

The Borough of Emerson



2026 Solid Waste & Recycling Newsletter

Pet License Application and No-Knock Registration Form

Mayor's Message

Dear Residents,

In this newsletter, you will find important information regarding the collection of household waste, recycling and mixed garden debris as well as the 2026 Annual Pet License Registration and No-Knock Registration. Please take note the Borough's web domain has changed from "emersonnj.org" to "emersonnj.gov". All Borough emails also now end in ".gov". This change increases the website's security. Please sign up for "Rave-Smart 911" to receive emergency notifications as well as to stay updated about borough events. You can also follow us on Facebook, X, or Instagram to get timely announcements.

Your Governing Body is committed to continuing to provide you with excellent municipal services and ensuring that Emerson is the best place to live in the Pascack Valley. Please do not hesitate to contact Borough Hall at 201-262-6086 with any questions, comments or concerns. Our Mayor and Council meetings are held the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Your voice matters and your attendance is welcome and appreciated. You may also view our meetings on YouTube "Borough of Emerson, NJ Mayor and Council Meetings" or catch us on TV via Verizon channel 36 or Optimum channel 1300. We encourage you to keep this newsletter handy as it includes lots of useful information for our new and long-term residents. On behalf of the Governing Body, I wish you a happy and healthy new year and here's to a great 2026 in the Borough of Emerson!

Mayor Danielle DiPaola

mayor@emersonnj.gov

EMERGENCY: CALL 911

Borough Hall Main Number : 201-262-6086

Police Department (Non-emergency) : 201-262-2800



STAY CONNECTED WITH US

Borough of Emerson

WEBSITE: WWW.EMERSON.GOV

FACEBOOK: [BOROUGH OF EMERSON](https://www.facebook.com/BOROUGHOFEMERSON)

Emerson Police Department

X: [@EMERSONBORO](https://twitter.com/EMERSONBORO)

FACEBOOK: [EMERSON POLICE DEPARTMENT](https://www.facebook.com/EMERSONPOLICEDEPARTMENT)

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RAVE ALERTS—911 NOTIFICATIONS

Sign up and receive notifications regarding emergencies and Borough updates at www.emersonnj.gov and click "Notify Me" icon to register. You control how to receive the information... Choose to receive notifications via text, email, phone calls or all 3!

SCAN ME

Recycle Coach App

FREE app to receive personalized garbage & recycling information, schedules, reminders & more!

Visit www.emersonnj.gov/garbagerecycle



SCAN ME

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Collection Reminders

Garbage: Tuesday & Friday (year round)

Recycling: Thursdays (year round)

Mixed Garden Debris: Mondays (April 1-December 31)

Must be curbside by 6 a.m. the day of collection & containers removed by 7 p.m. the same day.

***** NOTE: Items put out on the wrong day will NOT be picked up *****

What to Recycle & Where

Visit [Recycle Coach](#) for additional information



Curbside recycling needs to be clean and free from contaminants.

These can be recycled at the following locations:

Plastic bags: Most supermarkets will accept these.

Pizza Boxes: If the top part of the box is free from grease and food residue, detach it and recycle with cardboard, otherwise put in trash.

Styrofoam: Check the Recycling and Garbage page on the Borough website www.emerson.gov/garbagerecycle for special events in Bergen County & in the Borough

Metal items, Appliances, Pots, Pans & Small Appliances: Call 201-262-8199 to schedule a pick up by the DPW.

Other items that can be recycled at the Emerson DPW

Electronics (computers, modems, computer monitors, hard drives, printers, scanners, copy machines, fax machines, phones, speakers, stereo equipment, keyboard, lap tops, microwaves, televisions, DVD players, VCR players): DPW Recycling Center

Rechargeable batteries: DPW Recycling Center

Items that can be recycled through BCUA collections

Household Hazardous Waste: Aerosol cans, used motor oil and filters, anti-freeze, car batteries, blacktop sealers, bug spray, disinfectants, drain cleaners, fertilizers, fire extinguishers, gasoline, glue, herbicides, insecticides, kerosene, lighter fluid, mercury switches, pesticides, propane gas cylinders (1 & 20 lb. only), solvents and thinners, thermostats, thermometers, oil or solvent based paints, fluorescent light bulbs, tires, paper shredding, electronics and computers, unwanted medication.

