

**TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
MERCER COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

ORDINANCE NO. 12-1541

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING
CHAPTER III, "LAW ENFORCEMENT REGULATIONS,"
SECTION 3-18, "YARD WASTE COLLECTION,"
OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL**

EXPLANATION: Words in bracket [] to be deleted
Words underlined _____ to be added

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell as follows:

3-18 YARD WASTE COLLECTION.

3-18.1 Purpose.

The purpose of this section is to establish a yard waste collection and disposal program in the Township of Hopewell, so as to protect public health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for the failure to comply. (Ord. #05-1356)

3-18.2 Definitions.

The purpose of this section, the following terms, phrases, words and their derivations shall have the meanings stated herein unless their use in the text of this section clearly demonstrates a different meaning. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words used in the plural number include the singular number, and words used in the singular number include the plural number. The word "shall" is always mandatory and not merely directory.

Containerized shall mean the placement of yard waste in a trash can, bucket, biodegradable bag or by any other method of containment, so as to prevent the yard waste from spilling or blowing out into the street and coming into contact with stormwater runoff.

Person shall mean any individual, corporation, company, partnership, firm, association, or political subdivision of this State subject to municipal jurisdiction.

Street shall mean any street, avenue, boulevard, road, parkway, viaduct, drive, or other way, which is an existing State, county or municipal roadway, and includes the land between the street lines, whether improved or unimproved, and may comprise pavement, shoulders, gutters, curbs, sidewalks, parking areas, and other areas within the street lines.

Yard waste shall mean leaves and brush/landscape debris. Brush/landscape debris shall be more particularly defined by subsection 3-18.3.3. Grass clippings are a separate waste product that is not collected by Hopewell Township.

(Ord. #05-1356)

3-18.3 Yard Waste Collection.

3-18.3.1

[Routine collection of yard waste shall not be picked up the following months: July, August, November and December.] Yard waste collection schedules shall be determined annually. Schedules shall be published at the earliest possible date on the Hopewell Township website (www.hopewelltwp.org) and in the municipal calendar. Special instructions shall be issued by the Public Works Director in the event added brush collections are to be provided as a result of storm damage. Such instructions will be posted to the Township website www.hopewelltwp.org

3-18.3.2

Sweeping, raking, blowing or otherwise placing yard waste is only permitted during a scheduled and announced collection and during the seven calendar day period prior to the scheduled and announced collection.

Yard waste may not be placed closer than ten feet from any storm drain inlet and may not be placed [within the street or] on any street pavement. Placement of yard waste may occur up to the edge of pavement or to the inside edge of curb for streets with no sidewalks. Under no circumstances shall yard waste be placed on sidewalks or in a manner that obstructs safe street sight distances or driveway sight distances. Placement of yard waste must occur on the frontage of the tax lot from which the yard waste originated.

Placement of yard waste at the curb or along the street at any other time or in any other manner is a violation of this section. If such placement of yard waste occurs, the party responsible for placement of the yard waste must remove the yard waste from the street or said party shall be deemed in violation of this section.

3-18.3.3

In order to allow for safe and efficient collection of brush, limbs and landscape debris (Yard Waste), the following regulations must be followed for each collection:

- a. Collection shall be limited to brush and tree pruning[s].
- b. [Tree trunks and limbs in excess of six inches in diameter shall not be collected.]
Limbs shall be no longer than four (4) feet in length.
- c. [Limbs shall be no longer than five feet in length.] Limbs and Brush shall be placed in an orderly manner with all butts (six inches (6") dia. maximum) facing road.
- d. [All limbs and brush shall be placed in an orderly manner with all butts (six inches maximum) facing the roadside. The size of the pile may not be larger than four feet high by 15 feet wide and is limited to one pile per property.]
Maximum brush pile size – 4 feet wide x 4 feet high x 15 feet long. Disposal of brush in excess of this volume shall be the responsibility of the homeowner.
- e. [Small brush must be tied with twine in bundles not to exceed six inches in diameter.]
Small twigs must be bagged.
- f. [Forsythia, willow vines, firethorns, and briars must be tied in bundles not to exceed six inches in diameter.] All wire, nails and metal shall be completely removed from the pile.
- g. [Apple, pin oak branches, and small branches must be stripped from main branch.] Do not place brush in street, gutter or within 10 ft. of any storm drain inlet per Ordinance

No. 05-1356. Yard waste may be placed up to the edge of pavement or to the inside edge of curb for streets with no sidewalks. Under no circumstances shall yard waste be placed on sidewalks or in a manner that obstructs safe street sight distances or driveway sight distances. Placement of yard waste must occur on the frontage of the tax lot from which the yard waste originated.

- h. [Small twigs must be bagged.] Diseased material and firewood will NOT be collected.
- i. [No wire, nails or metal should be left in materials to be chipped.] Tree stumps, trunks and limbs in excess of 6" diameter will NOT be collected.
- j. [Diseased material and firewood will not be collected or disposed of by Hopewell Township.] Brush in excess of above stated maximum brush pile size will NOT be collected. Disposal of material in excess of the maximum brush pile size shall be the responsibility of the homeowner within 10 calendar days of the Township having performed collection for that lot.
- k. Brush mixed with leaves will NOT be collected.

3-18.4 Violations and Penalties.

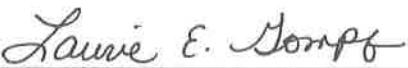
Any person found to be in violation of the provisions of this section shall be subject to the penalty provisions set forth at section 3-1 of this chapter, except that no person found to be in violation of the provisions of this section shall be subject to imprisonment. (Ord. #05-1356)

Date Introduced: March 12, 2012
Date Advertised: March 15, 2012
Date Adopted: March 26, 2012



Michael Markulec
Mayor

Attest:



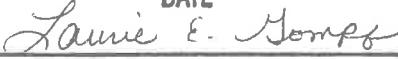
Laurie E. Gompf
Municipal Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE
A TRUE COPY OF AN Ordinance ADOPTED
BY THE HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
AT A MEETING HELD

March 26, 2012

DATE



Laurie E. Gompf
LAURIE E. GOMPf, MUNICIPAL CLERK