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2025

Elmwood Park

Waste Watchers' Handbook

*Plus*



Your Complete Guide To  
Recycling, Garbage & Clean Up Services

## A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Dear Resident,

As your Mayor, I have been entrusted to carry on the duties of making Elmwood Park run as financially proficient as possible, while simultaneously keeping taxes down. That’s exactly the objective of this waste watcher’s handbook. It calls upon all residents to partake in the savings of our Borough’s operating costs by way of recycling, therefore helping the governing body to keep our taxes down. State Law mandates that we recycle.

The plus is, this handbook contains information, along with the dates, of activities from some of the Municipal Departments that service our entire community. Take special note of the Recreation Department’s 2025 calendar and the numerous activities in which all residents – young and old – are encouraged to participate, should these current times allow.

Please take 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. 3000, and let us know. Should we deem it necessary and have space, it will be included.

Sincerely,

Robert Colletti, Mayor



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## 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. You can now register to vote online at: <https://www.state.nj.us/state/elections/voter-registration.shtml>

**Looking for a New Pet for Your Family?**

**Visit Bergen County Animal Shelter and Adoption Center,  
100 United Lane, Teterboro, NJ**

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# ATTENTION RESIDENTS

## GARBAGE RECEPTACLE SPECIFICATION CHANGES

BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK  
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
ORDINANCE NO.: 24-22  
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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 27-3.1 (“REFUSE CONTAINERS AND COLLECTION”) RELATED TO GARBAGE RECEPTACLE SPECIFICATIONS

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Elmwood, in the County of Bergen, as follows:

### SECTION 1. Amendment to Code Section 7-16 27-3.1 (“REFUSE CONTAINERS AND COLLECTION”)

Borough Code Section 7-16, paragraph (b) be and hereby is amended to provide the following language:

b. **Garbage to be Kept Separate; Receptacle Specifications.** Garbage must be kept entirely separate from all other refuse and must be placed in a sufficient and suitable receptacle with a tight-fitting cover for receiving and holding the refuse.

i. “Sufficient” is defined for the purpose of this section to be at least one receptacle for each family unit or other occupant of premises and at least two such receptacles for each commercial or business establishment where the aforesaid refuse shall accumulate, but each occupant of premises shall provide enough receptacles to store all refuse which may be accumulated there between the times when such refuse is disposed of as hereinafter provided.

ii. “Suitable” is defined for the purpose of this section to be a watertight metal, rubber or plastic receptacle with a tight-fitting cover so constructed as to prevent spilling or leakage of its contents.

iii. Each receptacle shall be equipped with a pull handle or handles.

iv. Receptacles that are badly broken or otherwise fail to meet the requirements of this section may be classed as refuse and collected and disposed of as such by the person or agency responsible for the collection of refuse, provided that such receptacle shall not be collected if it appears to have been suitable under the definition of this section at some previous time without a written notice being delivered to the owner of the fact that the receptacle is not deemed suitable at least 10 days before the receptacle is collected.

v. Receptacles shall be conveniently located on premises for the storage of refuse and maintained in such a manner with the cover in place as to prevent creation of a nuisance or menace to public health.

### SECTION 3. Repealer

All Ordinances and parts thereof conflicting herewith be, and the same hereby are, repealed.

### SECTION 4. Severability

If any section, paragraph subdivision, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to that section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision so adjudged, and the remainder of this Ordinance shall be deemed to be valid and effective.

### SECTION 4. Effective Date

This Ordinance shall be effective upon passage and publication as required by law.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Shanee Morris, RMC, CMR  
Borough Clerk

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert Colletti, Mayor

Introduced: September 19, 2024

Adopted: October 17, 2024



## REGULAR GARBAGE COLLECTION

### Residential Dwellings

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.**

- **BED BUG INFESTATION PREVENTION** **EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, ALL mattresses and box springs, regardless of contamination, are to be wrapped in clear plastic before being placed on the curb. Pick up will be on Thursday/Trash day.** If there is any suspicion of bed bug infestation, the resident will also be required to wrap ALL FURNITURE individually in plastic prior to placing it on the curb.

**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/Construction Materials/Wood

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

- **Metal** may not be discarded with garbage.



### CONDOS, CO-OPS AND APARTMENT COMPLEXES

Items *not* to be placed in Dumpsters marked for **Garbage:** Glass, tin, aluminum, paper, newspapers and cardboard.

- **Pick- Up Schedule:** Regular household Garbage Dumpsters are emptied every Monday and Thursday.

- **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. Pickup is for TV's only at a fee of \$20. If you have questions regarding these items, please call 201-796-1457, ext. 3000.

### HOLIDAYS\* NO GARBAGE PICK-UP

Monday, May 26	Memorial Day
Monday, September 1	Labor Day
Thursday, November 27	Thanksgiving Day
Thursday, December 25	Christmas Day

### Garbage Pick-up Following Holidays

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

**IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT THE RECYCLING OFFICE AT: 201-796-1457, EXT. 3000**

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

# RECYCLING PROGRAM

For residents who are interested in using the free app, *Recycle Coach*, to assist with keeping track of their recycling schedule please visit: <https://elmwoodparknj.us/departement-of-public-works/recycle-coach> for more information.

## **\*\* ALL RESIDENTS MUST PROVIDE THEIR OWN RECYCLING CONTAINERS\*\***

**Mandatory Recycling Items.** All Elmwood Park residents are expected to recycle these mandatory items:

### **Commingled Recyclables**

- Glass
- Aluminum cans
- Tin cans
- Plastics

### **Paper and Cardboard**

- Newspapers
- Magazines
- Paper, brown paper bags
- Corrugated and chipboard cardboard

## RECYCLING MANUFACTURED ITEMS

### **Residential Dwellings**

Commingled and paper/cardboard materials are picked up on alternate weeks throughout the year. For pick-up, place recyclables at your curb after 6 p.m. the night before your designated collection day, in containers weighing not more than 40 pounds each. No Plastic Bags Allowed!!

### *RECYCLING HOLIDAYS (NO PICKUP) FOR CARDBOARD AND COMMINGLES*

*PICK UP WILL BE THE FOLLOWING SATURDAY*

- *Memorial Day • Fourth of July*
- *Labor Day • Thanksgiving Day*
- *Christmas Day • New Year's Day*

### **Condos, Co-Ops and Apartment Complexes**

Containers for Recycling are placed throughout your complex. Dispose of recyclables as follows:

- **Commingled container:** Glass, aluminum cans, tin cans, plastic containers
- **Paper container:** Cardboard (broken down), newspapers, magazines, junk mail

### **DISPOSING OF MEDICAL SYRINGES**

Residents who require home use of syringes for medical conditions may properly dispose of 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, once labeled "syringes".

