

# Chatham Borough Garbage Collection Is Changing!

**Effective Date: January 1, 2024**

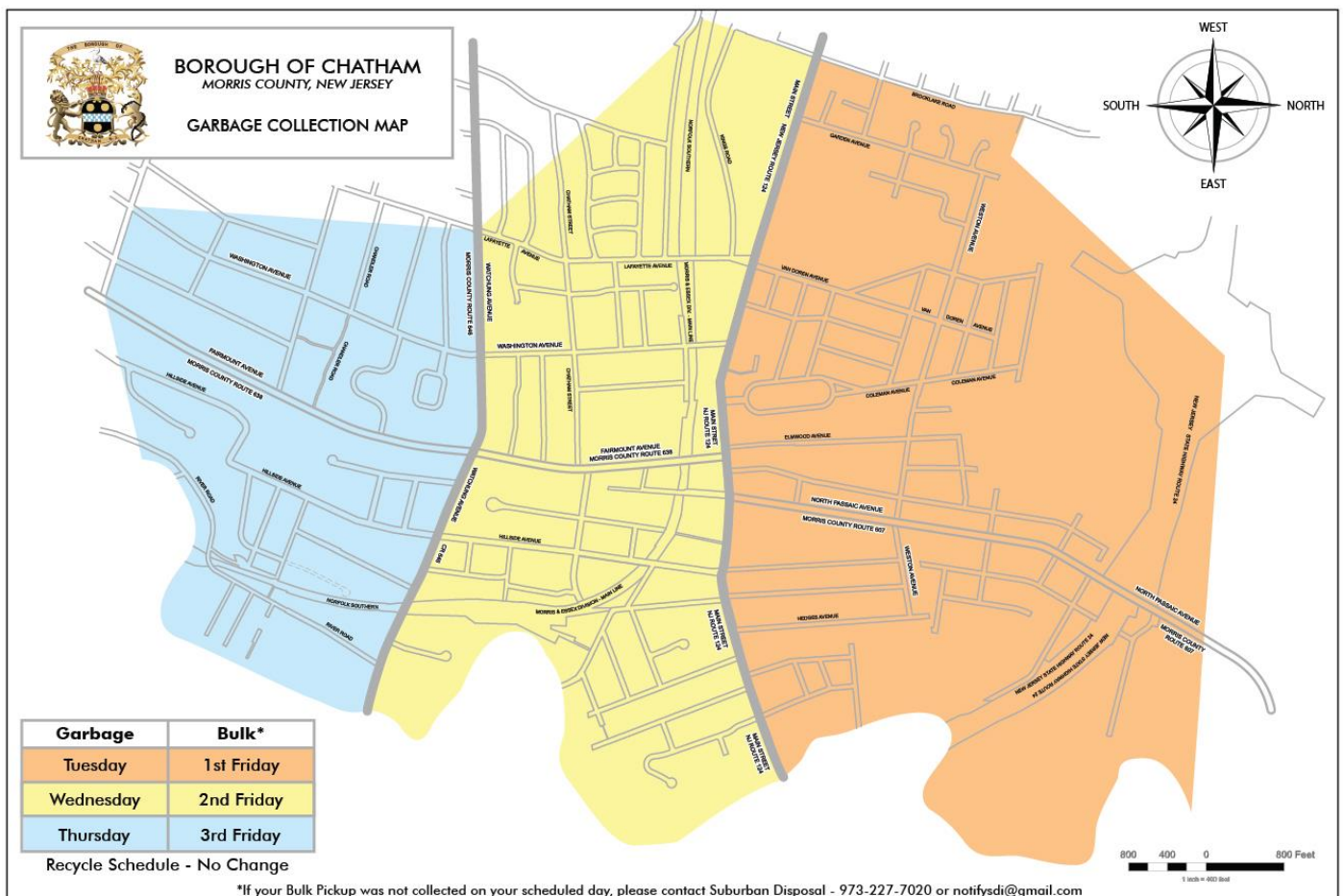
- Green bags will no longer be required
- Dispose of solid waste in Borough-provided garbage carts
- Garbage collected once per week
- Bulk continues once/month but stricter enforcement of limits
- No change to recycling schedule anticipated

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> *

# Chatham Borough: Sign Up for Your Container Size



## 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

Senior citizens interested in collection every other week only please call the DPW to sign up for a discounted rate.

## 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

Return form to Borough Hall, 54 Fairmount Avenue, by September 30, 2023 or fill out the online form at: <http://chathamborough.org/resident/trash>

Full Name:	Cart Selection (collected weekly):
Address:	<input type="checkbox"/> Small Cart
Phone #:	<input type="checkbox"/> Medium Cart
Email:	<input type="checkbox"/> Large Cart

Please cut at above line and mail back to 54 Fairmount Avenue, Chatham Attn: Public Works or visit the above website to file online.

**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 a number of 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, the carts will be provided by Chatham Borough at no cost.

**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 to a property 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 and recyclables 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.

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

**Q: Is there a discount for senior citizens?** A household of up to two senior citizens (65 or older by 12/31/2023) who opt for every other week collection and a 35-gallon cart can receive a discount. These carts will have a different colored lid and will only be collected 21 times/year. Please contact DPW for more details.

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

**Q: What about bulk?** Bulk waste will continue to be collected monthly. Due to increasing costs, the Borough has asked the vendor to enforce existing bulk limits more strictly and only pick up what is allowed.

**Q: What if I have a party or event that generates lots of extra garbage?** For *occasional* excess garbage, you may place a bag next to your container affixed with a sticker for excess trash. Stickers are available for \$3 at Borough Hall and will be sufficient for one large (up to 40 gallon) bag.

**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)**