

Borough of Roseland

IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION

Enforcement of State Regulations for Grass Clipping Disposal

Please be advised that the borough has received notice from the operator of the Essex County waste incinerator that, effective immediately, the incinerator will no longer be accepting grass clippings as part of our regular garbage collection. NJDEP has inspectors at the incinerator site who are enforcing the permit restrictions on the disposal of certain materials, including vegetative waste. These inspectors are rejecting truck loads containing vegetated waste i.e. grass clippings. Therefore, grass clippings are not permitted to be disposed of as part of our regular household waste collection process. As a result, our waste hauler will no longer collect grass clippings, branches, or leaves on your regularly scheduled waste pickup day.

The borough received very short notice of this change. In an effort to accommodate our residents who have already placed grass clippings in plastic bags, our Department of Public Works will be assigned to pick up and remove the grass clippings that were placed in plastic bags through Friday May 30, 2014.

In order to adhere to these regulations the borough has made a special arrangement for the collection of grass clippings. We have contracted to have these items picked up curbside every Wednesday for the months of June through October. Should the collection day fall on a holiday, the collection shall occur on the next business day (i.e. the Thursday immediately following the Wednesday holiday).

Grass Clipping Disposal Requires Containers

The new collection process shall commence on Wednesday, June 4th. Grass Clippings must be set out in Bio-Degradable paper bags or the clippings may be placed loose in a regular garbage can, not to exceed 32 gallons in size. No plastic bags may be used for the disposal of grass clippings. Other materials cannot be mixed with grass clippings. No grass clippings will be collected loose in the curb line. All grass clippings designated for collection must be placed in one of the containers so indicated.

Mixing of any waste with the grass clippings will result in non-collection.

Roseland is one of many towns affected by this mandate. Should you have any questions and/or concerns relative to this notice, please feel free to contact our Public Works Department at 973-226-6565.

We thank you for your patience and understanding while we adjust to this State requirement