

# Chatham Borough Garbage Collection Is Changing!

**Effective Date: January 1, 2024**

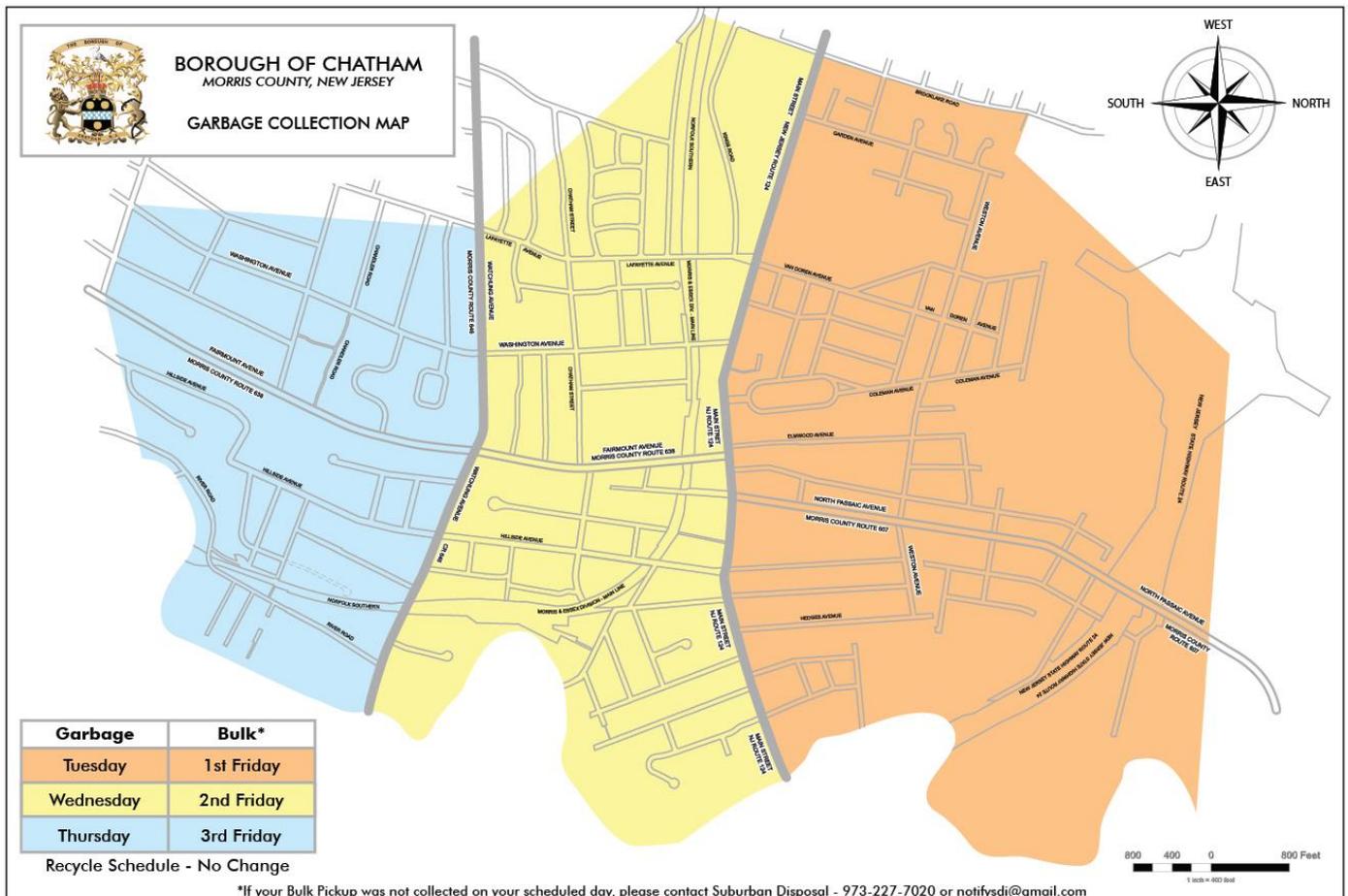
- Green bags will no longer be required
- Dispose of solid waste in Borough-provided garbage carts
- Garbage collected once per week
- Bulk pickup continues monthly, stricter enforcement of existing bulk limits will take place
- No change to recycling schedule anticipated

If you live North of Main Street, you are in the **ORANGE** zone. Your new collection day is **Tuesday**; your new bulk day is the **first Friday of the month**.

