pie plates.

**Plastics** are defined as soda, milk, bleach and laundry bottles or containers.

- Crush to flatten whenever possible.
- Rinse and remove caps and lids.
- *Do not recycle* deli food containers, buckets and pails.

#### **PICK-UP OF CO-MINGLED ITEMS**

Specific pick-up dates are listed under the "Co-Mingled" column of the schedule on page 6.

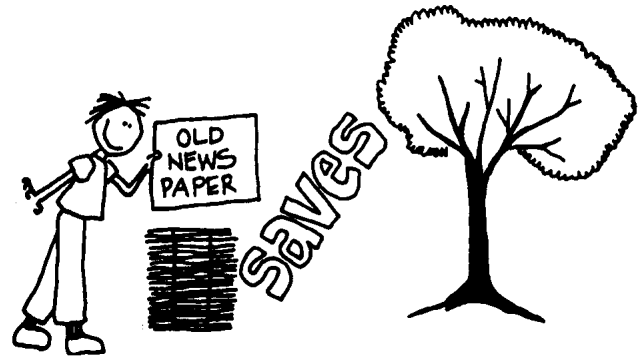
## Separately Packaged Recyclables: Paper, Cardboard

Various types of paper and cardboard are to be bundled **separately**, as explained below.

**Newspapers** can be tied or placed loosely in a container that will keep them from flying. *They must not be placed in brown paper bags or plastic bags.*



**Magazines and Paper** includes any soft-cover magazines, writing paper, junk mail of all kinds, computer paper or the like. This material may be tied or placed in a separate container, **not in a garbage can**, and must not be placed with newspapers.



**Cardboard must be broken down and flattened. It will not be picked up if it is not broken down.** Cardboard includes:

- **Corrugated Cardboard**, all large boxes with parallel furrows or ridges used for packaging larger items or shipping products. Break, rip or flatten these boxes for recycling.
- **Chipboard Cardboard**, food packaging boxes that do not have wax covering, such as macaroni boxes or cereal boxes. Remove and discard inner liners and/or cellophane windows with regular garbage. **NO Milk or Juice Cartons.**
- **Brown Paper Bags** can be placed with flattened cardboard.

### Household Trash Talk

#### Aluminum

- Was once more valuable than gold
- Has no limit on number of times it can be recycled
- Cans represent most recycled item in the U.S.

#### Paper

- Requires 60% less energy to recycle compared with making it from new materials
- Represents 65% of household trash, as 10% of every purchase goes for packaging
- Usage, along with wood and other products, for the average American family comes to an estimated 7 trees a year

#### Glass

- Is thrown away every month in an amount large to fill a giant skyscraper; all our glass bottles and jars are, of course, recyclable.

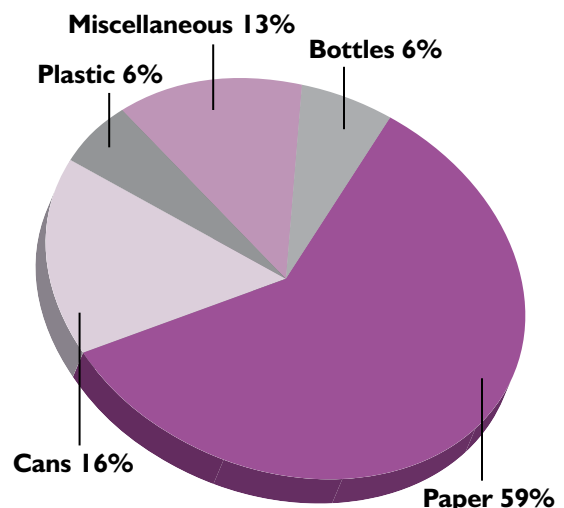
#### PET Plastic

- Can be recycled into clothing, fiber fill for sleeping bags, toys, stuffed animals and more.

#### PICK-UP OF PAPER

Specific dates for paper pick-up are listed under the "Paper" column of the schedule on page 6.

### Composition of Highway Litter



## Pick-up Districts

### For Recycling and DPW Pick-up

#### Section 1:

From Kipp Avenue to Route 80, west of Boulevard to River Drive. MONDAY PICK-UP.

#### Section 2:

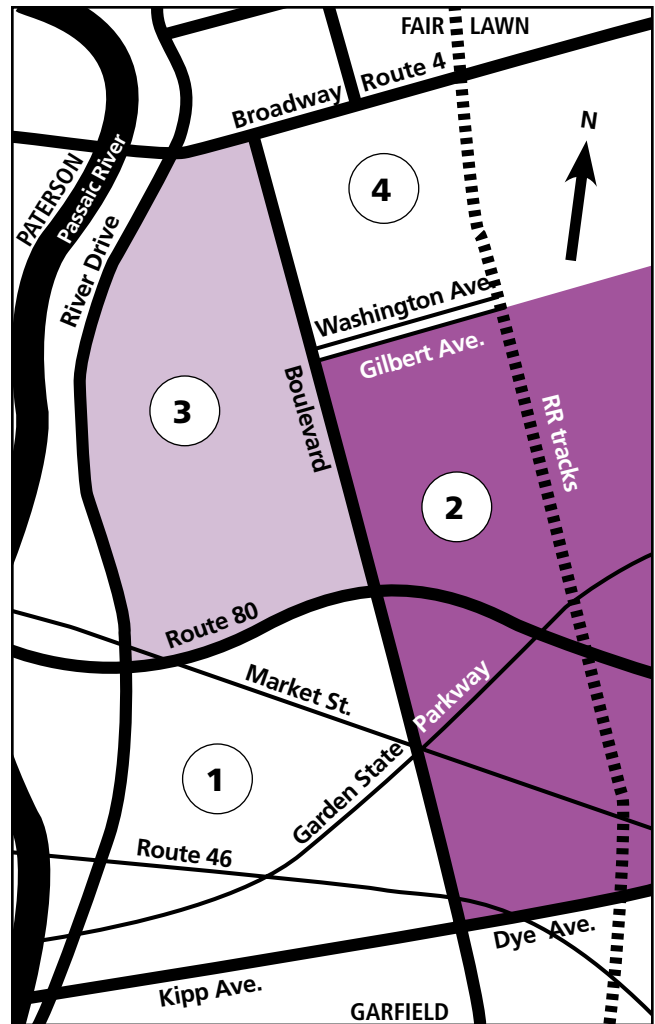
From Dye Avenue to Gilbert Avenue, east of Boulevard to railroad tracks, including all of Cherry Hill. TUESDAY PICK-UP.

#### Section 3:

From Route 80 to Route 4, west of Boulevard to River Drive. WEDNESDAY PICK-UP.

#### Section 4:

Rosemont Section and Route 4 to Washington Avenue, east of Boulevard to railroad tracks. THURSDAY PICK-UP.