## COMMINGLED RECYCLING - Acceptable Items\*

**Plastic household containers with the numbers 1, 2 or 5 on the bottom of the container** [i.e. Water and soda bottles, detergent, shampoo & bleach bottles (narrow neck containers)]

- Aluminum beverage cans, aluminum pet food cans, aluminum foil and pie tins
- Bi-metal/steel food cans (all sizes)
- Glass bottles and jars of every color
- Plastic 5 gallon buckets, totes, soda/milk crates, laundry type baskets
- Plastic carts, trash cans/lids without wheels and axles and 100% all plastic lawn furniture (no metal)
- Non-electronic large plastic toys (i.e. Playhouses, Playschool toys, etc.) – NO METAL ATTACHED
- Plastic tubs and lids (i.e. Yogurt containers, margarine tubs, ketchup bottles, syrup bottles)
- Gable topped milk, juice, soup and other beverage cartons as well as Aseptic cartons

\*All acceptable material should be as clean as possible, free of any debris or excess residue





## PAPER AND CARDBOARD RECYCLING

Various types of paper and cardboard are to be recycled.

Newspapers may be tied in a separate bundle or placed in a container with other paper.

*They must not be placed in plastic bags or leaf bags*



**Magazines and paper** includes: any soft-cover magazines, writing paper, junk mail of all kinds, computer paper or the like; **Chipboard cardboard**, food packaging boxes that do not have wax covering, such as macaroni or cereal boxes; **no MILK or JUICE cartons; brown paper bags** can be placed with all paper.

**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.
- **Hard-Cover Books** may be put in the same container as all the other paper or placed in a cardboard box for recycling.

## NON-ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

**Plastic Bags of any size or color!!**  
**Any Container with a number 3,4,6 or 7 on the bottom!!**

- Drain Pipes
- Flower Pots
- Chemical Bottles
- Coolers
- Electronics (Any Type)
- Tool Boxes
- Plastic Film
- Plastic Oil Containers
- Paint Cans
- Plastic Utensils
- Appliances
- Pool Liners or Covers
- Small Plastic Pools
- Fabrics/Clothing
- Water Hoses/Rubber Hoses
- Wheels/Tires of Any Size
- 55 Gallon Drums
- Paper/Cardboard/Wood
- Styrofoam/Packing Peanuts
- Fiberglass Items
- Old VCR Tapes/Video Tapes
- Plastic Food Trays
- Tar Pails
- Antifreeze Containers
- Microwave Trays
- Vinyl Products/Vinyl Siding
- General Trash of Any Type
- Vacuum Hoses
- Hazardous Materials/Medical Waste
- PVC Pipe/Tubing/Plumbing Fixtures
- Pesticide Containers
- Fast Food Trays



**REGULAR GARBAGE PICK UP FOR ALL SECTIONS IS EVERY MONDAY AND THURSDAY  
FURNITURE PICK UPS ARE MADE ON THURSDAY**

**QUESTIONS ARE TO BE DIRECTED TO THE RECYCLING OFFICE AT  
201-796-1457, EXT. 3000**

**\*\*HOLIDAY REMINDER\*\***

**RECYCLING PICKUPS WILL BE MADE ON THE FOLLOWING SATURDAY.  
(SEE PAGE 4)**

## PICK UP DISTRICTS

### For Recycling and DPW Pick-ups

#### Section 1:

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

#### Section 2:

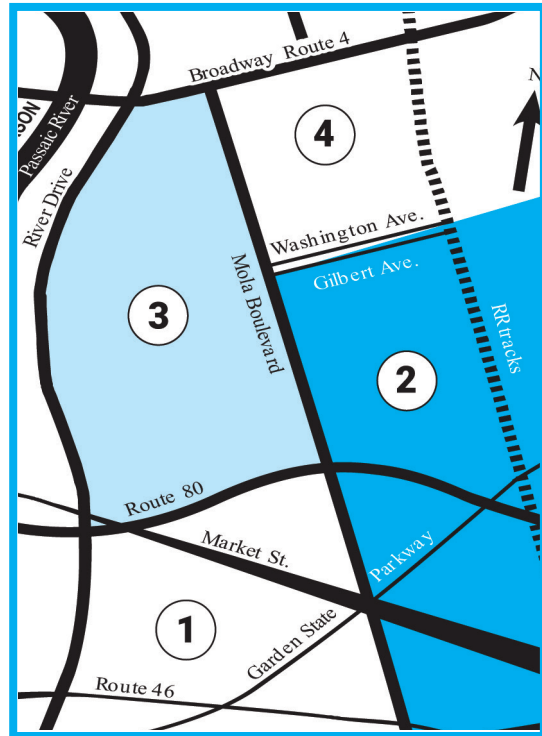
From Dye Avenue to Gilbert Avenue, East of Mola Boulevard to railroad tracks, including all of Cherry Hill. **TUESDAY PICK-UP**

#### Section 3:

From Route 80 to Route 4, West of Mola Boulevard to River Drive. **WEDNESDAY PICK-UP**

#### Section 4:

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



**\*Please Note:** Dates below in **BLUE** indicate a holiday and will be picked up on the following Saturday.

<b>2025</b>	Monday Section 1	Monday Section 1	Tuesday Section 2	Tuesday Section 2	Wednesday Section 3	Wednesday Section 3	Thursday Section 4	Thursday Section 4
<b>C = Commingled P = Paper</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>P</b>
January	13, 27	6, 20	14, 28	7, 21	1, 15, 29	8, 22	2, 16, 30	9, 23
February	10, 24	3, 17	11, 25	4, 18	12, 26	5, 19	13, 27	6, 20
March	10, 24	3, 17, 31	11, 25	4, 18	12, 26	5, 19	13, 27	6, 20
April	7, 21	14, 28	8, 22	1, 15, 29	9, 23	2, 16, 30	10, 24	3, 17
May	5, 19	12, 26	6, 20	13, 27	7, 21	14, 28	8, 22	1, 15, 29
June	2, 16, 30	9, 23	3, 17	10, 24	4, 18	11, 25	5, 19	12, 26
July	14, 28	7, 21	1, 15, 29	8, 22	2, 16, 30	9, 23	3, 17, 31	10, 24
August	11, 25	4, 18	12, 26	5, 19	13, 27	6, 20	14, 28	7, 21
September	8, 22	1, 15, 29	9, 23	2, 16, 30	10, 24	3, 17	11, 25	4, 18
October	6, 20	13, 27	7, 21	14, 28	8, 22	1, 15, 29	9, 23	2, 16, 30
November	3, 17	10, 24	4, 18	11, 25	5, 19	12, 26	6, 20	13, 27
December	1, 15, 29	8, 22	2, 16, 30	9, 23	3, 17, 31	10, 24	4, 18	11, 25



## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

40 Slater Drive

Hours: M-F 7am-3:30pm • Saturdays: 8:00am-12pm – Weather Permitting  
**201-796-1457 Ext 3000 – Please leave a message if there is no answer**

### Yard Waste

Grass clippings, vegetation, plants and flowers can be commingled in the same container. DPW provides curbside pickup of yard waste.

