

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Meetings:

7:30pm at Borough Hall

- February 6th
- March 6th
- April 3rd

Upcoming Events:

- Spring Clean up April 21
- Green Film Festival March:1,8,15,22
- Shredding May 12 (9am-1pm town hall)

Did You Know??

Oakland Recertified as a Bronze for Sustainable Jersey!

Membership Opening:

We are looking for an alternate member. Please email us for more information.

RECYCLING & TRASH UPDATE

The new year has brought many changes to our recycling program. Many people have asked why. Wasn't what we were doing working?

Simply put, the decision to changed was based on the recycling market, which collapsed over 2 years ago. Recyclables which were once a revenue for the town became an expense. Dual

stream recycling is much less expensive than single stream, a 20k savings.

Plus, by separating out the paper, it maintains its quality and therefore value. Based on last years market prices, we predict \$50,000 in revenue from dual stream recycling. It was the fiscally responsible choice for our town to switch to dual stream recycling.

Every time you recycle properly you are helping the borough keep costs down, plus saving the environment! Now shredded paper can be recycled too.

Click [HERE](#) for further details about the recycling rules. See the second page of this newsletter for the updated recycle flyer.

WINTER CONSERVATION

Using energy efficiently saves us money, improves the comfort of our homes, and impacts the quality of the air we breathe. Most homes and businesses use two forms of energy, electricity and natural gas. Electricity generated by burning coal contributes to acid rain and emissions of harmful air pollutants including carbon dioxide, a greenhouse gas. While we look forward to the increased use of renewable energy sources such as solar and wind power, it is sensible to adopt conservation practices when utilizing non-renewable energy resources. While we consume energy all year around, conservation becomes particularly relevant in the winter months when thermostats are turned up and heating

bills rise.

The following are simple tips for winter energy conservation:

- Change from incandescent to fluorescent lighting
- Check insulation in your attic, basement, exterior walls & floors.
- Insulate water heater and all exposed hot water pipes.
- Caulk and weatherstrip doors and windows that leak air.
- Install rubber gaskets behind outlet and switch plates on exterior walls.
- When the fireplace is not in use, keep the flue damper tightly closed.
- Keep blinds of sun-

exposed windows open in the day time and closed at night.

- Install clear window films that trap heat indoors.
- Set ceiling fans to run clockwise to draw up air & keep warm air circulating.
- Lower your thermostat five degrees at night to cut energy use.
- Plant trees/shrubs to serve as a windbreak around your house.
- Have furnace inspected and upgraded, if necessary, to a more efficient model.



Recycle These Items

All Items Must Be Rinsed and Clean: Remove all caps, tops and lids (they are not recyclable)
Remember NO TRASH in the recycling container and NO COMMINGLED (separate items)

Paper

2018 Pickups

Feb: 14, 28
 March: 14, 28
 April: 11, 25
 May: 9, 23
 June: 6, 20
 July: 5, 18
 Aug: 1, 15, 29
 Sept: 12, 26
 Oct: 10, 24
 Nov: 7, 21
 Dec: 5, 19



Newspapers



Magazines



Office / School Papers



Junk Mail



Cardboard



Paper Board



Wrapping/Shredded Paper



Paper Bags

Plastic #1, 2 & 5 Glass & Metal

2018 Pickups

Feb: 7, 21
 March: 7, 21
 April: 4, 18
 May: 2, 16, 30
 June: 13, 27
 July: 11, 25
 Aug: 8, 22
 Sept: 5, 19
 Oct: 3, 17, 31
 Nov: 14, 28
 Dec: 12, 26



Soda, Water, Milk



Detergent, Cleaners, Shampoo



Dairy: Yogurt, Butter, etc.



Glass Bottles



Food & Drink Cans



Aluminum Containers



Do Not Recycle



Plastic Bags



Styrofoam



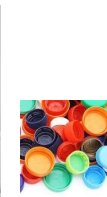
Clam Shells (fruits, takeout)



Wax Coated Drink and Food Containers



Plates, Cups, Utensils



Caps, Tops, Lids



Greasy Pizza Boxes



Pots/Pans/Dinnerware, etc



Packaging Peanuts



Toys

YES

Oakland Recycles

Borough of Oakland
 Oakland Environmental Commission
<http://www.oakland-nj.org>
 Email: ec@oakland-nj.org



NO

Plastic Bags: Bring to ShopRite or Staples.

Electronics: 1st/3rd Wed.
 call DPW: 201-337-8104