## MANUFACTURED RECYCLABLES PICK-UP SCHEDULE FOR 2012

2012	Monday Section 1		Tuesday Section 2		Wednesday Section 3		Thursday Section 4	
	Co-Mingled	Paper	Co-Mingled	Paper	Co-Mingled	Paper	Co-Mingled	Paper
January	2, 16, 30	9, 23	3, 17, 31	10, 24	4, 18	11, 25	5, 19	12, 26
February	13, 27	6, 20	14, 28	7, 21	1, 15, 29	8, 22	2, 16	9, 23
March	12, 26	5, 19	13, 27	6, 20	14, 28	7, 21	1, 15, 29	8, 22
April	9, 23	2, 16, 30	10, 24	3, 17	11, 25	4, 18	12, 26	5, 19
May	7, 21	14	8, 22	1, 15, 29	9, 23	2, 16, 30	10, 24	3, 17, 31
June	4, 18	2*, 11, 25	5, 19	12, 26	6, 20	13, 27	7, 21	14, 28
July	2, 16, 30	9, 23	3, 17, 31	10, 24	7*, 18	11, 25	5, 19	12, 26
August	13, 27	6, 20	14, 28	7, 21	1, 15, 29	8, 22	2, 16, 30	9, 23
September	10, 24	8*, 17	11, 25	4, 18	12, 26	5, 19	13, 27	6, 20
October	8, 22	1, 15, 29	9, 23	2, 16, 30	10, 24	3, 17, 31	11, 25	4, 18
November	5, 19	12, 26	6, 20	13, 27	7, 21	14, 28	8, 24*	1, 15, 29
December	3, 17, 31	10, 24	4, 18	11, 29*	5, 19	12, 26	6, 20	13, 27
January 2013	14, 28	7, 21	5*, 15, 29	8, 22	2, 16, 30	9, 23	3, 17, 31	10, 24

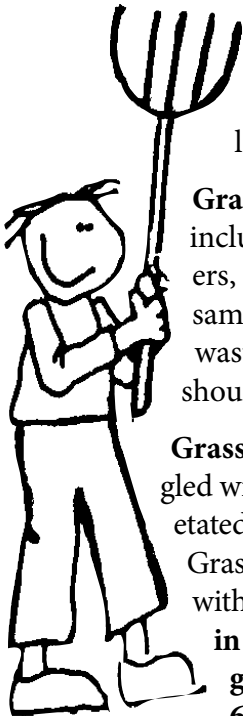
\*Holiday Reminder: Recycling pick-up will be on the following Saturday.

# Recycling Nature's Waste

The Department of Public Works makes scheduled pick-ups of yard waste, grass and leaves during the year. **If you have questions concerning DPW, please call 201-796-1457, ext. 450.**

## Yard Waste

Yard waste must be recycled separately and can not be placed with regular garbage. The D.P.W. provides curbside pick-up of these recyclables:



**Branches, shrubs, hedges and bush clippings** are to be tied in bundles, not to exceed 4 feet in length.

**Grass clippings and garden waste**, including vegetation, plants and flowers, can be co-mingled (placed in the same container). Do not jam garden waste into container; the containers should be able to be emptied freely.

**Grass clippings** can now be co-mingled with other types of yard and vegetated waste, now called **Yard Waste**. Grass clippings must not be placed with regular garbage. **Put grass in a container no larger than 32 gallons and place at curbside by 6 a.m. of your grass pick-up day.**

Use of plastic bags is against the law; grass placed in plastic bags will not be picked up.

## DPW HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

*There will be no collections in your section if your regular collection day falls on a holiday:*

<b>Memorial Day</b>	Monday, May 28
<b>Independence Day</b>	Wednesday, July 4
<b>Labor Day</b>	Monday, September 3
<b>Columbus Day</b>	Monday, October 8
<b>Election Day</b>	Tuesday, November 6
<b>Thanksgiving Day</b>	Thursday, November 22

## YARD WASTE/GRASS CLIPPINGS PICK-UP SCHEDULE

**April 2 through October 11**

**Section 1:** Every Monday

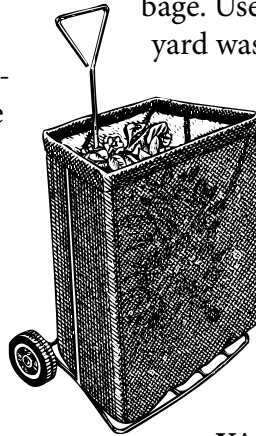
**Section 2:** Every Tuesday

**Section 3:** Every Wednesday

**Section 4:** Every Thursday

## Yard Waste Regulations

Yard waste must not be placed with regular garbage. Use of plastic bags is against the law; yard waste placed in **plastic bags will not be picked up**. Yard waste should be placed in containers not to exceed 32 gallons in size.

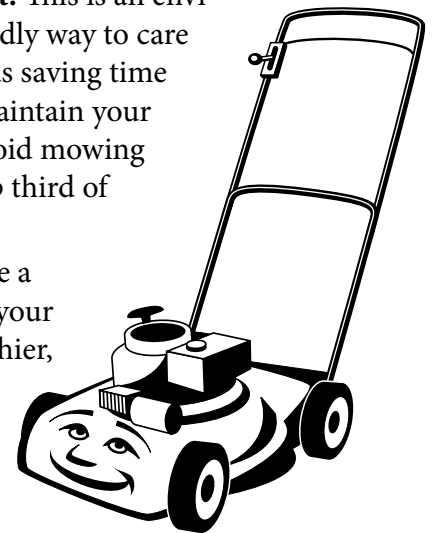


**YARD WASTE STICKERS** are available at the Recycling office as well as at the Department of Public Works and should be placed only on **yard waste containers no larger than 32 gallons**.

**YARD WASTE** will be picked up weekly from April 2 through October 11 according to your recycling schedule.

**Cut it and leave it.** This is an environmentally friendly way to care for your lawn, plus saving time and money. To maintain your lawn properly, avoid mowing more than the top third of the grass.

Since clippings are a natural fertilizer, your lawn will be healthier, and the taller grass will shade the soil, cooling roots and preventing weeds.



**IF YOU MISS A PICK-UP OR HAVE A LARGE AMOUNT TO DISCARD...**

**Yard waste, grass clippings and leaves** can also be brought to Public Works Yard located on Slater Drive, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., or Saturday, 8 a.m. to 12 noon, weather permitting.

## Recycling Nature's Waste, continued

### Leaves

Leaves must not be placed with regular garbage.

**Rake and place them curbside for collection.**

Leaves must be loose, not in plastic bags or barrels. Residents who prefer to compost their own leaves are permitted to do so.

