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Summer Highlights

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Did you know....

You can take TV's, computers, electronic devices and fluorescent bulbs to SIMS. Call the Middlesex County Division of Solid Waste Management at (732) 745-4170 or go to <http://www.co.middlesex.nj.us> and look for "solid waste" under departments for more info. The drop off is **FREE** to Middlesex County residents.

Questions? Call DPW
(732) 297-1134

We're on Facebook!

The Township of North Brunswick is pleased to be on Facebook! The Township has separate pages for each department with links to our traditional website. Please do "like" us on Facebook. Search for us - North Brunswick Public Works. We will post weather emergency information as well interesting items and any schedule changes. Stay informed and be the first to know the happenings at DPW!

TV collection – a huge success!

Since January, 2011, regulatory changes required that televisions be collected separately and disposed of in an environmentally sensitive fashion. As a result of these changes, we are thrilled to report that North Brunswick residents have prevented **more than 500 televisions** from ending up as hazardous waste in a landfill!! Great job everyone!!

The televisions, thanks to a program sponsored by the Middlesex County Division of Solid Waste Management, are taken to SIMS Recycling Solutions in Edison NJ for proper recycling, along with computers and peripheral devices which are also collected curbside by appointment.

Brush never sleeps

Brush/branches collection takes place year 'round in North Brunswick. Just remember our guidelines for collection:

- Brush/branches must be less than four (4) feet long.
- All brush/branches must be bundled tied in groups no heavier than 40 pounds each.
- Brush/branches are collected by appointment ONLY. This collection is a two-day process, Thursdays and Fridays weekly. Please DO call us no later than 2pm on Wednesday to be on that week's list.
- **Unbundled brush WILL NOT BE COLLECTED.** Brush placed curbside *without* an appointment **WILL NOT BE COLLECTED.**
- Remember - per Township ordinance, nothing should be placed at the curb more than 24 hours prior to pick up. Have items out by 7am of your collection day at the latest.

Don't forget!

Always stay hydrated in the hot weather. Our staff out in the hot weather takes it a little slower and drink plenty of fluids for their health and well being.



Summer heat sometimes means....

...power outages! Whether due to "brown outs" or weather emergencies, sometimes the power goes out. Here are some tips from the Federal Citizens Information Bureau "just in case":

- Stay on the lowest floor - usually the coolest - and out of the sunshine.
- Drink, drink, drink - water and non-alcohol drinks!! Don't wait until you feel thirsty - stay hydrated.
- Avoid opening the fridge or freezer. Food should be safe as long as the outage lasts no more than 4-6 hours.
- Avoid heavy meals, alcohol, and caffeine -- all of which can make you feel hotter.
- Be sure to check on vulnerable people you know -- seniors, people with disabilities, and children -- to see that they drink enough and stay as comfortable as possible.
- If someone in your home requires medical equipment that runs on electricity, consider purchasing a small generator to use as a back-up.
- Keep a supply of flashlights, batteries, and a battery-powered radio on hand. Try not to use candles as they pose a fire hazard.
- Consider purchasing a battery-operated table fan.
- Unplug computers or other equipment which might be damaged by an electrical surge when the power is restored, or get surge protectors.
- When driving, be careful at intersections - traffic lights may be out, creating a dangerous situation.

Your Automated Trash Container

If you are a resident with once a week, automated trash collection, you have the big blue can with wheels that we call "robo cans". The container is assigned specifically to your address and remains the property of the Township of North Brunswick. If your container is damaged, we will replace it or repair it free of charge by appointment. Residents may purchase a second container for \$60. Call DPW for details. There is a maximum of 2 containers per residential address.



Placement of your Automated Trash Container

It is extremely important that your container be placed at the curb with the wheels facing the curb, and at least 4 feet from ANY OTHER OBJECT - another container, a vehicle, street sign, fire hydrant, etc. Failure to do this may result in your trash not being collected!

Shred It! Day – September 10, 2011

The Middlesex County Division of Solid Waste Management is again hosting Shred It! Days for residents that wish to have documents securely destroyed. Bring any and all household generated documents to the Municipal Building, 710 Hermann Road, on Saturday, September 10th, 2011 between 9am - Noon (or until the truck is full, which ever comes first). Residents may bring a maximum of 5 file boxes or up to 100 pounds of documents in manageable containers. If you have more than that, or need additional information, please call the Middlesex County Division of Solid Waste Management at (732) 745-4170.

Hurricane Preparedness

New Jersey is not immune to the affects of hurricane season, which for the Atlantic, runs from June 1st through November 30th. According to the National Hurricane Center, all residents should take a moment to be ready in case a hurricane bears down on our area:



- **DEVELOP A FAMILY PLAN** - Your family's plan should be based on your vulnerability to the Hurricane Hazards. You should keep a written plan and share your plan with other friends or family.
- **CREATE A DISASTER SUPPLY KIT** - There are certain items you need to have regardless of where you ride out a hurricane. The disaster supply kit is a useful tool when you evacuate as well as making you as safe as possible in your home. This is useful for all potential emergencies.
- **SECURE YOUR HOME** - There are things that you can do to make your home more secure and able to withstand stronger storms.
- **ONLINE VULNERABILITY INFO** - There are web sites that can give you information about your community's vulnerability to specific hazards. These include hurricanes as well as other weather related hazards.

For more info, visit

http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/HAW2/english/disaster_prevention.shtml

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Facebook or
northbrunswickonline.com
for any trash collection
changes or recycling pick up
changes, or call us at
732-297-1134.*

**Check our website often for Township updates and news:
www.northbrunswickonline.com**

Additional Contacts:



Government & Municipal Complex..... (732) 247-0922
 American Water (877) 783-5560
 Waste Management (Recycling) (800) 633-9096
 Police Non-emergency (732) 545-3200
 Sewer Dept. - Business Hours..... (732) 297-1134
 Sewer or DPW Emergency - Non Business Hours (732) 545-3200