

Township of Berlin, NJ
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Chapter 280. Solid Waste

Article IV. Yard Waste and Bulky Waste

§ 280-13. Yard waste.

In addition to the general collection regulations established in Articles II and III of this chapter, collection of yard waste shall be subject to the following:

A. Collection standards.

- (1) Designated yard waste shall be placed entirely within a yard waste cart and shall not be placed in the street. If yard waste is placed within the street and is not placed inside the yard waste cart, the responsible party must remove the yard waste from the street or said party will be deemed in violation of this article.
- (2) Yard waste must be placed within and not exceed the height of the yard waste cart. No bags shall be placed within the yard waste cart.
- (3) Yard waste which is designated for placement inside the yard waste cart but is placed along the curb and outside of the cart in a bag or in any receptacle other than the yard waste cart will not be collected by the Township.

B. Bulk leaf collection.

- (1) Bulk leaves shall only be placed behind the curb during the collection periods established pursuant to § 280-15.
- (2) Bulk leaves shall be placed curbside and at least 10 feet from any storm drain inlet. Leaves shall not be placed within the street. Leaves shall be placed behind the curb no earlier than seven days before the announced collection date. It is recommended that the leaves be placed in the required location within a temporary fence corral which is able to be easily disassembled by the collection crew for access to the leaves.
- (3) Placement of leaves within the street at any time, or in any manner other than specified herein, is a violation of this article. If leaves are placed within the street, the responsible party must remove the leaves from the street immediately upon notice from the Township or said party shall be deemed in violation of this chapter.

- C. Dropoff facility. Residents of the Township, and only those residents, may drop off yard waste at the Township Public Works Department during normal operating hours of the Department. Yard waste which is dropped off to the Public Works Department cannot contain grass clippings. Prior to dropoff, the resident must have the yard waste inspected and approved for dropoff by the Public Works staff.

Article V. Enforcement, Violations and Penalties

§ 280-15. Enforcement.

This chapter shall be enforced in the municipal court of the Township of Berlin upon a complaint being filed by the Code Enforcement Officer, Public Works Director or Deputy Director, Health Officer, and/or Police Chief or his or her designee. Once a complaint has been signed and issued, the responsibility for the disposal of the items shall lie with the violator. Fines and/or fees not paid within 30 days of assessment by the Township shall constitute a lien against the property, which shall be collected in the manner provided by law, and refuse collection services shall cease until full restitution has occurred.

§ 280-16. Violations and penalties.

Any person violating or failing to comply with any of the provisions of this chapter shall, upon conviction thereof, be punishable by a fine up to \$100 for the first offense, up to \$250 for the second offense and up to \$500 for each subsequent offense and by imprisonment in the County jail for a term not to exceed 90 days, or both, in the discretion of the court. All persons allowing or permitting the continuation of any violation of this chapter also shall be subject to punishment for each separate offense as provided for herein. The continuation of any violation of this chapter for more than one day shall constitute a separate offense on each successive day.