### Yard Waste Regulations

**Yard Waste must not be placed with regular garbage. If so, it will not be picked up. Branches, shrubs, hedges and bush clippings are to be tied in bundles, not to exceed 4 feet in length. Put yard waste in a container no larger than 32 gallons and place at curbside by 6am on your pickup day. Do not jam garden waste into container, the containers should be able to empty freely.**

*Use of plastic bags is against the law.*

**GRASS PLACED IN PLASTIC BAGS WILL NOT BE PICKED UP.**

Yard waste and leaves can also be brought to the DPW Garage during their normal business hours.

YARD WASTE STICKERS are available at the DPW office and Borough Hall.

### YARD WASTE PICK-UP ONLY DPW HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

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

Monday, May 26	Memorial Day
Thursday, June 19	Juneteenth
Monday, September 1	Labor Day
Monday, October 13	Columbus Day
Tuesday, November 11	Veteran's Day
Thursday, November 27	Thanksgiving Day
Thursday, December 25	Christmas Day

### YARD WASTE PICK-UP SCHEDULE

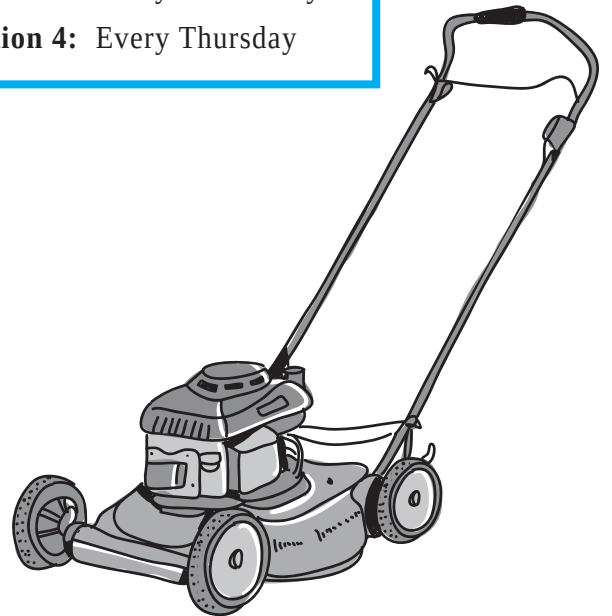
**March 31 through October 23**

**Section 1:** Every Monday

**Section 2:** Every Tuesday

**Section 3:** Every Wednesday

**Section 4:** Every Thursday



**CUT IT AND LEAVE IT.** This is an environmentally friendly way to care for your lawn, plus it saves 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.

**NO PAPER OR ANY GARBAGE  
is to be mixed in with Grass.**

**If so, your GRASS  
WILL NOT be picked up.**



## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS (CONTINUED)

### Leaves

**Rake and place curbside for collection. Leaves must be loose, separated from regular garbage and not in plastic bags or barrels.** Alternatively, residents may compost their own leaves.

**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) – not less than 10 feet from a storm drain inlet – no more than 48 hours before your pick-up day. If the leaves are put out after pick-up 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.**



**Important:** 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 the heat under the car can start a fire. Have leaves ready for pick up on the same day as your recycling schedule.

### LEAF PICK-UP SCHEDULE - 2025

*October 20 through December 18*

*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 17, 2025.

#### 2025 CHRISTMAS TREE PICK-UP SCHEDULE

**Section 1:** Monday, January 6 and 13

**Section 2:** Tuesday, January 7 and 14

**Section 3:** Wednesday, January 8 and 15

**Section 4:** Thursday, January 9 and 16

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



## DO-IT-YOURSELF REMOVAL

### Disposing of TVs and Computers

Trade in these electronics when purchasing a new one or take them to the recycling container at the D.P.W. yard. Hours: M-F, 7:00 am – 3:30 pm; Sat., 8 am – noon. Proof of residency is required prior to entering the D.P.W. complex.

If you are not able to transport these items, call the Recycling Office at 201-796-1457, ext. 3000, for an appointment. There is a charge for picking up televisions. We DO NOT pick up computers.

### Collectible items

**Used clothing** can be donated to many different charitable organizations, such as AMVETS or the Salvation Army.

**Household batteries:** Alkaline batteries (AA, AAA, C, D, 9V) are to be disposed of as normal garbage.

**Vehicle and rechargeable batteries,** button batteries (used in hearing aids and watches) are still to be recycled and can be brought to the Hazardous Waste Collections on the next page.



## NON-COLLECTABLE ITEMS

Many recyclable items are not removed by either garbage or a recycling contractor. Please note the following for 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. Any item 80% metal can also be scheduled for pick up through the Recycling Office by calling 201 796-1457 ext. 3000.

**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.**

**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.*

## HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL

• Aerosol Cans • Anti-freeze • Batteries: Vehicle & Rechargeable Only • Blacktop Sealers • Bug Sprays • Disinfectants • Fertilizer • Fire Extinguishers • Fluorescent Bulbs • Gasoline • Herbicides • Kerosene • Mercury Switches • Oil Filters (Used) • Paints: All Types • Pesticides • Propane Cylinders (1 lb., 20 lb.) • 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., go online to [www.bcua.org](http://www.bcua.org) or call the BCUA hotline at 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.

### 2025 Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Event Dates

HHW Event Collection Hours are  
9:00 a.m. - 3:00p.m. RAIN OR SHINE

**Bergen County Utilities Authority**  
Foot of Empire Blvd., Moonachie  
Saturday, March 8, 2025  
Saturday, November 15, 2025

**Bergen County Campgaw Mountain Reservation**  
200 Campgaw Rd., Mahwah  
Saturday, May 10, 2025  
Saturday, July 19, 2025  
Saturday, September 6, 2025

**Bergen Community College**  
400 Paramus Rd., Paramus  
Sunday, April 6, 2025  
Sunday, June 8, 2025  
Sunday, October 19, 2025

### 2025 Document Shredding, Electronics Recycling and Tire Recycling Collection Event Dates

**Bergen Community College**  
400 Paramus Rd., Paramus  
Sunday, April 13, 2025  
Saturday, August 9, 2025

**Bergen County Campgaw Mountain Reservation**  
200 Campgaw Rd., Mahwah  
Saturday, June 14, 2025  
SSunday October 5, 2025

Document Shredding, Electronics and  
Tire Recycling event Collection Hours are  
9:00 a.m. - 2:00p.m. RAIN OR SHINE

## ELMWOOD PARK LOCAL EVENTS

### **Elmwood Park Public Grounds Clean-Up CLEAN-UP SATURDAYS**

April 12 and October 4, 10 a.m. - 12 noon

**Location:**

**Recreation Center (Nutrition Side)**

The Mayor, Council and Recycling Office will be sponsoring two volunteer "Litter" Clean-Up Days. Everyone is invited to come and make a difference in our community effort.