**Do not put branches, sticks or cornstalks in leaf piles, as they clog leaf machines.** Make sure your landscaper, also, puts leaves close to the curb (not in middle of road) no more than 48 hours before your pick-up day. *If the leaves are put out after the truck goes by on your day, you will have to remove them from the street.* **Dumping leaves in or on the curbs surrounding Borough-owned parks is strictly prohibited.**



*Note of caution:* Caution children about the danger of playing in piles of leaves at curbside, especially if they cannot be seen by drivers who will be parking their cars. Do not park your car on leaf piles since heat under the car can start fires. Have leaves ready for pick-up on the same day as your Recycling Schedule.

### LEAF PICK-UP SCHEDULE

October 22 through December 20,  
weather permitting

**Section 1:** Every Monday

**Section 2:** Every Tuesday

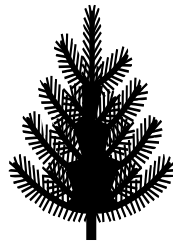
**Section 3:** Every Wednesday

**Section 4:** Every Thursday

### Christmas Trees

D.P.W. will pick up Christmas trees in the month of January. For pick-up, just place your tree at the curb on your specified day.

*Do not place trees in plastic bags; trees in plastic covers will not be picked up.* Alternatively, you may bring your tree to the D.P.W. yard until Friday, January 25, 2013.



### 2013 CHRISTMAS TREE PICK-UP SCHEDULE

**Section 1:** Monday, January 7 and 14

**Section 2:** Tuesday, January 8 and 15

**Section 3:** Wednesday, January 9 and 16

**Section 4:** Thursday, January 10 and 17

These are the only days trees will be picked up unless the schedule is changed due to snowfall.

## Do-It-Yourself Removal

### Latest Word on Disposing of TVs and Computers

**TVs and computers** will no longer be picked up at curbside. They are to be disposed of by either trading them in when purchasing a new one or bringing them to the Department of Public

Works yard, where there is a container for them. Hours are Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m., and Saturday, 8 a.m.-12 noon. Proof of residency is required prior to entering the DPW complex.

### Collected Recyclables

**Magazines, writing paper and junk mail ONLY** (no newspaper, cardboard or brown paper bags) can be brought to Marcal Paper Mill, Gate 2, on River Road, between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

**Yard waste, grass clippings and leaves** can be brought to the **Public Works Yard** on Slater Drive Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The **D.P.W.**

**Yard** is also open on Saturday from 8 a.m. to

**8** noon, weather permitting.

**Used clothing** can be donated to the Dare Program. Collection boxes are located at A&P on Outwater Lane, Garfield.

**Household batteries: Alkaline batteries** (AA, AAA, C, D, 9V) are to be treated as normal garbage. **Vehicle and rechargeable batteries, button batteries** (used in hearing aids and watches) and **cell phones** with battery are still to be recycled and can be brought to the Hazardous Waste Collections listed opposite on page 9.

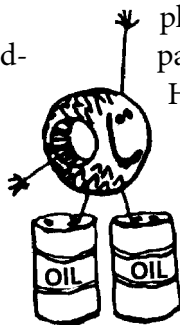
## Non-collected Recyclables

Many recyclable items are not removed by either garbage or recycling contractor. Following are additional suggestions for removal:

**White goods (large appliances)** must either be traded in when a new item is purchased or scheduled for pick-up by calling the Recycling Office.

**Building materials**, like asphalt, roofing, cement and asphalt sidewalks and driveways, bricks, etc., are recyclable. Building permits contain recycling information. It is the responsibility of the contractor or homeowner to recycle and forward the information to the Recycling Coordinator.

**Tires** must be traded in when new ones are bought, or they may be disposed of at local gas stations or tire repair centers. The BCUA conducts free tire recycling events. For dates and locations, see below.



**Car batteries** must be traded in or taken to scheduled BCUA Hazardous Waste Collections Days.

**Used motor oil** can be disposed by pouring into plastic bottles or metal cans and bringing to participating gas stations or scheduled BCUA Hazardous Waste Collections Days.

**Anti-freeze** is a hazardous waste and must be disposed of properly. Bring it to a participating gas station or to scheduled BCUA Hazardous Waste Collection Days.

**Old propane tanks** can be brought to Modern Propane, Route 46, Lodi. They also may be brought to scheduled BCUA Hazardous Waste Collection Days.

**Old computers and TVs** are also accepted at the BCUA, at the foot of Empire Blvd. in Moonachie.

## Hazardous Waste Disposal

• aerosol cans • anti-freeze • batteries: all types • blacktop sealers • bug sprays • disinfectants • fertilizer • fire extinguishers • fluorescent light bulbs • gasoline • herbicides • kerosene • mercury switches • oil filters (used) • paints: all types • pesticides • propane gas cylinders (1 lb., 20 lb. only) • solvents, thinners • thermostats/thermometers • used motor oils • varnishes.

**If you have unacceptable materials such as unlabeled wastes or containers with unknown contents, regulated medical wastes, radioactive materials and explosives, etc., call 201-807-5825 for help with disposing of them properly.**

## BERGEN COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY COLLECTION DAYS

Programs are free and held rain or shine. Proof of Bergen County residency is required.

### TIRE & COMPUTER/ELECTRONICS AND PAPER SHREDDING

All sites open 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

**Sunday, April 29, and Saturday, August 18**

Bergen County Community Services Bldg.,  
327 East Ridgewood Avenue, Paramus

**Saturdays, June 23 and November 3**

Bergen County Campgaw Mountain Reservation,  
200 Campgaw Road, Mahwah

#### Tire Recycling

Limit: 4 tires per person, per delivery

#### Computer/Electronics Recycling

Printers, fax machines, TVs, monitors, computer components; no materials from business

#### Paper Shredding

Recycle unwanted, confidential documents by shredding them. Limit of 4 bags/boxes of no more than 10 pounds each. Observe materials shredded on-site.

### HAZARDOUS WASTE

(No electronics or automobile tires)

All sites open 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

**Sundays: April 15, June 10, October 14**

Bergen Community College  
400 Paramus Road, Paramus

**Saturdays: March 10, July 21**

Bergen County Utilities Authority  
Foot of Empire Boulevard, Moonachie

**Saturdays: May 19, September 8, November 17**

Bergen County Campgaw Mountain Reservation  
200 Campgaw Road, Mahwah

To learn more, call the hotline at

**201-807-5825**

or visit NJ's household hazardous waste website:

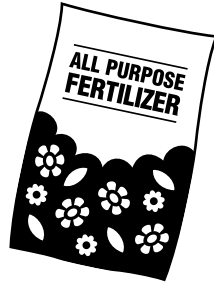
**www.bcua.org**

## Solutions to Stormwater Pollution

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.
- Seek 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 water bodies, 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.
- 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.
- Know Elmwood Park'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.