If you live between Main Street and Watchung, you are in the **YELLOW** zone. Your new collection day is **Wednesday**. Your bulk pickup day is the **second Friday of the month**.

If you live South of Watchung, you are in the **BLUE** zone. Your new collection day is **Thursday**. Your new bulk pickup day is the **third Friday of the month**.

If you live *on* Main or Watchung, your collection day will correspond with the zone of the side of the street where your home is located.



# 2024 Collection Schedule - Chatham Borough

## North of Main Street

Month:	Bulk (1 <sup>st</sup> Friday of the month)	Garbage (Tuesday)
January	5 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> , 9 <sup>th</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup> , 23 <sup>rd</sup> , and 30 <sup>th</sup>
February	2 <sup>nd</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> , 13 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup> , and 27 <sup>th</sup>
March	1 <sup>st</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> , 19 <sup>th</sup> , and 26 <sup>th</sup>
April	5 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> , 9 <sup>th</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup> , 23 <sup>rd</sup> , and 30 <sup>th</sup>
May	3 <sup>rd</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup> , and 28 <sup>th</sup>
June	7 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> , and 25 <sup>th</sup>
July	5 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> , 9 <sup>th</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup> , 23 <sup>rd</sup> , and 30 <sup>th</sup>
August	2 <sup>nd</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> , 13 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup> , and 27 <sup>th</sup>
September	6 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> , and 24 <sup>th</sup>
October	4 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> , 22 <sup>nd</sup> , and 29 <sup>th</sup>
November	1 <sup>st</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> , 19 <sup>th</sup> , and 26 <sup>th</sup>
December	6 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> , 24 <sup>th</sup> , and 31 <sup>st</sup>

## Between Main and Watchung

Month:	Bulk (2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month)	Garbage (Wednesday)
January	12 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> , 24 <sup>th</sup> , and 31 <sup>st</sup>
February	9 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup> , and 28 <sup>th</sup>
March	8 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> , 13 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup> , and 27 <sup>th</sup>
April	12 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> , and 24 <sup>th</sup>
May	10 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> , 22 <sup>nd</sup> , and 29 <sup>th</sup>
June	14 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> , 19 <sup>th</sup> , and 26 <sup>th</sup>
July	12 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> , 24 <sup>th</sup> , and 31 <sup>st</sup>
August	9 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup> , and 28 <sup>th</sup>
September	13 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> , and 25 <sup>th</sup>
October	11 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> , 9 <sup>th</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup> , 23 <sup>rd</sup> , and 30 <sup>th</sup>
November	8 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> , 13 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup> , and 27 <sup>th</sup>
December	13 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> , and 26 <sup>th</sup> *

## South of Watchung

Month:	Bulk (3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month)	Garbage (Thursday)
January	19 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> , and 25 <sup>th</sup>
February	16 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> , 22 <sup>nd</sup> , and 29 <sup>th</sup>
March	15 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup> , and 28 <sup>th</sup>
April	19 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> , and 25 <sup>th</sup>
May	17 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> , 9 <sup>th</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup> , 23 <sup>rd</sup> , and 30 <sup>th</sup>
June	21 <sup>st</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> , 13 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup> , and 27 <sup>th</sup>
July	19 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> , and 25 <sup>th</sup>
August	16 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> , 22 <sup>nd</sup> , and 29 <sup>th</sup>
September	20 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> , 19 <sup>th</sup> , and 26 <sup>th</sup>
October	18 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> , 24 <sup>th</sup> , and 31 <sup>st</sup>
November	15 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup> , and 29 <sup>th</sup> *
December	20 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> , 19 <sup>th</sup> , and 27 <sup>th</sup> *

## Say hello to your new Garbage Bin!



### 35 Gallon – Suitable for 1-2 person households

= 3 small green bags or 1 ½ large green bags/week

Total annual solid waste bill (includes recycling, bulk, and mulch site) = \$259

### 65 Gallon – Suitable for most families

= 5 small green bags or 2 ½ large green bags per week

Total annual solid waste bill (includes recycling, bulk, and mulch site) = \$482

### 95 Gallon – Suitable for larger families\*

\*or, those who entertain, prefer single use containers, or throw out lots of bulky items such as pizza boxes