### **Elmwood Park Shredding Event**

**OCTOBER 11, 2025**

**9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.**

**THIS IS A RAIN OR SHINE EVENT**

**Location:**

Behind the Municipal Building

- Confidential/sensitive material only
- No need to remove paper clips, staples or paperboard covers

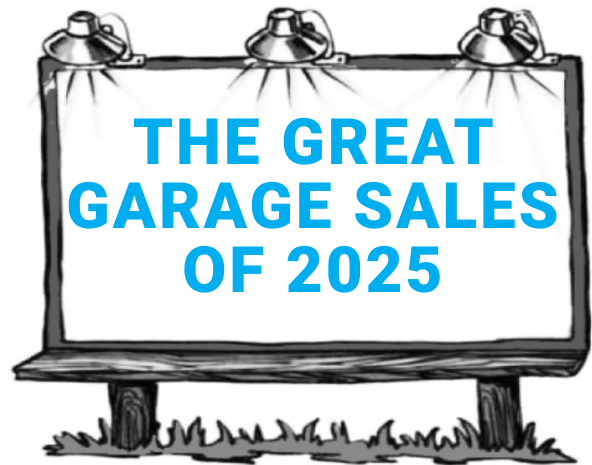
For more information, call the **Recycling Office** at 201-796-1457, ext. 3000

## FOR SPECIAL HANDLING

We live in an age where we're all now more aware of safety issues related to certain body fluids. The Health Department recommends the following steps be taken to protect others when disposing of such potentially harmful products.

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.



**Annual Town-Wide Garage Sales of 2025:** We will be having 2 town-wide garage sales this year. The weekends of May 17/18 and September 20/21, 2025.

**NO PERMIT IS NEEDED - NO SIGNS ARE ALLOWED TO BE POSTED.** If you are interested in participating in either event or have any questions, call the Recycling Coordinator at **201-796-1457, Ext. 3000**, to register. A list of participating garage sales will be made available to all garage sale visitors.

**Planning a Private Garage Sale?** You must obtain a permit at the Police Department's Records Bureau window: Monday-Friday: 8am-6pm, 201-796-1457 Ext. 1012 and after hours at Ext: 1018

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. Signs may not be posted on utility poles.



### **Poison Control**

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



## STORM DRAIN INFORMATION



### What is a Storm Drain?

Storm drains are metal grates found on the roadways usually along the curb-line near a corner. They help prevent flooding by draining stormwater and snow off of the streets and other paved surfaces. Is the Storm Drain System the same thing as a Sanitary Sewer System?

No, they are not. The water goes down the drains at the home enters into the sanitary sewer system and is sent to a wastewater treatment facility where it is treated and cleaned. Water that flows into a storm drain remains untreated and goes directly to a natural body of water.

### What can I do to help prevent storm water pollution?

- \* Use lawn chemicals safely: Following instructions carefully and never apply before rain or watering your lawn, unless directed on the label.
- \* Don't dump into storm drains: Do not place any litter or yard waste down storm drains in the street. Do not put grass or leaves on top of or near the storm drains.
- \* Pick up after your pets: When walking your pet remember to bring extra plastic bags to pick up and dispose of the waste properly. Do not put down the storm drains. Pet waste contains bacteria and viruses. When not properly disposed of, it washes into our storm drains and enters local bodies of water. Picking up after your pet is not just a courtesy it's the LAW.

There are hundreds of storm drains throughout the Borough of Elmwood Park, in proximity to residential properties that are maintained by our Department of Public Works. If you have any concerns or questions about the storm drains call the **D.P.W. at 201-796-1457 Ext.3000**

**ONLY RAIN  
GOES DOWN THE DRAIN**

**No Leaves, No Pet Waste, No Chemicals...**

## WATER DEPARTMENT - HYDRANT FLUSHING

### PUBLIC NOTICE -- BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK WATER DEPARTMENT ATTENTION: Residents of Elmwood Park

Please be advised that the Borough of Elmwood Park Water Department **will begin a hydrant- flushing program on May 05, 2025 & September 08, 2025.** This program is part of an ongoing maintenance program to insure the delivery of the highest quality water. This work will be performed during regular working hours of 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The flushing program will last for a period of approximately 12 days according to the attached schedule. Your water service will not be interrupted. During these times residents may experience some discoloration of their water. This is expected and a normal occurrence when existing water mains are disturbed. If you experience this, caution should be used in washing white clothes; however, the discoloration poses no health hazard and the water is safe for consumption. Just allow the water to run from your cold water tap until it clears. If you have any questions regarding this program, call **(201) 796-1457, Ext 3000** during normal working hours. The Borough apologizes for any inconvenience during this time and requests your cooperation. You may experience discolored water during any of the 12 flushing days/and or all of the 12 flushing days. This list acts as a guide where you might be directly affected.