### **Contact Information**

**For more 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:**  
[www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater](http://www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater) or  
[www.epa.gov/nps](http://www.epa.gov/nps)

**N.J. Department of Environmental  
Protection – Division of Water Quality**  
Bureau of Nonpoint Pollution Control  
Municipal Stormwater Regulation Program  
**609-633-7021 ▼ [www.cleanwaternj.org](http://www.cleanwaternj.org)**

### **Don't feed wildlife**

- Do not feed wildlife, such as ducks and geese, in public areas.
- Both Bergen County and Elmwood Park have laws prohibiting the outdoor feeding of animals and birds, a fine of \$100 for the first offense.

### **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.
- Follow the Elmwood Park yard waste collection rules as laid out on page 7.
- Use leaves and grass clippings as a resource for compost.
- Use a mulching mower that recycles grass clippings into the lawn.

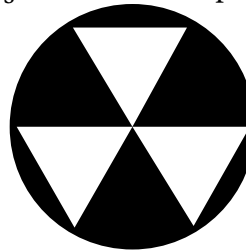
## Medical Radio-Iodine Waste Disposal

Every year more than 40,000 people are diagnosed with thyroid disease, the treatment for which may involve radioactive iodine-131. It concentrates in the thyroid, but slight amounts are excreted in saliva, perspiration, stool, urine and blood.

If you have received I-131 treatment from your healthcare provider, there are safety measures that you should be aware of to dispose of waste that may contain trace amounts of I-131. By following these guidelines and your healthcare provider's instructions, you will protect your loved ones, and the radioactive material will not enter the environment before it is safe.

Any personal care, disposable items – such as diapers, wipes and sanitary products that would be used to absorb body fluids – should be disposed of as follows:

- Each soiled product that will be thrown away should be placed in a self-sealing plastic bag.



- This bag should then be placed in a tightly covered storage container, such as a large plastic storage box.
- Store the container in a secure area away from pets and family members.
- Your healthcare provider will tell you if you require additional information concerning safe disposal of personal care items.
- Call your healthcare provider if you require additional information concerning safe disposal of personal care items.

### **PLEASE DO NOT PLACE INTO HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE.**

There have been instances reported by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission where this type of medical waste thrown into garbage trucks has set off radiation detectors at landfills. The trucks then must be emptied of their loads and searched for the source of the radiation.

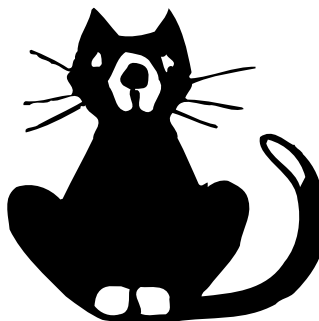
### ***Proper Waste Disposal Following Your Cat's RIT Procedure***

After your cat has received Radioactive Iodine Therapy (RIT), he or she will emit a small amount of radiation. The radioactive iodine is useful in treating the condition that your veterinarian has diagnosed in your pet. Caution should be taken in disposing of products that may contain trace amounts of this radioactive substance.

The radioactive iodine will exit the cat's body by way of the urine and feces. Any excrement, vomit or soiled kitty litter should be disposed of carefully.

The following is the method for safe handling and disposing of your cat's waste that may contain trace amounts of radiation. This is to ensure that the material will not enter the environment before it is at a safe level.

- Upon returning home from the veterinarian's office, provide a clean litter box with a disposable liner – a plastic garbage bag works well, and fill with clumping (scoopable) litter.



- Place the litter box in an area away from humans and other animals.
- Every day scoop out the excrement and place it in a sealed container, such as self-sealing food-storage bags. Place them in a tightly covered container, such as a large plastic food-storage container.
  - Store tightly covered in an outdoor shed or garage away from the house.
  - Use gloves when scooping the litter and while cleaning up around the litter box. The same procedure should be used for vomit at this time.
  - Replace litter as needed.
  - Do not place in your regular garbage.
- Your veterinarian will tell you how long to store this litter, when it can be safely disposed of, how long your cat may emit radiation and other after-care instructions.

**Call your veterinarian if you have any questions or need additional information.**

## Elmwood Park Clean-up Events



**Planning a Private Garage Sale?** You must obtain a permit at the Police Department. When a permit is issued, you will receive signs to post. These are the only signs that can be posted and must be removed after the sale.

Note that you can download a garage sale application at [www.elmwoodparknj.us/forms.html](http://www.elmwoodparknj.us/forms.html).

### **Public Grounds Clean-Up**

The Mayor, Council and Recycling Office will sponsor two volunteer "Litter" Clean-Up Days. You are invited to come and make a difference in our community effort.

### **CLEAN-UP SATURDAYS**

**April 21 and October 20, 10 a.m.**

**Place:** Recreation Center (Nutrition Side)

**Annual 2012 Town-Wide Garage Sale:** The May 19-20 weekend will be the Annual Town-Wide Garage Sale. No permit will be necessary. Any signs must be removed at the end of the sale.

**If you are interested in having a garage sale that weekend, call the Recycling Office to register your address on a list of participating garage sales that will be made available to all garage sale visitors.**

## New 2012 Winter Parking Ordinance

### **S7-8.3 Temporary Parking Prohibition for Snow Plowing and Removal**

**1.** Whenever snow has fallen between December 1st and March 31st, an emergency shall exist and no vehicles shall be parked on any Borough street, road or highway except in conformity with this ordinance.

**2.** Parking shall be permitted from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. the following morning. On even-numbered calendar dates, vehicles may be parked on the near side of the street adjacent to lots and houses that have been assigned even numbers. On odd-numbered calendar dates, vehicles may be parked on the near side of the street adjacent to lots and houses that have been assigned odd numbers. On cul-de-sacs bearing consecutive street numbers, parking is prohibited according to the schedule for the street side which it connects.

**3.** These rules shall apply to all streets located within the Borough, including those with parking on one side only. On those streets, parking is only permitted if it would be permitted under Paragraph 2 above.

**4.** Except as permitted pursuant to these regulations, no vehicle shall be parked or left unattended on any street, right-of-way or thoroughfare, until the street right-of-way or thoroughfare has been plowed.

**5(a).** Any unoccupied vehicle parked or standing in violation of this subsection shall be deemed a nuisance and a menace to the safe and proper regulation of traffic, and any Police Officer may provide for the removal of such vehicle. The owner shall pay the reasonable costs of the removal and storage which may result from such removal before regaining possession of the vehicle.

**5(b).** Unless some other penalty is expressly provided by New Jersey statute, every person convicted of a violation of this subsection or any supplement thereto, shall be liable to a penalty of not more than two hundred (\$200.00) dollars or imprisonment for a term not exceeding fifteen (15) days or both.