Visit www.bcu.org for additional information.

Items that can be recycled elsewhere

Furniture and kitchen cabinets can be donated:

Habitat for Humanity www.habitat.org/restores

Sustainability Angels www.sustainabilityangels.org

Household items:

Goodwill www.goodwill.org

Habitat for Humanity www.habitat.org/restores

Salvation Army www.satruck.org

Recycling is good for the environment
....and it's the law

CURBSIDE RECYCLING

PLEASE DO NOT USE PLASTIC BAGS

MATERIAL ACCEPTABLE FOR RECYCLING

COMMINGLED

Plastic Bottles & Containers

- ◇ Bottles coded with #1, 2 & 5 on bottom. Water, soda or beverage bottles. Milk and water jug containers. Detergent, shampoo and similar. Yogurt, butter, margarine containers, syrup and ketchup bottles.



Cans

- ◇ Aluminum and steel (tin) cans & lids. Clean aluminum foil and pie plates. Soda, beer, soup & coffee cans.



Glass Bottles & Jars

- ◇ All shapes; clear, brown & green.



CARDBOARD/PAPER

- ◇ Corrugated and cereal boxes, paper, newspaper, magazines, junk mail, catalogs & phone books.



During inclement weather please be considerate of your neighbors. Place recyclables in a reusable container on the morning of pickup so it does not litter the area. If possible, please hold the items until the following week.

MATERIAL UNACCEPTABLE FOR RECYCLING



- Plastic Bags
- Dirty Pizza Boxes
- Styrofoam
- Metal or Plastic Bottle Tops,
- Dishware
- Glass & Mirrors
- Pots and Pans
- Small Appliances
- Hangers
- Plastic Containers
- Plasticware



DPW SERVICES AND RECYCLING CENTER

Emerson Department of Public Works, 1 Palisade Avenue, Phone: 201-262-8199



DPW Recycling Services



- The DPW provides a chipper service for tree branches over four (4) feet in length. They are not able to chip stumps and roots must be removed.
- The DPW will pick up electronic, metal items or appliances shown in the list below.

For either of these services, call the Emerson DPW at 201-262-8199 to schedule a pickup.

DISTRIBUTION OF LEAF BAGS:

- Recyclable paper leaf bags will be available to residents at the DPW Garage beginning Monday, October 5. The bags (20 per household) may be collected by homeowners only, Monday to Saturday, 8 a.m. - 12 Noon between October 5, and November 14, 2026.
- There will be no distribution of leaf bags on Columbus Day, Monday October 12; Election Day, Tuesday November 3, and Veteran's Day, Tuesday, November 11, 2026.
- Distribution is on a first-come, first-serve basis while quantities last. Bags not claimed by homeowners will be distributed at the DPW garage to households requiring an additional supply beginning Monday, October 19, 2026,

PLEASE DO NOT USE PLASTIC BAGS FOR LEAVES AND DO NOT PUT LEAVES IN THE STREET

Metal and electronic items that can be picked up curbside or brought to the Recycling Center

Electronics

Computers, hard drives, monitors, keyboards, laptops, modems, routers, and scanners. Copy machines, printers and fax machines, televisions, DVD and VCR players, stereo equipment and speakers, microwave ovens, rechargeable batteries, toaster ovens and garage door openers.