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<b>MAY 05 TH SEPT 08 TH</b>	<b>WILLOW STREET TO ROUTE 4, FLORENCE PLACE TO RIVER DRIVE</b>
<b>MAY 06 TH SEPT 9 TH</b>	<b>ROUTE 4 TO ACKERMAN AVE, RIVER DRIVE TO MOLA BOULEVARD</b>
<b>MAY 07 TH SEPT 10 TH</b>	<b>ROUTE 4 TO 18TH AVE, MOLA BOULEVARD TO EAST 55TH STREET</b>
<b>MAY 08 TH SEPT 11 TH</b>	<b>HAMILTON AVE TO FALMOUTH AVE (INCLUDING LEILARTS LANE) MOLA BOULEVARD TO CONRAIL RAILROAD</b>
<b>MAY 9 TH SEPT 12 TH</b>	<b>LINCOLN AVE TO MILLER AVE (WEST OF MOLA BOULEVARD) RIVER DRIVE TO MOLA BOULEVARD</b>
<b>MAY 12 TH SEPT 15 TH</b>	<b>LEE STREET TO LINDEN AVE, (WEST OF MOLA BOULEVARD) RIVER DRIVE TO MOLA BOULEVARD</b>
<b>MAY 13 TH SEPT 16 TH</b>	<b>SPRUCE STREET &amp; EAST PHILIP AVE TO MOLNAR DRIVE MOLA BOULEVARD TO CONRAIL RAILROAD</b>
<b>MAY 14 TH SEPT 17 TH</b>	<b>CHAMBERLAIN AVE TO HOMESTEAD ROAD, VAN RIPER AVE TO MARKET (WEST OF MOLA BOULEVARD) RIVER ROAD TO MOLA BOULEVARD</b>
<b>MAY 15 TH SEPT 18 ST</b>	<b>MARKET STREET TO ROUTE 46, GARDEN STATE PARKWAY RIVER DRIVE TO MOLA BOULEVARD (BIRCHWOOD SECTION)</b>
<b>MAY 16 TH SEPT 19 TH</b>	<b>RIVER DRIVE TO RAILROAD, ROUTE 46 TO KIPP AVE ( WEST OF MOLA BOULEVARD)</b>
<b>MAY 19 TH SEPT 22 ND</b>	<b>VAN RIPER AVE (EAST OF MOLA BOULEVARD) TO DYE AVE GARDEN STATE PKWY TO RAILROAD</b>
<b>MAY 20 th SEPT 23 rd</b>	<b>MARKET STREET TO ROUTE 46 ( EAST OF MOLA BOULEVARD) CARUTH AVE TO MIDLAND AVE (CHERRY HILL SECTION)</b>





## IN AN EMERGENCY – WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

During an emergency, communication and access to information are key to ensure everyone's safety.

### Emergency Notification – Reverse 911

To receive an emergency notification via email, telephone, or text messaging, please go to: [www.elmwoodparknj.us](http://www.elmwoodparknj.us) and click on the Police Department tab. Scroll down to the bottom of the page.

There are 2 links:

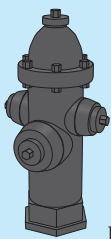
- **NIXLE** – To receive text messages or emails from the Police Department or the Office of Emergency Management, click on the NIXLE icon and follow the instructions.
- **SWIFTREACH NETWORKS (Reverse 911)** – To add or remove a current telephone contact from our system, click on the add/remove yourself button on the SwiftReach Networks icon.

**The Office of Emergency Management (OEM)** is responsible for the planning and coordination of activities during natural disasters and other emergencies. Operating under an emergency operations plan, the OEM coordinates the activities of emergency service units during these incidents.

- **Emergency supplies to have at the ready:** Battery-powered radio; flashlight; extra batteries; battery-powered or cellular phone; water; first aid kit. To learn more, go to [www.72hours.org](http://www.72hours.org) or [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov)
- **Emergency Radio Alert system:** In Bergen County: WJUX 103.1 FM, WWDJ 970 AM, WFDU 89.1 FM
- **Bergen County OEM Office:** 201-599-6210 or [www.bcoem.org](http://www.bcoem.org); **Federal Emergency Agency,** [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov)

## SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

Grass grows, leaves fall, snow happens... like it or not, these events cause us to have to be responsible for maintenance and cleanup. Here are some facts to be aware of, especially during winter.



### 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 no 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.

### About No Parking Signs

For most of the year, these signs throughout the borough are quite invisible – after all, who even



sees them when outdoor temperatures are in the 80s and 90s and the focus is on enjoying the gifts of nature? This changes, unfortunately, when Mother Nature has delivered quite a different set of “gifts”. For drivers, the focus is on getting where they have to go on clear, unobstructed roads. For the D.P.W., the focus is on clearing Borough

streets as quickly as possible so the public can move as freely as possible following snowfall.

You can do your part by paying attention to these signs and getting your vehicle off the street when it's snow-covered. Failure to do so could result in a summons, or worse, your vehicle being towed.

## SNOW REMOVAL TIPS

### Snow and Ice - Removal Required

It shall be the duty of the owner or owners of any premises abutting or bordering upon any street, avenue or highway in the Borough to remove or cause to be removed all ice and snow from the sidewalks and gutters in front of the premises and service walks leading to the entrances of the premises within twelve (12) hours of daylight after the same shall have formed thereon or fallen thereon. (1969 Code 73-21)

### Depositing Snow or Ice Upon Streets Prohibited

No person, including the owner or occupant of any land or premises abutting or bordering upon any street, shall place, deposit, throw or shovel any snow or ice into or upon that portion of any street which has been cleaned, plowed or shoveled of snow or ice by the Borough or by any governmental agency or authority, or by any public utility having and exercising a franchise or permit to operate buses along any streets in the Borough, at any time after the street has been cleaned or plowed.

### Abandonment of Motor Vehicle

It shall be a violation of New Jersey State Law for a vehicle to be parked on the roadway for 48 consecutive hours without being moved. In these instances the Police Dept. may tow the vehicle at the owner's expense and a summons will be issued.

### Clearing Snow from Fire Hydrants

To ensure access to the fire hydrants in the Borough of Elmwood Park, for the safety and welfare of the public, a cleared area of five (5) feet must be maintained in all directions from the fire hydrant as well as meeting the Roadside parking requirements. The owner or lessee of any property within five (5) feet of a fire hydrant shall be responsible to see that a five (5) foot cleared space is provided in all directions from the fire Hydrant. The requirements of this section shall be completed by the responsible party no later than twenty four (24) hours after any natural obstruction, such as snow shall prevent access to the fire hydrant and within twelve (12) hours of any other type of obstruction.

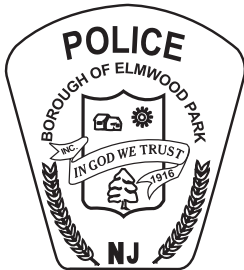
### Temporary Parking Prohibition for Snow Plowing & Removal

Whenever snow has fallen and the accumulation is such that it covers the street or highway, an emergency shall exist during the snow fall and for a period of 24 hours following the end of the snow fall and this subsection shall supersede all parking Ordinances in the Borough of Elmwood Park. Unless some penalty is expressly provided by the 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 one hundred fifty (\$150) dollars or imprisonment for a term not exceeding fifteen (15 days) or both.