## Snow Removal Tips

Every year we all remove snow from our driveways, and then snow plows come by and block us in again. This problem can never be completely eliminated, but there are some smart suggestions to help minimize frustration after winter snow storms. Please follow these guidelines:

Park cars off the street during snowfall. When snow is falling, be sure to remove your cars from streets designated for no parking during snow. **Failure to do so can result in a \$50 fine.** Cars should be removed from all other streets, too. *Think and plan ahead* the day or night before expected snowfall. When snow is on the way, get ALL vehicles off the street. Park vehicles so the first one that has to get out is the last vehicle parked in the driveway. Doing this will give you less snow to remove.

Clear snow properly. When removing snow, always pile snow behind the curb (see areas marked "OK" in illustration). Driveway snow should be piled on the upper side of the driveway (the side the D.P.W. snow plow reaches last).

### **NEVER throw snow in the road.**

This only assures you that the plows will plow the snow back in your driveway. If the plow has already cleared your street, you can receive a summons for putting snow back in the roadway. When hiring someone to do your snow removal, suggest that they do it the proper way.

**Do not drive unless absolutely necessary.** Any form of traffic complicates plowing. If you must drive, be sure your car is ready for winter driving.

**Do not call the Public Works Department** unless absolutely necessary. D.P.W. workers have over 50 miles of streets to plow and this takes time.

### **Smart Snow Management**

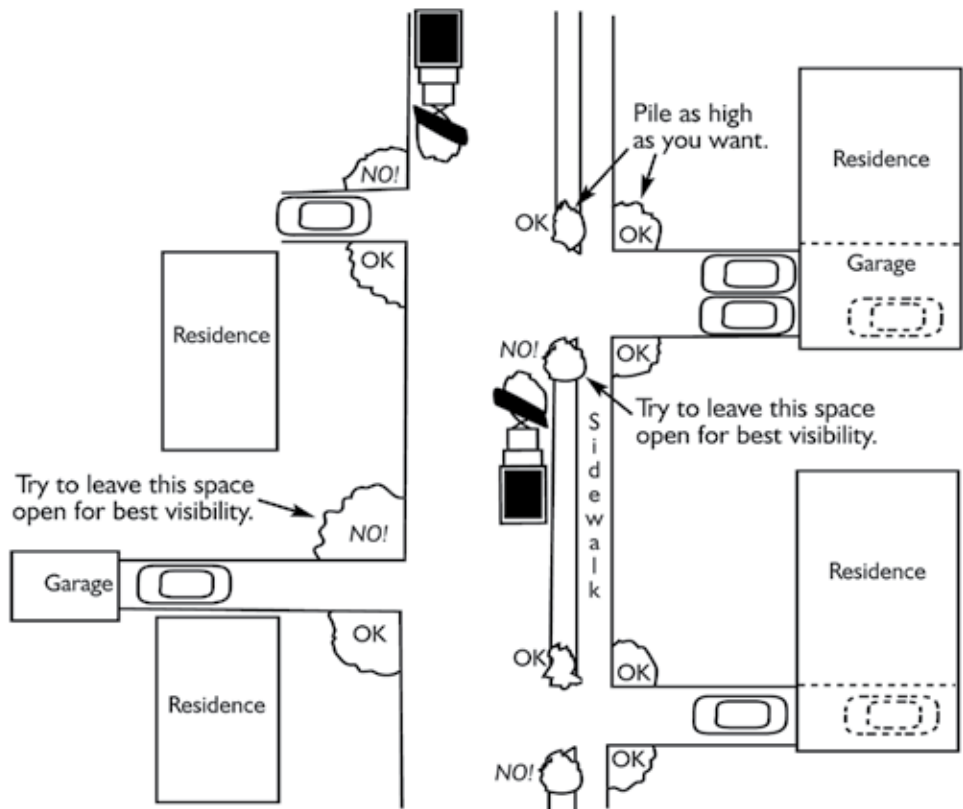
1. Think and plan ahead.
2. Get all vehicles off the street.
3. Park them in order of departure.
4. Pile snow behind the curb.
5. Take it easy.

### **Access to Fire**

#### **Hydrants**

#### **Ordinance #96-6**

**Uniform Fire Code:** The owner or lessee of any property within five feet of a fire hydrant shall be responsible to see that a five-foot clear space is provided in all directions from the fire hydrant. The requirements of this section shall be completed by the responsible party not later than 24 hours after any natural obstruction such as snow prevents access to the fire hydrant and within 12 hours of any other type of obstruction. Failure of any person to maintain open space for all fire hydrants in accordance with this section shall be deemed a violation of the Fire Safety Code.



## Law Enforcement and Emergency Services

### Police Department

The Elmwood Park Police Department is proud to provide enforcement, safety, security and assistance to the community. The Police Department consists of two divisions, the patrol and the investigative divisions.

In addition, the Police Department has several specialized units:

- Motorcycle Patrol
- Community Relations
- Traffic Safety
- Heavy Truck Enforcement
- Narcotics Enforcement
- Juvenile
- Warrants
- Firearms Licensing
- Liquor Licensing
- Terrorism Taskforce Liaison
- Bicycle Patrol
- Honor Guard



Officers will reach out to the residents through daily contacts as well as planned events.

Police Officers will provide free security surveys to residents concerned with securing their homes.

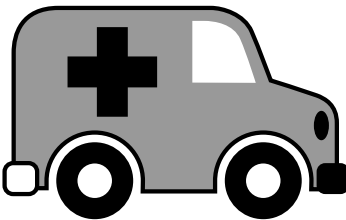
To protect children, fingerprinting-identification kits are provided to our residents upon request.

#### DO YOU HAVE SPECIAL NEEDS?

Residents may register any special needs with the Police desk officer. Our computerized docketing system allows the officers to gain instantaneous access to pertinent information by address at the dispatch point.

Handicaps and other vital information may be disseminated to the first responders, including police, fire and ambulance personnel. You may register by calling the Police at 201-796-0700.

### Volunteer Ambulance Corps



The Elmwood Park Volunteer Ambulance Corps, located at 236 Falmouth Avenue, supplies emergency medical service free-of-charge to the residents

of Elmwood Park and surrounding communities. All members are volunteers and fully certified emergency medical technicians. Membership is currently low and the Corps is seeking additional volunteers. To offer assistance, call 201-796-8077.

### Court

Elmwood Park's Municipal Court office is open to the public from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Court sessions take place every Tuesday at 3 p.m.

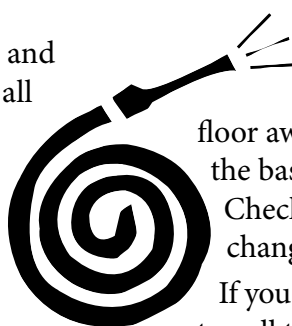
Tickets can be paid online at [www.njmcdirect.com](http://www.njmcdirect.com) with a court code ID of 0211. We accept payments at the window by Visa, MasterCard, cash, check money order or bank check.