Metal

Air conditioners, basketball hoops and poles, BBQ grills, bed frames, bicycles, dishwashers, dehumidifiers, dryers, filing cabinets, freezers, furnaces, gutters, heaters, hot water heaters, lawn mowers (no fuel), metal poles/railings, metal shelving and tables, metal swing sets and exercise equipment, oven/stove/range, pool heaters, radiators, refrigerators, snow blowers (no fuel), tanning beds (no bulbs), tool boxes, trampoline poles, trash compactors, washing machines, and water storage tanks.

Items that CAN be left at the Recycling Center

The Recycling Center accepts paper/cardboard, electronic waste, rechargeable batteries and clothes, shoes, etc., 7 days a week. Plastic/metal/glass (commingled) or large metal items may be brought to the yard Monday to Friday between 7 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. **When leaving items at the Recycling Center please:**

- **BREAK DOWN** all cardboard boxes flat.
- Take all items out of plastic bags. (Recycle bags at Stop & Shop, Shop Rite or other local vendors)
- The Recycling Center **CANNOT** accept Styrofoam. Place Styrofoam in regular garbage. AA, AAA, C, D and 9V are not recycled. Place in regular garbage.



Recycling, yard waste and garbage MUST BE placed curbside by 6 a.m. on collection day and containers removed by 7 p.m. the same day.

RECYCLING COLLECTED EVERY THURSDAY	GARBAGE COLLECTED EVERY TUESDAY & FRIDAY	YARD WASTE COLLECTED ON MONDAYS BEGINNING IN APRIL
<p>Recycling should be separated into commingled items (bottles, cans, jars, etc.) and paper/cardboard. Please ensure it is clean and free from contaminants.</p> <p>A full list of what is and is not acceptable to put out for recycling is shown on pages 3 & 4.</p> <p>PLEASE REFRAIN FROM DISPOSING OF 'FLUSHABLE' WIPES IN THE TOILET AS THEY CAUSE SEWER BACKUPS AND CREATE OTHER SANITATION & PLUMBING ISSUES FOR HOMEOWNERS.</p>	<p>Household garbage should be placed at the curb in garbage cans, containers or plastic bags. Household garbage left in cardboard boxes will not be collected.</p> <p>No more than 4 items of household furniture may be placed at the curb for pick up (Friday when possible). Carpet should be cut into 4 foot lengths, rolled and secured with twine. Mirrors should be taped with an "X" and at the edges.</p> <p>Small amounts of lumber and construction debris may be placed curbside for pick up with garbage. There should be no more than two 32 gallon cans not exceeding 50 lbs. total weight.</p>	<p>Vegetation, plants, flowers, leaves, grass clippings and tree branches less than 4 ft. in length will be picked up curbside.</p> <p>Brush and small branches should be tied in bundles.</p> <p>All other items should be placed in paper bags or loose in a re-usable container.</p> <p>Each bag or container must not exceed 50 lbs.</p> <p>NO PLASTIC BAGS, ROCKS,</p>

BERGEN COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY 2026 HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DATES

For further information visit www.bcua.org OR phone (201) 641-2552.

Paper shredding events for 2026 TBD; check emersonnj.gov for updates.

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<p align="center"><u>SUNDAY</u></p> <p align="center"><u>April 19, June 7, October 18</u></p> <p align="center">Bergen Community College 400 Paramus Road (Entry via Paramus Rd)</p>	<p align="center"><u>SATURDAY</u></p> <p align="center"><u>May 16, July 18, September 19</u></p> <p align="center">Bergen County Campgaw 200 Campgaw Road</p>	<p align="center"><u>SATURDAY</u></p> <p align="center"><u>March 7, November 14</u></p> <p align="center">Bergen County Utilities Authority Foot of Empire Blvd.</p>

Proof of residency is required for these events. Household Hazardous Waste materials should be in original containers and labeled.