## LAW ENFORCEMENT AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

### Elmwood Park Police Department

Address: Municipal Building, 182 Market Street - Elmwood Park, NJ 07407



**IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, CALL 9-1-1**

Department Website: [www.elmwoodparkpd.com](http://www.elmwoodparkpd.com)

**Chief of Police: Michael Foligno**

Chief's Office: 201-796-0764

Chief's E-mail: [mfoligno@elmwoodparknj.us](mailto:mfoligno@elmwoodparknj.us)

**Records Bureau Phone Number:**

**201-796-0700 - Ext. 1012**

**Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 6 pm**

**Ext. 1018 after Hours**

**NIXLE Emergency Notification System:**

**Text your zip code to 888777  
to receive emergency alerts**



## FIRE PREVENTION



To help ensure the safety of all residents and property, there are fire safety codes that all must adhere to. Before new occupant moves into an apartment, private residence, or business, the property must be inspected by the Fire Prevention Bureau to ensure all fire safety codes are met. Applications for CCO inspection can be obtained by visiting the Fire Prevention office or by downloading the form from the Borough of Elmwood Park, Fire Prevention Bureau website located under departments. Requirements for smoke detector, CO detector, and fire extinguishers can also be found in the same location.

Ten-year sealed battery-powered single station smoke alarms shall be installed and shall be listed in accordance with ANSI/UL 217. However, A/C-powered single or multiple-station smoke alarms installed as part of the original construction or rehabilitation project shall not be replaced with battery-powered smoke alarms and shall be maintained as installed in full working order. You are required to have a 2A:10B:C fire extinguisher and mounted no higher than 5 feet to the top of the extinguisher in your kitchen.

If you own a property, one- or two-family house and you do not live at the property, it is considered an owner unoccupied, and you must register your property with the Fire Prevention Bureau.

Fire Pits are permitted if they are in an approved UL listed container and are placed at least 15 feet away from anything combustible. Any type of construction material is not permitted to be burned. A spark screen must be used in order to prevent hot embers from blowing in the air. If you are found burning anything other than wood, you may be asked to have it extinguished.

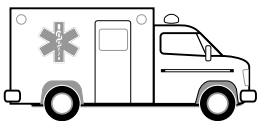
Any residence or business installing Solar Panels must register their system with the Fire Prevention Bureau. Registration forms can be found on the Fire Prevention Website.

### Elmwood Park's Fire Official offers good General Reminders for all residents:

- Test all alarms weekly and change detectors' batteries when you change your clocks.
- DO NOT store propane tanks inside the house or garage. They should be stored and secured outside at least 5 feet away from a window, door or structure. NEVER store them in a trunk of a car or closed van.
- When decorating for the holiday season make sure that all wiring and accessories do not overload your electrical outlets. Limit the use of extension cords. Every electrical device must be UL listed with a label on them or don't use them.
- Keep all combustible materials far away from a heat source or open flame.
- Ensure all storage is kept clear of furnaces and water heaters.
- Never leave lit candles unattended!
- If your carbon monoxide detector goes off, DO NOT hesitate call 911 and have your residence checked. Carbon Monoxide is an odorless, tasteless gas that exposed to for too long can kill you.
- Ensure any Lithium-Ion battery or device that contains this type of battery is UL approved when purchasing.
- Recreational equipment with Lithium-Ion Batteries should be charged outside and the manufacturers charging recommendations should be followed.

*For additional information or concerns regarding fire safety, call the Fire Prevention Bureau and talk to the Fire Official at 201-796-1457 x8815.*

## EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES



The Borough provides Emergency Medical Services to its residents 24 hours a day-7 days a week.

In an emergency, please dial 911. Non-emergency calls can be directed to the police dispatch desk at 201-796-0700 for assistance.

## COURT

The Elmwood Park Municipal Court is in session every Tuesday at 3 p.m.



Our hours have changed to 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, Monday thru Thursday and Friday 8:30 - 3:00pm. Beginning September 1, 2024, the first and third Thursdays our hours will be 8:30 am - 6:00 pm. For general inquiries please contact 201-796-1457 Ext 8801 (Court ID 0211)

## SHARED SERVICE WITH BERGEN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The health office in the Municipal Building, handles vital statistics records and services relating to birth, death and marriage. The borough maintains a shared service contract with the Bergen County Department of Health Services (BCDHS) for our health officer. Residents may visit the BCDHS website or call them directly for information related to health services and programs.

### **Bergen County Dept. of Health Service**

4th floor, One BCP Plaza, Hackensack, 07603  
www.bergenhealth.org • 201-634-2600  
Health Officer/Administration: 201-634-2601

### **Addiction Services:** 201-634-2740

- Provides vital resources for drug and alcohol abuse prevention and treatment.

### **Mental Health Division:** 201-634-2750

- Assists with linking residents to a variety of mental health treatment and support services.

### **Consumer Health Program (REHS):** 201-634-2680

### **Food Safety Training & Certification:** 201-634-2762

- Assures compliance with and enforces NJ State Sanitary Codes related to retail food establishments, public recreational bathing, tanning facilities, body art procedures, youth camp safety, child care centers, and pet shops, kennels, shelters and pounds.
- Investigates reports of public health nuisances and complaints, animal bites, foodborne illness, and foodborne/communicable disease outbreaks.
- Performs lead inspections of residences upon report of elevated blood levels in children.
- Assists with certain multifamily housing code issues for inadequate heat and hot water; other Public Health Nuisances i.e. rodents, noxious weeds, animal nuisances, garbage and debris.

### **Environmental Protection Program:** 201-634-2780

Hazardous Materials Emergency Response:  
201-785-8505 or 1-877-WARNDEP

- Assures compliance with and enforces New Jersey Environmental Protection Codes related to air, water and noise pollution, safe drinking water, solid waste, pesticide control, and under-ground storage tanks.

### **Clean Communities Program:** 201-634-2780

- Provides mini-grant opportunities to non-profit organizations conducting litter cleanup activities within Bergen County.

### **Health Promotion Program:** 201-634-2693

- Presents topics on healthy living including nutrition, exercise programs, sun safety, smoking cessation and chronic disease self-management.

### **Nurse Supervision/Public Health Outreach:** 201-634-2651

- Comprised of several program areas addressing adult health screening and blood pressures, seasonal flu vaccinations, communicable disease and illness outbreak investigations and reporting and animal bite investigation.

### **Cancer Education and Early Detection Program – (CEED):** 201-634-2660

### **Confidential HIV Counseling & Testing Site:** 201-336-3350

### **Animal Control Services Available Through BCDHS Animal Control**

The BCDHS provides a Trap-Neuter-Release (TNR) Program, with services for feral cat colonies being maintained by Borough residents. All healthy feral cats will be returned to their environment. Kittens are put up for adoption.

**To report a stray animal or a lost pet,** call Elmwood Park Police at 201-796-0700, ext. 1015. They will contact BCDHS Animal Control Services. For more information, call Bergen County Animal Control at 201-229-4616.



## WHAT OWNERS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT KEEPING DOGS AND CATS

**Dog and Cat Licensing** - All dogs and cats must have a current license issued by the Health Department located at 182 Market Street and can be reached at (201)796-1457, ext. 8809. Dog and cat licenses are renewed in January.