### Fire Department

To help ensure the safety of all residents and property, there are fire safety codes that all must adhere to. When a new occupant moves into an apartment, private house or business, the property must be inspected by a Fire Official.

14 Elmwood Park's Fire Official offers a good general reminder for all residents:



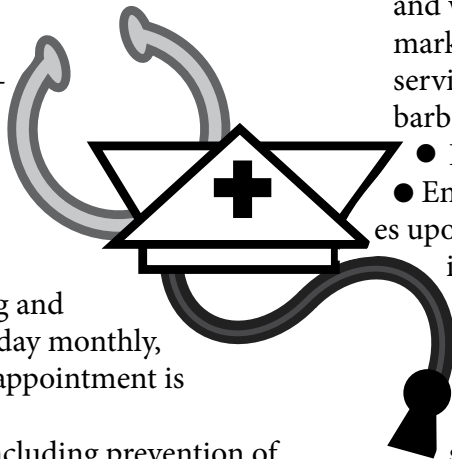
Make sure smoke detectors and carbon monoxide alarms are placed in proper areas (in hallway near bedrooms, on first floor away from kitchen, at bottom of stairs of the basement and if there is any storage in attic). Check and change detectors' batteries at the change of the seasons.

If you have questions or concerns about fire safety, call the Fire Official: 201-796-1457, ext. 221.

## Health Department Services and Activities

The Health Department provides numerous services for residents.

- Maintenance of vital statistics records and Registrar services, including marriage, death and birth: certified copies and issuance of marriage licenses.
- Child Health Clinic for well visits and free childhood immunizations. By appointment. Includes full schedule of vaccinations and lead blood testing.
- Adult Health Counseling and Blood Pressures: 3rd Friday monthly, 9 to 11 am. Walk in, no appointment is needed.
- Adult immunizations, including prevention of pneumonia, meningitis and tetanus. Free vaccines available.
- Seasonal flu vaccination clinics.
- Dog and cat licensing.
- Free rabies clinic in May.
- Stray animal control, including kennel facilities arrangements.
- Animal bite investigations.
- Communicable disease and illness outbreak investigations.
- SMAC, low-cost blood test, including cholesterol and diabetes screening.



- Health Education Services: program prevention of drugs and alcohol abuse, injury prevention and topics of interest on healthy living.
- Environmental health inspection program of Sanitary Code compliance of all retail food and wholesale food establishments; all food markets, cafeterias and stores preparing and serving food. Beauty and nail salons and barber shop inspections.
- Inspection: pet shops, animal kennels.
- Environmental lead inspections of residences upon report of elevated blood levels in a child.
- Enforcement and response to inadequate heat and hot water, and multi-family housing code issues.
- Enforcement of Public Health Nuisance and Environmental Protection codes. Control of rats and mice, noxious weeds, animal nuisances, garbage and debris, water pollution, air pollution, noise and hazardous materials and waste.
- Occupational health report investigation.
- Emergency public health preparedness planning and response for clinic and immunization services for residents.
- Community health planning and grant application for health funding.
- Blood-borne pathogen program and annual training for public employees.

### Keeping Your Hands Clean...

Prevents illness at home, school and work!

#### Health Reminders

**Blood Pressure Screening:** For adults 18 and older: 3rd Tuesday each month, 9 to 11 am, in clinic room.

**SMAC Low-Cost Blood Screening:** By appointment, Tuesday, April 3.

#### Poison Control



In the event of a poison emergency, you can call the NJ Poison Control Hotline: **1-800-222-1222.**

#### Pet Reminders

**Free Rabies Clinic:** For all dogs and cats; 3rd Wednesday in May.

#### Dog and Cat Licensing & Waste Removal

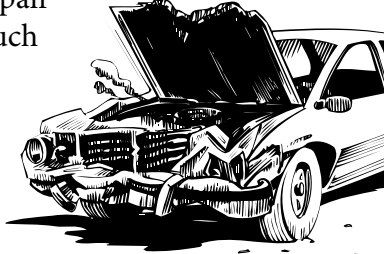
- All dogs and cats must have a current animal license issued in the Health Department office in January. Dog and cat owners with unlicensed pets after February are subject to a summons. New dogs and cats can be licensed at any time of the year.
- Remember to clean up after your dog and dispose of the waste in a sealed plastic bag in the regular garbage. Do not put animal waste in the sewer. When walking your dog, you must carry a container to pick up waste, or a summons will be issued for failing to do so.

## Home and Property Information

### Property Maintenance

Numbers should be placed on all residences for quicker response in emergencies.

- Cars should not be parked on front lawns – except when it's snowing.
- No car that is uninspected or unregistered or in a state of disrepair or disassembly such as to make it inoperable shall be parked or stored on any property in any residential zone.
- No car while parked in any unenclosed, off-street parking area or driveway in any residential zone shall be stripped, dismantled or undergo any type of major overhaul, including body work, on jacks, blocks, with or without tires, or is inoperable in its existing condition. It's the law. (Ordinance 88-8)



family homes should be reported to the Building Department: 201-796-1457, ext. 601.

**Any dwelling found to be an illegal apartment will be subject to a summons and court appearance along with a fine (up to \$1,500 for first offense) for the owner of the property.**

### Landscapers and the Law

Please see that any landscaper you hire is licensed to do landscaping in the Borough. There is a \$25 fee for this permit, and you should check with your landscaper to be sure such a permit has been obtained.



### Certificates of Occupancy– Homes and Apartments

When selling your house or renting an apartment, you must obtain a certificate of occupancy from the Building Department.

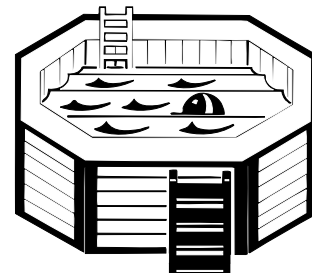


### Illegal 2- or 3-Family Homes

Since everyone must pay their fair share of taxes, the Mayor and Council are aggressively monitoring illegal dwellings. Any known or suspected illegal three- or two-

### Swimming Pools

Please remember before buy any pool (even blow-up pools) that owners are required to have permits. This is a State Law put in place by the Department of Community Affairs.



## Water Information

### Water Meters

Passaic Valley Water Commission reads the water meters electronically every quarter ensuring accurate and actual meter readings.

For 24-hour automated account and billing information, call PVWC at 973-340-4300.

### HOMEOWNERS ORGANIZATION

This group meets the last Wednesday of the month at the American Legion.

## Permits, Permits, Permits! Answers to Frequently Asked Questions

**Q** Does installing or replacing some sheds, pools or fences in the yard require a permit?

A. Yes.

**Q** Does replacing doors or windows with new ones of the EXACT same size require a permit?

A. No, but if you change the rough opening and make it smaller or larger, this DOES require a permit.

**Q** Does replacing a hot water heater with a new or used one require a permit?

A. Yes.

**Q** Does replacing a driveway on your property require a permit?

A. Yes. If you replace the driveway from your property line across the sidewalk to the curb, then you need an additional permit from the Department of Public Works at Slater Drive.