NO-KNOCK REGISTRATION FORM-EMERSON POLICE DEPARTMENT

All residents of the Borough of Emerson may register their name, address and/or unit/apartment number with the Emerson Police Department to be placed on their **No-Knock** list, indicating that they do not want canvassers, distributors, solicitors, peddlers, transient merchants or hawkers of any sort to approach their homes and/or personal contact with the occupants of the registered residence. **No-knock decal may be displayed in a clearly visible location (ex: front door or window adjacent to the front door).**

Date Form submitted: _____

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Address: _____ Phone number: _____

Completed forms are to be submitted to the Emerson Police Department in person or by mail to:
Emerson Police Department, Attn: Non-Knock Registration, 1 Municipal Place, Emerson, NJ 07630.

A fee of **\$5.00** is due for the decal stating "**DO NOT KNOCK**". **Residents 65 or older are exempt from the \$5.00 decal fee.** For more information, please contact the Emerson Police Department non-emergency number 201-262-2800.

Garbage and Recycling Pickup Calendar 2026

C—Comingled Bottles & Cans

M— Mixed Garden Debris - Including Grass & Leaves

NP/U - No Pick Up

P—Paper & Cardboard

T—Trash/Garbage

JANUARY 2026						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
				1 NP/U	2 T	3
4	5	6 T	7	8 C&P	9 T	10
11	12	13 T	14	15 C&P	16 T	17
18	19	20 T	21	22 C&P	23 T	24
25	26	27 T	28	29 C&P	30 T	31
MARCH 2026						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1	2	3 T	4	5 C&P	6 T	7
8	9	10 T	11	12 C&P	13 T	14
15	16	17 T	18	19 C&P	20 T	21
22	23	24 T	25	26 C&P	27 T	28
29	30	31 T				
MAY 2026						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
					1 T	2
3	4 M	5 T	6	7 C&P	8 T	9
10	11 M	12 T	13	14 C&P	15 T	16
17	18 M	19 T	20	21 C&P	22 T	23
24	25 M	26 T	27	28 C&P	29 T	30
31						
JULY 2026						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			1	2 C&P	3 T	4
5	6 M	7 T	8	9 C&P	10 T	11
12	13 M	14 T	15	16 C&P	17 T	18
19	20 M	21 T	22	23 C&P	24 T	25
26	27 M	28 T	29	30 C&P	31 T	
SEPTEMBER 2026						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
		1 T	2	3 C&P	4 T	5
6	7 M	8 T	9	10 C&P	11 T	12
13	14 M	15 T	16	17 C&P	18 T	19
20	21 M	22 T	23	24 C&P	25 T	26
27	28 M	29 T	30			
NOVEMBER 2026						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1	2 M	3 T	4	5 C&P	6 T	7
8	9 M	10 T	11	12 C&P	13 T	14
15	16 M	17 T	18	19 C&P	20 T	21
22	23 M	24 T	25	26 N/PU	27 T	28
29	30 M					

FEBRUARY 2026						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1	2	3 T	4	5 C&P	6 T	7
8	9	10 T	11	12 C&P	13 T	14
15	16	17 T	18	19 C&P	20 T	21
22	23	24 T	25	26 C&P	27 T	28
APRIL 2026						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			1	2 C&P	3 T	4
5	6 M	7 T	8	9 C&P	10 T	11
12	13 M	14 T	15	16 C&P	17 T	18
19	20 M	21 T	22	23 C&P	24 T	25
26	27 M	28 T	29	30 C&P		
JUNE 2026						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1 M	2 T	3	4 C&P	5 T	6
7	8 M	9 T	10	11 C&P	12 T	13
14	15 M	16 T	17	18 C&P	19 T	20
21	22 M	23 T	24	25 C&P	26 T	27
28	29 M	30 T				
AUGUST 2026						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
						1
2	3 M	4 T	5	6 C&P	7 T	8
9	10 M	11 T	12	13 C&P	14 T	15
16	17 M	18 T	19	20 C&P	21 T	22
23	24 M	25 T	26	27 C&P	28 T	29
30	31 M					
OCTOBER 2026						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
				1 C&P	2 T	3
4	5 M	6 T	7	8 C&P	9 T	10
11	12 M	13 T	14	15 C&P	16 T	17
18	19 M	20 T	21	22 C&P	23 T	24
25	26 M	27 T	28	29 C&P	30 T	31
DECEMBER 2026						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
		1 T	2	3 C&P	4 T	5
6	7 M	8 T	9	10 C&P	11 T	12
13	14 M	15 T	16	17 C&P	18 T	19
20	21 M	22 T	23	24 C&P	25 NP/U	26
27	28 M	29 T	30	31 C&P		

