



# ELK TOWNSHIP

## NEW JERSEY

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Dear Residents,

Elk Township has entered a shared service agreement with Logan Township for trash and recycle pick up. Logan Township will begin collection effective Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. This shared service will be significantly more cost effective and provide a cleaner, more attractive community. Please read the following material thoroughly and please visit our website, [www.elktownshipnj.gov](http://www.elktownshipnj.gov) for additional information.

**PLEASE NOTE TRASH AND RECYCLING WILL BE PICKED UP EVERY WEEK.**

### COLLECTION SYSTEM The Carts

Elk Township purchased and will distribute trash carts, the same as the recycle carts, that are specially constructed to be used in an automated or semi-automated collection system. The carts are designed for ease of handling, durability and has a lid which keeps odors in and moisture out. They are ***the only containers*** which can be used for trash and recycling moving forward.

The carts are being provided by the Township and have a serial number that corresponds to your address. All carts (trash and recycle) are the property of the Township. If a resident sells their property, the carts must remain at the address.

**DO NOT REMOVE CARTS FROM THE RESIDENCE.**

**THE NEW CARTS MUST NOT BE USED BEFORE THE APRIL 1<sup>st</sup> START DATE.**

All residents have received or will receive a Black 95-gallon cart for trash in mid March. This is the same as the Blue 95-gallon cart you have for recycling. The capacity of the 95-gallon cart is more than three times greater than the standard residential can. A cart filled with standard household waste should not exceed your cart capacity.

**Any Trash or recycles placed outside the cart will not be picked up.**

Trash and recycling, in their respective carts, may be placed curbside **no earlier than 5 p.m.** prior to your collection day and **no later than 5 a.m.** the day of your scheduled collection day.

Carts shall be removed from curbside **no later than 9 p.m.** on your collection day. Elk Township Ordinance 84-5.

Collection will take place on 2 different days in the Township. Please see the attached listing for your pick up day. Trash and Recycling will be picked up on the same day each week.

The township does not pick up yard waste or construction debris.

### CART PLACEMENT

Please place trash and recycling carts at least four (4) feet apart from each other and clear of any stationary objects (cars, trees, electrical boxes, mail boxes, etc.) Carts should be placed with can opening accessible from the street and the wheels against the curb line to ensure proper dumping. Failure to comply will result in a missed pickup.



### CORRECT

CARTS CANS ARE 4' APART.  
FACING FORWARD.



### **INCORRECT**

CARTS PLACED BACKWARDS.



### **INCORRECT**

CANS ARE TOO CLOSE TOGETHER.



### **INCORRECT**

ALL TRASH/RECYCLING MUST BE IN CARTS.

**PLEASE NOTE.** The automated collection cart must have four feet of clearance on each side, in order to be properly emptied. Please ensure the container is set away from all utility poles, vehicles, basketball nets, and mailboxes. All carts must be placed with the wheels touching the curb or grass line and all items must be placed in the trash or recycling cart.

**NEW: RECYCLING – will be picked up every week.**

Elk Township will continue with **Single Stream** collection. This means that you will continue to place **ALL** recyclables in the **BLUE** cart. Recycling will be picked up every week.

**ABSOLUTELY NO PLASTIC BAGS OF ANY KIND OR STYROFOAM ARE TO BE PLACED IN THE RECYCLE CART!!**

These are the only materials allowed in the Single Stream process: newspaper, paper, cardboard (no wax), junk mail, magazines, books, paper bags, **plastic containers labeled #1 and #2 only**, glass containers, aluminum and tin/steel beverage and food cans and the like. **Shredded paper cannot be recycled and must be disposed of as garbage.**

\*Please lightly rinse out containers.

\*Please ensure that cardboard is cut down to fit inside the cart. **NO** pizza boxes or frozen food boxes.

\* Please remove caps from all containers and dispose of in the trash.

\* The blue recycling container is **NOT** for wood, grass clippings, or other vegetative waste, household refuse or e-waste. Use for single stream recycling only.

**\*Do NOT place recycle items in plastic bags.**

**\*Do NOT place any type of plastic bag in the recycle container.** Please Recycle Plastic Bags at Supermarkets. Your recycles will not be picked up if there is any type of plastic bag in the cart.

\* Unsure about a recycle item please visit our website: [www.elktownshipnj.gov](http://www.elktownshipnj.gov)

### **TRASH**

Please place **regular household waste** in the **BLACK** 95-gallon cart. Please ensure that all regular household waste is properly bagged and placed inside the trash cart. Items not in the cart will not be picked up.

### **METAL AND BULK PICKUP**

**Metal Items** will only be picked up the **first Wednesday** of the month, by appointment only.

**Metal items include** such things as: Swing sets, patio furniture, grills, large appliances such as washers, dryers and refrigerators, bed frames, metal cabinets etc. (**NO** propane tanks, hazard waste or tires)

**Bulk Items** will be picked up on the **first Friday** of the month, by appointment only.

**Household bulk items include** but not limited to, mattresses, box springs, wood furniture, couches, sofas, chairs, non-metal doors and windows, carpet and the like. (No tires) In order to have metal and bulk items picked up, please call the office at (856) 881-6525 x 110 to be added to the Metal and Bulk list no later than 10AM on the Monday prior to scheduled pick up.

Items must be placed to the curb by 5 a.m. on the day of pick up.

Bulk items must be placed curbside for collection.

Carpet must be cut into 4 foot lengths, rolled and tied in bundles weighing less than 50 pounds each.

Mattresses / box springs placed out in inclement weather need to be wrapped in plastic to prevent saturation.

### **ELECTRONIC/TV/COMPUTER WASTE**

Electronics contain harmful components if disposed of improperly. Responsible disposal is important to your health and our environment. Please visit our website for a list of accepted E-Waste items. [www.elktownshipnj.gov](http://www.elktownshipnj.gov)

Electronics can be dropped off at any time in the **E-Waste Building** located in the last building on the right next to the Public Works garage. The Township does not pick up electronics.

### **UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS**

Elk Twp. does not accept soils(dirt) of any type, concrete, concrete blocks or concrete materials, asphalt, pavers, bricks, stones or the like. For disposal contact a concrete/asphalt recycler. No Construction debris.

### **CONSTRUCTION/ REMODELING/ DEMOLITION DEBRIS**

**\*THE TOWNSHIP WILL NOT PICK UP CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS.\***

Residents/Contractors are responsible for the proper disposal of this debris. IT CAN NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE REGULAR HOUSEHOLD TRASH CARTS.

Elk Township will be holding 2 **Clean-Up and Shred Days** in 2021.  
Dumpsters are provided for yard waste and other trash and metal items.  
The event will be held at the Municipal Building.  
The dates are **April 17<sup>th</sup>** and **October 16<sup>th</sup>** from 9am to 12pm.