

# South Bound Brook

Department of Public Works Schedule of Services (732) 356-4450

Hours of Operation: Monday through Friday, 6:00 am until 2:30 pm

## Trash Collection

Trash is collected one day per week. Collection days are Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. For information about your specific collection day, please call (732) 356-4450.

### Trash Collection Guidelines

1. Each household is permitted two cans of trash per week except during the months of July, August, and December when three cans are permitted.
2. Filled trash containers cannot weigh more than 35 pounds (per Ordinance 15-1.4, Paragraph 5).
3. Trash containers may not be larger than 40 gallons (per Ordinance 15-1.4, Paragraph 5).
4. Trash containers should be set out at the curb line after 5:00 pm the day before trash collection and must be removed from the curb line by 8:00 pm the day of collection (per Ordinance 15-1.7).
5. **Holiday collection:** If your customary trash collection day falls on one of the Borough's observed holidays, that week's trash will be collected the **day before** the holiday. For example, if your trash collection day is Thursday but falls on a holiday, your trash will be scheduled for collection on Wednesday, the day before the holiday.
6. Recyclables, grass clippings, branches, leaves, and bulky items should not be added to household trash.

### Borough Observed Holidays

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| 1. New Year's Day         | 8. Columbus Day            |
| 2. Martin Luther King Day | 9. Veterans' Day           |
| 3. Presidents' Day        | 10. Thanksgiving Day       |
| 4. Good Friday            | 11. Day after Thanksgiving |
| 5. Memorial Day           |                            |
| 6. Fourth of July         | 12. Christmas Eve          |
| 7. Labor Day              | 13. Christmas Day          |

## Recycling

Recycling is collected every other Thursday by **Somerset County Recycling Department**. If you need recycling containers or require additional information about their program, please call the county office at (908) 231-7000 and ask for the county recycling department.

## Spring Clean Up

All winter debris (i.e., leaves, lawn rakings, and shrub trimmings) should be placed at the curb on Sunday evening for Monday morning collection. Debris may not be placed in cans or bags. There are no limits to the number of bags or cans. **Trash, branches, brush, grass and recyclables are not permitted.** Spring clean up will begin the first Monday in March and end on the third Monday in April. **Any spring clean up debris will not be collected after the third Monday in April.**

## Bulk Item Collection

Bulk items (including mattresses, appliances, televisions and furniture) are picked up by appointment every fourth Friday of the month. Associated fees and procedures are explained when you call to schedule your appointment. Please call (732) 356-0258 extension 16 for bulk item collection.

## Brush and Branches

Brush and tree branches are picked up on Friday. Branches must be bundled in lengths no longer than four feet and weigh less than 35 pounds. **Tree stumps and construction lumber are not permitted in this collection.**

If an observed holiday falls on a Friday, brush and branches will be collected the following Friday.

## Grass Collection

Grass collection has been discontinued. The Somerset County Solid Waste Division has suggested all residents implement the "cut it and leave it" program. Simply stated, grass clippings should be mulched back into the lawn to provide valuable nutrients for lawn growth and vigor. If bagging grass clippings is still desired there are two options. The first option is to compost grass clippings. Information regarding composting can be found by contacting the Rutgers Cooperative Extension. The second option is to bring grass clippings to the Bridgewater site of Reliable Wood Products, located at 136 Foothill Road, Bridgewater, NJ. They will accept clippings from South Bound Brook residents during their normal hours of operation.

Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Saturday: 7:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**Only grass clippings are accepted.** Residents must show proof of residency (driver's license, utility bill, tax bill, etc.) There is no additional charge for residents to use this service.

## Garden Debris

Garden debris is defined as vegetable plants, weeds, vines, and shrub clippings less than six inches (6") in length. Materials excluded are branches, rocks, recyclables, grass and household trash. Garden debris must be put out on your regular trash collection day in its own **separate container....no bags are permitted.**

## Fall Leaf Collection

Leaf collection will begin on the third Monday in October and end on the first Monday in January. **Leaves must be placed in bags and not in cans.** Bags may contain leaves and biodegradable garden debris. Bags cannot exceed more than 35 pounds and cannot contain trash, branches, sticks, rocks, dog waste, grass, concrete or recyclables. Place bags curbside Sunday evening for Monday collection.

## Snow Removal

In order to facilitate prompt snow removal all vehicles must be removed from Borough roads prior to a snowfall. Sidewalks must be cleared of snow within 12 hours after a snowfall.