**For further information, call 201-796-1457, ext. 450.**

**Q** How come my permit takes so long to get?

A. Some permits are simple and can be is-

### BUILDING PERMITS

Please call the Building Department to find out if you need a permit for any home improvement project you wish to do. The department welcomes such calls.

**201-796-1457, ext. 601**  
**7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.**  
**Monday-Friday**

sued quickly; others can be more complex and require a longer time for review and research. So, like any project, please plan ahead and hire qualified professional builders and architects that are properly insured and have proven references. Most permits that

are issued are good for one year.

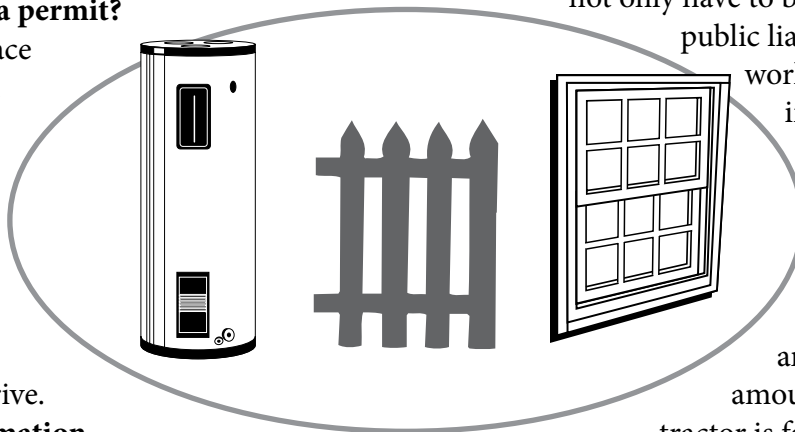
After receiving your permit and the work is completed, remember to call for final inspection so the permit can be closed out.

**Q** What information do I need about contractors?

A. All contractors who do work in the Borough not only have to be licensed but also carry public liability insurance and workman's compensation insurance.

Every contractor must register with the Building Department each year and provide a certificate of insurance. There is a fine in the amount of \$2,500 if the contractor is found to be unregistered.

All residents who are having work done by a contractor should insist on the contractor showing proof of licensing and insurance.



### DOING IT YOURSELF – WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM THE INTERNET

In this time when economizing is essential to most Americans, there's a website that could be helpful in countless ways. It's to be found at [www.DoItYourself.com](http://www.DoItYourself.com) and is an amazing resource for just about any activity you might want to tackle. It covers all of the following:

- Cars, trucks and boats;
- Interior and exterior

- painting and improvement;
- Electrical and electronics;
- Plumbing, heating and air conditioning;
- Gardening and outdoor;
- Green home and green living;
- Hardware, tools and woodworking;
- Household cleaning;
- Personal finance and legal;
- Real estate;
- Your health;
- Cooking, nutrition, recipes – and much more.

## Leisure Time

### **Elmwood Park Free Public Library**

Located at 210 Lee Street, the Elmwood Park Public Library contains more than 80,000 materials including a wide variety of books, magazines, newspapers, CDs, DVDs and CD-ROMs. You can also download audio books from our online catalog.

As a member of the Bergen County Cooperative Library System (BCCLS), the library's patrons can use their Elmwood Park library card to borrow books and audiovisual materials from any of the 70+ BCCLS member libraries. Materials can also be borrowed from throughout the state and the country through our Jersey Cat program.

**The Library offers a wide variety of services to the public that includes:**

- Arts and cultural programs for adults and children
- Book Discussion Group
- Public computer with Internet access
- Faxing, printing and copying services
- Computer classes
- Saturday programs for children, including story and craft time, guest performers, children's book clubs and educational games
- Summer Reading Club for children
- Outdoor Summer Concert Series

***“Reading is to the mind, what exercise is to the body.”—JOSEPH ADDISON, 1672-1719***

### **Library Hours**

**Monday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.**

**Tues., Wed. and Thurs. 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.**

**Friday & Saturday 10 a.m.– 5 p.m.**

**Sunday 1– 5 p.m.**

**(Closed Sunday in July and August)**

**Phone: 201-796-8888**

**Fax: 201-703-1425**

**Website:**

**<http://elmwoodpark.bccls.org>**

### **Internet Access and Word Processing**

The library provides five public computers with Internet access for the public to use on a reservation basis. It also maintains a Computer Lab that contains computers for word processing only.

**For a list of monthly Library programs ...** check the events bulletin board at the Library, call **201-796-8888**, or visit the Library's website at **<http://elmwoodpark.bccls.org>**

### **Tax Relief for Senior Citizens, Veterans and Disabled Persons**

The Division of Taxation offers a number of programs that could help save you money. Visit our website to see if you may be eligible: <http://www.elmwoodparknj.us/tax/taxrelief.html>

The following claim application forms are available to download in PDF form:

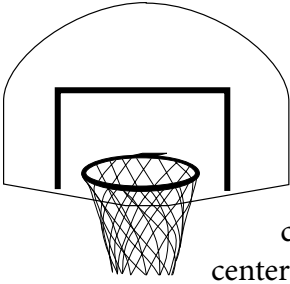
- Property Tax Deduction Claim: Senior Citizen, Disabled Person or Surviving Spouse (Form PTD).
- Property Tax Deduction Claim: Veteran or Surviving Spouse of Disabled Serviceperson (Form VSS)

- Property Tax Exemption Claim: Disabled Veteran or Surviving Spouse of Disabled Veteran or Serviceperson (Form DVSSSE)

In addition to the programs listed above, the New Jersey State Division of Taxation offers a Senior Freeze Program. Details can be obtained from the NJ Division of Taxation's website: <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/propfreez.shtml>

You may also contact the New Jersey Division of Taxation by calling the Senior Freeze Hotline: 1-800-882-6597.

## Recreation



**The Recreation Complex**, located on the corner of Boulevard and Market Street, has a gymnasium, weight room, game room, crafts room, a nutrition center and senior lounge.

**Varied Activities** are provided by the Recreation Department for young residents, including tennis, basketball, soccer, wrestling, lacrosse, street hockey, and arts and crafts.

**After-School Program:** The Recreation Department runs a daily after-school program from 3 to 6 pm. Free bus transportation from school is included. Children will receive a snack, homework help and then do recreational activities.

**New This Year! School Vacation Camp.** When school is out for a week, the Recreation Department will be holding camp. Special activities, trips, and arts and crafts, snack included. Free bus transportation provided for morning pick-up.

