

CENSUS 2010

Bloomfield **BUZZ**
Special Edition

Stand Up & Be Counted!

By the end of March, all households in Bloomfield will receive a 10-minute, 10-question census form to be completed and mailed back to the U.S. Census Bureau. Residents are urged to complete and return the questionnaires upon receipt.

From May to July, census-takers will visit households that have not returned the questionnaires to take a count in person.

The U.S. Constitution requires a national census once every 10 years to count the population and determine the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives.

By law, the Census Bureau cannot share an individual's response with anyone,

10 Questions Minutes

Census questionnaires
arriving by the end of March

including other federal agencies or law enforcement entities.

This year's questionnaire contains just 10 questions. More detailed socioeconomic information has been collected in the past. This year and every year in the coming decade, that information will be asked of a small percentage of the population through the annual American Com-

munity Survey.

To help our diverse population through the process, census language assistance guides are available in many languages. Also Questionnaire Assistance Centers will assist those unable to read or understand the questionnaire. Large-print questionnaires and a Teletex device for the hearing impaired also are available. ✪

Who's Counted?

Census counts include citizens, noncitizen legal residents, noncitizen long-term visitors and illegal immigrants. The Census Bureau uses special procedures to ensure that those without conventional housing are counted. However, data from these operations are not considered as accurate as data obtained from traditional procedures.

In any given household, owned or rented, the count includes all people, even babies, who live and sleep in the home most of the time.

The Census Bureau also conducts counts in institutions, such as people living away at college, in the armed forces, in a nursing home or prison. They are not counted as part of a household, even if they will return to live in the household after college, military, jail or a nursing home. Otherwise, they might be counted twice.

The census does count people with no permanent place to stay. For example, if someone is staying in a friend's home temporarily, the Census Bureau will count the person because otherwise, they could be missed in the census.

To view multi-lingual census programming, go to the schedule for WBMA-TV (Comcast 35, Verizon 30) at www.wbmatv.com.

Here's How the Census Count Helps You Locally

A complete count of Bloomfield citizens ensures that we receive our fair share of the \$400 billion federal grants pie. In addition, Bloomfield's annual allotment of approximately \$1.5 million in Community Development Block Grants could otherwise be drastically cut or eliminated. CDBG grants are used to:

- Repave our streets, reline water mains, repair sidewalks, provide energy efficient LED lighting.
- Determine eligibility for housing assistance and rehabilitation loans.
- Provide affordable housing.
- Support social services such as family counseling and daycare centers.
- Plan health and educational services for people with disabilities.
- Draw school district boundaries. Develop adult education programs.
- Fund crime prevention programs.
- Build and upgrade recreational facilities.
- Direct services to children and adults with limited English.

A count that is erroneously lower by just 500 to 1,000 people can make the difference. We need to count everyone!

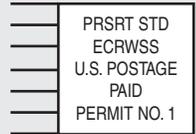
Non-Recycling Services

- **Pothole Repair** - Call (973) 680-4127, press #1 to provide location.
- **Streetlight Out** - Call (973) 680-4009. Provide the pole number.

- **Missed Pickup of Trash or Leaves/Grass**
Call (973) 680-4127, press #1 to provide your address.

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1 Municipal Plaza
Bloomfield, NJ 07003



**Postal Customer
Local 07003**

Bloomfield online: www.bloomfieldwpnj.com

Bloomfield Public Works Department (973) 680-4127

General Recycling SERVICES

Yard Waste Collection April 1 – Oct. 15

Yard waste is collected on regular recycling days. The following rules apply:

- Leaves, grass, clippings, brush, branches and lawn rakings may be collected in biodegradable bags only. Do not place loosely or in piles on sidewalks, gutters or streets.
- The Township will not pick up waste collected in paper or plastic shopping bags or in trash cans.
- Yard waste cannot be combined with household garbage or recycling.
- Landscapers must conform to the same rules.
- Grass clippings can be left on the lawn for "grasscycling." (See www.bloomfieldwpnj.com/grasscycling.php)

Metals and Appliances -

Appointment required. Call no later than 3 p.m. Monday for a Tuesday pickup.

Refrigerator Recycling: Call Greener Bloomfield at 973-932-0472.

■ **Bulky Items** (i.e., furniture, carpeting, mattresses, TVs larger than 33", dried out paint cans) - Collected in all zones on the second weekly pickup day. Maximum three pieces per household per pickup. (No call necessary.)

■ **Branch Pickup** - Branches must be cut and tied in lengths not exceeding four feet and less than 25 pounds. Place the bundles at curbside on recycling days.

■ **Large Tree Parts** - Lengths not exceeding three feet. Call 680-4127, press #1 for Maintenance.

■ **Window and Mirror Glass** - Wrap in paper and place in

double garbage bags. Place the package for curbside pickup on the second garbage day. For extra-large windows or mirrors, use tape.

■ **Proper Household Battery Management** - Place AAA, AA and 9-volt batteries in house-hold garbage.

■ **Essex County Household Hazardous Waste Day** - to be announced.

■ **Motor Oil and/or Antifreeze** - Hold for pickup on specified date or take with tires to a local gas station or dealer.

■ **Rechargeable Batteries, Cell Phones**
Recycle at Radio Shack, Best Buy, Staples, Target, Office-Max, Lowes, Home Depot, Sears, Walmart and Verizon Wireless. Car batteries not accepted. To find the nearest retail collection site, visit www.rbc.org, or call 1-800-8-BATTERY or 1-877-2-RECYCLE.

■ **Printer Cartridges** - Ask if your retailer recycles them.

RECYCLING DROP-OFF Items Accepted

230 Grove Street
Saturdays, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

- All Curbside Recycling:** Newspapers, cardboard, mixed paper, bottles, cans.
- Computers/Electronics:** Computers, monitors, printers, wires/cables, keyboards, mouse, telephones, computer components, TVs under 32", VCRs, DVD players, stereos, microwaves, small household appliances.
- Hard Cover Books**
- Usable Clothing**

Curbside Recycling

Shaded Dates:
Mixed Paper Only

Unshaded Dates:
Commingled Materials

Report missed pickups
at (973) 674-6266

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Memorial Day, May 31. No garbage pickup, recycling delayed one day.