New dogs and cats can be licensed at any time of the year. Proof of rabies vaccine is mandatory. **All unlicensed pets, after February, are subject to a summons.**

The Bergen County Animal Shelter holds Rabies vaccine clinics on Thursdays, from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm. They are by appointment only. You can register your pet online or call 201-229-4618. At the Borough, free Rabies clinics are held on the 3rd Wednesday of May and November, from 5 pm - 7 pm at Fire Company #4 located at 464 Mola Blvd.

**Pet Waste Removal** - When walking your dog, you must carry a container to pick up waste; dispose of it in a sealed plastic bag in the regular garbage. Do not put animal waste in the sewer, or a **summons will be issued.**

## 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)



### 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 family homes should be reported to the Building Department: 201-796-1457, ext. 8802.

**Any dwelling found to be an illegal apartment will be subject to a summons and court appearance along with a minimum fine of \$1,500 for first offense to 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, Apartments

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



### Swimming Pools

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

### HOMEOWNERS ORGANIZATION

This group meets the 4th Wednesday of the month at the Senior Center.



## WATER FACTS

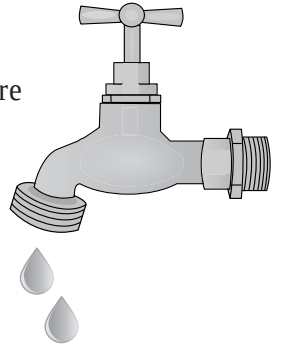
### Water Meters

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**.

### Don't Run and Waste

Every drop counts, so turn off the tap. Whether you're brushing your teeth, shaving or washing the dishes, don't let the water run.

In the laundry room, be sure to match the water level with your load size. If your washing machine doesn't allow manual water level adjustment, wait until you have a full load before you wash clothes.



## PERMITS, PERMITS, PERMITS! ANSWERS TO FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Q. Does installing or replacing some sheds, pools, fences, patios and walkways 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. 3000**

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

A. Some permits are simple and can be issued quickly; other 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

### **BUILDING PERMITS**

Please call the Building Dept. 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. 8802**

**Monday - Thursday 8:30 am - 4:30 pm**

**Friday 8:30 am - 3:00 pm**

**The Building Dept. will be open**

**8:30 am - 6:00 pm on the 1st & 3rd Thursday**

**of every month with the exception of  
July & August.**

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.

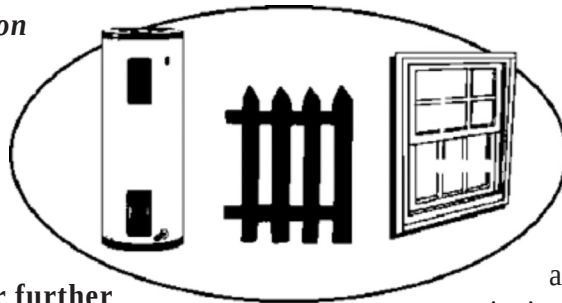
**Q. What information do I need about contractors?**

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.



## LEISURE TIME

### **RICHARD A. MOLA Public Library**

Located at 210 Lee Street, the Library contains more than 50,000 materials including a



wide variety of audiobooks, books, digital content, magazines, newspapers, CDs, DVDs, and video games. The library is also developing a local archives which will contain various historical documents and items going back to prior to the incorporation of the borough in 1916.

As a member of the Bergen County Cooperative Library System (BCCLS), patrons can use their library card to borrow books and audiovisual materials from any of the 70+ BCCLS member libraries. Materials obtained through this interlibrary loan system can be picked up at the circulation desk. Patrons can also obtain materials from libraries throughout the state and country through the JerseyCat program.

#### **The Library's services includes:**

- Programs for children, including story and craft time, guest performers, and educational opportunities.
- Programs for teens and adults.
- Public computers with internet access
- Faxing, printing and photocopying
- Notary service on appointment

*For more information, please visit our website at [elmwoodparklibrary.com](http://www.elmwoodparklibrary.com)*

### **LIBRARY HOURS**

Monday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

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

Friday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Saturday 9 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:

**[www.elmwoodparklibrary.com](http://www.elmwoodparklibrary.com)**

### **INTERNET ACCESS AND WORD PROCESSING**

The Library provides six public computers with internet access for the public to use on a reservation basis.



## 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 DVSSE)

In addition to the programs listed, 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/propfrez.shtml>**



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

**Homestead Information:** 1-877-658-2972

## RECREATION



**The Recreation Complex**, located on the corner of Mola Boulevard and Market Street, has a gymnasium, weight room, nutrition center, and senior lounge. **Varied Activities** are provided for young residents, which include basketball, soccer, and volleyball. **Rec Memberships** are available for purchase year-round for use of the indoor basketball court and weight room (16+ only). Memberships are for Elmwood Park residents only. All memberships expire the 31st of the current calendar year. Hours change seasonally.

**Morning and After School Programs:** Morning Care is provided at the individual schools from 7:30 AM – 8:30 AM. After school is provided from dismissal time to 6:00 PM at the Recreation Center (busing is included). Children enrolled in After School are provided with snack, supervised homework time, and participate in recreational activities.

**The Senior Center** is located in the Recreation Complex. It is open to all Bergen County seniors 60 years of age and over. A nutritionally balance lunch is served Monday – Friday for a suggested donation for \$1.25 (advance reservations are 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, and events. Some include: exercise (low and moderate impact), yoga, tai-chi, Zumba, ceramics, and dance. The center is open weekdays from 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM, and all seniors are invited to join in. Call 201-796-1457 Ext. 6005 for more information.

## 2025 RECREATION CALENDAR - SUBJECT TO CHANGE

**JANUARY** – Yearly Rec Membership Renewal – EP Girls Softball Registration Opens – Youth Craft Class Begins

**FEBRUARY** – Senior Valentine Dance – Spring Break Mini Camp Registration Opens

**MARCH** – Summer Camp Registration Opens – Spray Park Season Pass Registration Opens – Easter Egg Hunt

**APRIL** – Spring Festival – Spring Break Mini Camp – Crew Soccer Spring Opening Day – EP Girls Softball Opening Day – EP Little League Opening Day

**MAY** – EP Bombers Online Registration Opens

**JUNE** – Spray Park Opens – Summer Camp Registration Closes – Summer Camp Begins Monday After School Ends – Crew Soccer Summer Camp Registration Opens

**JULY** – Movie Night & Camp Out – After School/Morning Care Registration Opens – Crew Soccer Summer Camp Begins – Crew Soccer Fall Registration Opens – Summer Concert Series Begins