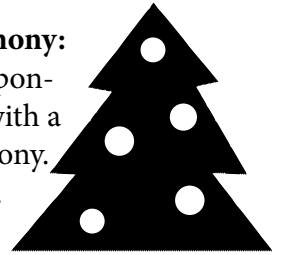
Program runs from 8:30 am to 6 pm



**Easter Egg Hunt** is held each spring. Each child will receive an egg.

**Halloween Dance** is conducted for children in the Rec. Complex gym. Candy is given to all wearing costumes. Special prizes will be awarded for outstanding costumes.

**Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony:** The Recreation Department sponsors a visit from Santa along with a Christmas tree lighting ceremony. Light refreshments are served.



**Annual Community Day**, date to be announced, features a DJ, food, rides for the children. All town residents are welcome.

### You Can Register Online

for all our recreation programs at:

<http://register.communitypass.net/elmwoodpark>

### For More Information

regarding Elmwood Park programs and schedule, call 201-796-1457, ext. 350.

### Registration for Memorial

**Pool in Fair Lawn.** By special arrangement, Elmwood Park residents can register to use Memorial Pool, located at the end of Bredan Avenue, Fair Lawn. For more information, call Fair Lawn Recreation Department at 201-796-6746.

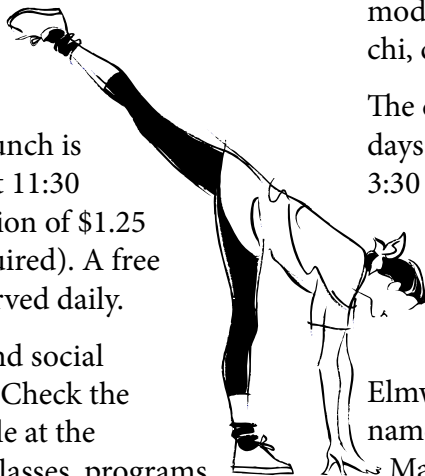


### Senior Activity Center

The **Senior Center** is in the Recreation Complex at the corner of Boulevard and Market Street. It is open to all Bergen County seniors 60 years of age and over.

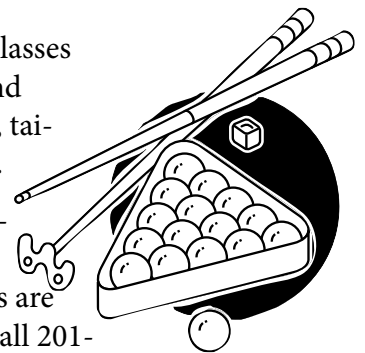
A nutritionally balanced lunch is served Monday – Friday at 11:30 a.m. for a suggested donation of \$1.25 (advance reservations required). A free continental breakfast is served daily.

A variety of educational and social programs are also offered. Check the monthly calendar (available at the Center) for a schedule of classes, programs,



trips and events. Some classes include: exercise (low and moderate impact), yoga, tai-chi, ceramics and dance.

The center is open weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and all seniors are invited to join in. Call 201-796-3342 for more information.



Elmwood Park also has a few **Senior Clubs**. For name and location of meetings, please call the Mayor's office: 201-796-1833.

## Borough Information

### Borough Directory

**Emergency**.....911

**Police Department**  
Thomas Johnson, Chief .....201-796-0700

**Volunteer Fire Department**  
Michael Sulik, Jr., Chief .....201-796-0700

**Volunteer Ambulance Corps**  
Peter Pias, Chief.....201-796-0700

**MUNICIPAL OFFICES Main 201-796-1457**

**Municipal Clerk**  
Keith Kazmark..... Ext. 200

**Building Inspector**  
Richard Bolan ..... Ext. 601

**Certified Municipal Finance Officer**  
Roy Riggitano ..... Ext. 216

**Department of Public Works**  
Scott Karcz, Superintendent ..201-796-1009

**Health Department**  
Deborah Ricci, Health Officer..... Ext. 604

**Library**  
Bobbie Protono, Director.....201-796-8888

**Municipal Court Clerk**  
Nadia Halhoul..... Ext. 603

**Nutrition & Senior Center**  
Cristine Cobb.....201-796-3342

**Recreation Department**  
Donna Puglisi, Superintendent..... Ext. 350

**Recycling Coordinator**  
Patricia Burke ..... Ext. 223

**Tax Assessor**  
Kevin Esposito..... Ext. 605

### Mayor

**Richard A. Mola** 201-796-1833 [rmola@elmwoodparknj.us](mailto:rmola@elmwoodparknj.us)

### Council

<b>Lawrence Castiglia</b>	201-796-7635	<a href="mailto:lcastiglia@elmwoodparknj.us">lcastiglia@elmwoodparknj.us</a>
<b>Robert Colletti</b>	201-797-4221	<a href="mailto:rcolletti@elmwoodparknj.us">rcolletti@elmwoodparknj.us</a>
<b>Thomas Conboy</b>	201-745-1334	<a href="mailto:tconboy@elmwoodparknj.us">tconboy@elmwoodparknj.us</a>
<b>Sammie Keith Work</b>	201-414-0355	<a href="mailto:kwork@elmwoodparknj.us">kwork@elmwoodparknj.us</a>
<b>Richard Trawinski</b>	201-797-1065	<a href="mailto:rtrawinski@elmwoodparknj.us">rtrawinski@elmwoodparknj.us</a>
<b>Louis Vuoncino</b>	201-791-6899	<a href="mailto:lvuoncino@elmwoodparknj.us">lvuoncino@elmwoodparknj.us</a>

### 201-796-1457

<b>Recycling</b>	Ext. 223	<a href="mailto:pburke@elmwoodparknj.us">pburke@elmwoodparknj.us</a>
<b>D.P.W.</b>	Ext. 450	<a href="mailto:skarcz@elmwoodparknj.us">skarcz@elmwoodparknj.us</a>
<b>Municipal Clerk</b>	Ext. 200	<a href="mailto:kkazmark@elmwoodparknj.us">kkazmark@elmwoodparknj.us</a>

### Town Meetings

Municipal meetings are open to the public. Following are town meetings regularly scheduled each month.

<b>Mayor &amp; Council</b>	<b>Public:</b> 1st & 3rd Thursday <b>Work:</b> 2nd & 4th Thursday Municipal Building, 8 p.m.
<b>Board of Education</b>	4th Tuesday, High School, 8 p.m.
<b>Planning Board</b>	2nd Wednesday, Municipal Building, 7:30 p.m.
<b>Board of Adjustment</b>	4th Wednesday, Municipal Building, 7:30 p.m.
<b>Board of Health</b>	2nd Monday, Municipal Building, 7 p.m.
<b>Library Board</b>	4th Monday, Library, 7 p.m.
<b>Board of Recreation</b>	3rd Tuesday, Recreation Center, 7:30 p.m.

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