= 10 small green bags or 5 large green bags per week

Total annual solid waste bill (includes recycling, bulk, and mulch site) = \$704

- You can begin using your new cart immediately, however, **Green Bags are still required through December 31<sup>st</sup>.**
- Old containers can be recycled at the recycling center or used for other purposes. Visit our website for more information on how you can reuse your old container.
- Extra garbage bag stickers will be allowed up to 3 times per year, 4 stickers per occurrence. If you find that you are consistently relying on stickers to supplement your garbage, you should upsize your cart.
- To upsize your cart, please contact Chatham Borough Public Works at (973) 635-0674
- Extra garbage bag stickers will be available for online order and must be picked up at Borough Hall

See reverse side for FAQs on the new garbage program

# 2024 Garbage Program FAQs

**Q: Why is this change being made?** In recent years, we have faced several challenges with the green bags program, including cost increases of over 70% in just three years, safety issues with manual garbage collection, difficulty with the supply and quality of green bags, and animals getting into the green bags.

**Q: Do I have to pay for the cart?** No, carts are provided by the Borough at no cost to residents, however, your total solid waste bill is dependent on the size of the cart you choose.

**Q: Why are these carts considered beneficial?** The carts are highly durable with hinged lids to keep rainwater and pests out, and odors in. They are used with automated loaders which are safer and reduces labor. They come with ten-year warranties and have RFID chips and bar codes so cans can be returned if they blow away after a storm or are stolen.

**Q: Is this really less expensive?** Yes, this program will cost less for the Borough and residents than continuing the green bags program. The new rates replace both your annual solid waste bill *and* the cost of green bags.

**Q: I already have trash and recycling cans. Can I refuse the Borough's carts and use my own?** No, only solid waste secured in the Borough-provided carts will be collected. If you no longer want or need your existing cans, the Borough will collect them and dispose of them for you. The Environmental Commission has suggested [ways to recycle them](#), information on our website.

**Q: Can I opt out of this program?** No, all Borough residents are Solid Waste utility customers.

**Q: Is the recycling program changing as well?** No, no recycling changes are anticipated.

**Q: What about bulk?** Bulk waste pickup continues once a month. This is intended for disposal of bulky household items, furniture, and other oversized items that do not fit into carts. **It may include up to four items and one 30-gallon container of rubbish (shoes, baskets, flowerpots, etc.).**

**Q: What if I have a party or event that generates lots of extra garbage?** For *occasional* excess garbage, you may place up to 4 bags next to your cart affixed with a Borough issued sticker. Stickers are available for \$3 at Borough Hall and will be sufficient for one large (up to 33 gallon) bag. Residents are limited to 4 stickers per occurrence, up to 3 times per year.

**Q: Where do I place the cart?** See guidelines below. Still not sure about cart placement or concerned about a steep slope? Contact DPW for the best solution based on your home's location.



More questions? Call Public Works at 973-635-5242 or email [publicworks@chathamborough.org](mailto:publicworks@chathamborough.org)

**Message from the Environmental Commission – GREEN WAYS to reuse your old garbage can.**

**TURN YOUR BIN INTO A COMPOSTER!**



<https://www.thespruce.com/how-to-make-trash-can-compost-2539476>

**TURN YOUR BIN INTO A RAIN BARREL!**



<https://www.bhg.com/gardening/design/projects/how-to-make-rain-barrel/>

**TURN YOUR BIN INTO A POTATO GARDEN!**



<https://www.gardeningknowhow.com/edible/vegetables/potato/container-potatoes.htm>

**TURN YOUR BIN INTO A FLOWER PLANTER!**



<https://www.thelilypadcottage.com/garbage-can-flower-planter-diy/>

**TURN YOUR BIN INTO A STRAWBERRY PLANTER!**



<https://www.ruralsprout.com/strawberry-planting-ideas/>

**TURN YOUR BIN INTO A WEED BARRIER!**



Cut bin into strips of plastic and make DIY edging for your flower beds to keep the weeds away.