**AUGUST** – Spray Park Closes – EP Bombers Registration Closes – Summer Concert Series Ends

**SEPTEMBER** – Community Day + Fireworks Show – After School/Morning Care Begin – Crew Soccer Fall Opening Day – Basketball Registration Opens (3rd-8th Grade) – Basketball Clinic Registration Opens (Prek-2nd & 3rd-6th)

**OCTOBER** – Scary Movie Night – Halloween Costume Contest – Halloween Scare House – Basketball Clinics Begin

**NOVEMBER** – Basketball (3rd-8th) Registration Ends – Turkey Giveaway - Basketball Practices Begin (3rd-8th)

**DECEMBER** – Holiday Tree Lighting – Crew Spring Soccer Registration Opens – EP Little League Online Registration Opens

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ALL PROGRAMS, CALL THE RECREATION OFFICE: 201-794-1457 X6003

SIGN UP ONLINE: [HTTP://REGISTER.COMMUNITYPASS.NET/ELMWOODPARK](http://register.communitypass.net/elmwoodpark)

KEEP UP WITH US ONLINE: Facebook: @EPRecreation Instagram: @elmwoodparkrecreation



## ELECTIONS AND VOTING

### IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING VOTER REGISTRATION

If you are not registered, have changed your name, or moved from one district to another, please call the Municipal Clerk's Office. Registration books are closed 21 days before each election; therefore, to vote you must register before that time.

**REGISTER  
TO  
VOTE**  
It's Your Voice!

#### **WHO CAN REGISTER**

To register to vote you must be:

- a US citizen;
- at least 18 years old on or before the next election; and
- residing at your present address for at least 30 days.

*You are NOT eligible to register or vote if you are on parole or probation, or if you are serving a prison sentence for violating State or Federal law.*

#### **WHERE TO REGISTER**

Applications for registration can be obtained from the Borough Clerk's Office, or from the Commissioner of Registration office in Bergen County (see address below). Registration forms are also available in various State agencies and at Division of Motor Vehicle offices and can be obtained while transacting agency business. You can also register online or print out a registration form at the following website: <https://nj.gov/state/elections/voter-registration.shtml>

You can deliver your completed Voter Registration Form to:

Superintendent of Elections & Commissioner of Registration  
One Bergen County Plaza, Room 380  
Hackensack, NJ 07601-7076



### WHEN AND WHERE TO VOTE IN ELMWOOD PARK

The polls are open for the Primary Election and the General Election from 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.  
Polling locations for the election districts in Elmwood Park are as follows:

#### *District Locations*



- 1 Municipal Building, Market Street - All Purpose Room
- 2 Fire Co. #1, Grove Street
- 3 Memorial High School, River Drive - Lobby
- 4 Memorial High School, River Drive - Lobby
- 5 Fire Co. #2, Parkview Avenue
- 6 16th Ave. School, 16th Avenue - Gym
- 7 16th Ave. School, 16th Avenue - Gym
- 8 Recreation Complex - Gym
- 9 Recreation Complex, Boulevard - Senior Lounge
- 10 Gantner Ave. School, Gantner & Roosevelt Aves. - Gym

#### *Schedule of Elections*

##### ***Primary Elections***

Primary Elections are ordinarily held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in June. The primary is held to nominate party candidates for the General Election and to elect party members of the State and County Committees and Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the National Conventions in Presidential Election years. Polls for Primary Elections are open from 6:00 am to 8:00 pm.



##### ***General/School Elections***

General Elections are held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November to elect various National, State, County and Municipal officials to office. Polls for General Elections are open from 6:00 am to 8:00 pm.

##### ***Special Elections***

Special Elections may be held at various times throughout the year, but generally on a Tuesday. Notification of such elections is advertised in your local newspaper and news stations.





**Borough of Elmwood Park**

Municipal Building • Market Street  
Elmwood Park, NJ 07407

Website: <http://www.elmwoodparknj.us>

**PRSR STD  
ECRWSS  
U.S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
EDDM RETAIL**

**Weather-Related  
School Closing Info**

**[www.epps.org](http://www.epps.org) or  
201-796-8700**

**Please avoid calling the  
Police Desk as it may tie up  
lines for emergency callers.**

**LOCAL  
POSTAL CUSTOMER**



**BOROUGH INFORMATION**

**BOROUGH DIRECTORY**

<b>Emergency</b> .....	911
<b>Police Department</b> Michael Foligno, Chief ...	201-796-0700 Ext. 1001
<b>Volunteer Fire Department</b> Edward Mierzejewski, Chief .....	201-796-0700
<b>MUNICIPAL OFFICES Main ...</b>	<b>201-796-1457</b>
<b>Municipal Clerk</b> Shanee Morris.....	Ext. 2017
<b>Borough Administrator</b> Michael Foligno.....	Ext. 1001
<b>Construction Official</b> Anthony Ambrogio.....	Ext. 8802
<b>Certified Municipal Finance Officer</b> Roy Riggitano.....	Ext. 2007
<b>Department of Public Works</b> Scott Karcz, Superintendent .....	Ext. 3002
Joan Pinnola, Secretary .....	Ext. 3000
<b>Fire Prevention</b> Steven Kochik, Fire Official.....	Ext. 8815
<b>Bergen County Health Dept.</b> .....	201-634-2600
<b>Library</b> Director .....	201-796-8888
<b>Municipal Court Administrator</b> Deborah Zafonte .....	Ext. 8801
<b>Nutrition &amp; Senior Center</b> Cristine Cobb.....	201-796-3342
<b>Recreation Department</b> Dale Fava .....	Ext. 6003
<b>Recycling Coordinator</b> Joan Pinnola .....	Ext. 3000
<b>Tax Assessor</b> Kevin Esposito.....	Ext. 2009
<b>Certified Tax Collector</b> Lori Sproviero .....	Ext. 8805

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<b>Municipal Clerk</b>	Ext. 2017	<a href="mailto:smorris@elmwoodparknj.us">smorris@elmwoodparknj.us</a>

**Town Meetings** (\* All meetings are subject to change)

Town meetings are open to the Public.  
Following are town meetings regularly scheduled each month.\*

<b>Mayor &amp; Council</b>	<b>Public:</b> 3rd Thursday, 7:00 p.m. Municipal Building <b>Work:</b> 1st and 2nd Thursday, 7:00 p.m. Municipal Building
<b>Board of Education</b>	4th Tuesday, High School, 8 p.m.
<b>Planning Board</b>	1st & 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, 7:00 p.m.
<b>Library Board</b>	3rd Monday, Library, 7:00 p.m.
<b>Recreation Advisory Board</b>	Last Monday, Recreation Center, 7:30 p.m.