2026 Dog and Cat License Application and Renewal

All dog and cat licenses are issued during the month of January and are good for one year.

- All dogs and cats must be licensed by January 31, 2026. **GRACE PERIOD:** In the event an expired license renewal application and fee is not **received and/or postmarked** by February 12, 2026 an additional charge of **\$25.00** will be imposed.
- A COPY of your animals Rabies Vaccination Certificate and proof of neutering (if applicable) is required. **Note:** For 2026 licensing, rabies vaccination immunity must be valid through November 2026 or longer.
- Emerson sponsors a free Annual Rabies Clinic each Fall. All are invited to bring their pets for a rabies vaccination or vaccinations will be at the owner's expense. The date and time of the **FREE Rabies Clinic** will be held in **Fall 2026** at the DPW, located on Palisades Avenue between 11:00 am and 12 pm. A notice will be posted on the Borough of Emerson's website (**emersonnj.org**) the last week of September. If you provided an email address on your last application, you will also receive an email at the end of December.
- Please use **SEPARATE CHECKS** if applying for a dog and cat license
LICENSE FEES: Dog(s) and/or Cat(s) \$10.00 if altered, \$13.00 if not altered
PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Borough of Emerson
- If you no longer have a dog and/or cat, please notify this office in writing by attaching a note to the

2026 Dog and Cat License Application

Payment and application along with A **COPY** of your animal's CURRENT Certificate of Rabies Inoculation and Sterilization (if applicable) must be mailed to the Borough of Emerson, Health Department, 1 Municipal Place, Emerson, NJ 07630. These documents will not be returned to you, but will remain on file in our office. The rabies immunization must be valid through November 2026, or later.

*REQUIRED

*Owner's Name: _____

*Address: _____ *Phone: _____ *Cell: _____

*Email Address: _____

Check: Dog(s) # _____ Cat(s) # _____ Name of Pet(s): _____ Male: Female:

Breed _____ Color and Markings: _____ Coat: Long Medium Short

Date Spayed/Neutered: _____ Unaltered: Age: _____

*Rabies Given By: _____ Rabies Expiration Date: _____

*Was this animal licensed in Emerson last year? Yes No

PET WASTE POLLUTES OUR WATERS

What you can do to Help Protect Our Water from Contamination by Pet Waste

Clean and plentiful water is important to our families, our environment, our economy and our quality of life but did you know that animal waste from pets can pollute our waters? When left on the ground, pet waste is washed by rain, melting snow, and ice into storm drains. This gets carried to our rivers, lakes, the ocean, and our drinking water. Animal waste contains a high concentration of nutrients, as well as bacteria and disease-causing microorganisms that can cause problems. Pet owners or anyone who walks pets **MUST** properly dispose of any waste by picking it up, wrapping it, and either place waste in the trash or flush it down the toilet. All pet owners are required to immediately and properly dispose of their pets solid waste deposited on ANY property, public or private, not owned by that person. Any owner or keeper who requires the use of a disability assistance animal is exempt. **Borough Code Chapter 247, Article VI: Disposal of Pet Waste**

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	<p>2026 Solid Waste & Recycling Newsletter Pet License Application and No-Knock Registration Form</p>
	<p>***Effective 1/1/2026: Emerson's web domain has changed from .org to .gov***</p>

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