



Township Council
1 Municipal Plaza
Bloomfield, NJ 07003

Louise M. Palagano
Municipal Clerk

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Meeting: 12/11/23 06:30 PM

2023 ORDINANCE NEW ORDINANCE

**2023 ORDINANCE AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 491
- SOLID WASTE - CONTAINERIZED YARD WASTE**

SECTION 1. Purpose:

An ordinance to establish requirements for the proper handling of yard waste in Township of Bloomfield (the Township), so as to protect public health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for the failure to comply.

SECTION 2. Definitions:

For the purpose of this ordinance, the following terms, phrases, words and their derivations shall have the meanings stated herein unless their use in the text of this Chapter clearly demonstrates a different meaning. When consistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words used in the plural number include the singular number, and words used in the singular number include the plural number. The word "shall" is always mandatory and not merely directory.

- a. Containerized - means the placement of yard waste in a biodegradable bag such as to prevent the yard waste from spilling or blowing out into the street and coming into contact with stormwater.
- b. Person - any individual, corporation, company, partnership, firm, association, or political subdivision of this State subject to municipal authority.
- c. Street - means any street, avenue, boulevard, road, parkway, viaduct, drive, or other way, which is an existing State, county, or municipal roadway, and includes the land between the street lines, whether improved or unimproved, and may comprise pavement, shoulders, gutters, curbs, sidewalks, parking areas, and other areas within the street lines.
- d. Yard Waste - means leaves and grass clippings.

SECTION 3. Prohibited Conduct:

The owner or occupant of any property, or any employee or contractor of such owner or occupant engaged to provide lawn care or landscaping services, shall not sweep, rake, blow or otherwise place yard waste, unless the yard waste is containerized, in the street. If yard waste that is not containerized is placed in the street, the party responsible for placement of yard waste must remove the yard waste from the street or said party shall be deemed in violation of this ordinance. Under a "Cut It and Leave It" program, the Township now encourages you to cut your grass and leave it on the lawn to help fertilize it and retain

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moisture. This process is also known as "Grasscycling," meaning natural recycling of grass clippings.

Grasscycling:

- lowers your need to fertilize by up to 30%,
- It reduces the trucking and resulting fuel use and pollution for collecting the bags,
- Renders and maintains a healthier lawn, and
- Eliminates the need to purchase and fill biodegradable bags for grass.

For more information, visit the Township Grasscycling page.

Biodegradable Bag Collection

The Township regulations require that brush, branches, yard raking and other vegetative matter be placed in biodegradable bags only for collection by the Township. Pickups will be made on the same day as recycling pickups. Leaves shall be placed in biodegradable bags only for curbside pickup by the Township during the periods of October 15 through December 31 and April 1 through May 15 of each year.

Biodegradable bags with leaves will not be picked up during the Winter months, January 1 - March 31. Instead, Christmas trees will be picked up in January and the repair of potholes and other work will be performed during this period.

Soft vegetative waste collection will resume in the Spring.

SECTION 4. Violations and Penalties:

- A. Any person, firm or organization found guilty of who violating a provision of this chapter shall, upon conviction, forfeit and pay a fine of \$75 for the first offense, \$150 for the second offense and, for the third and any subsequent offenses, shall be subject to one or more of the following: a minimum fine of \$250 but not exceeding \$1,250, a term of imprisonment not exceeding 90 days or a period of community service not exceeding 90 days. In addition to the foregoing penalties, where a container includes designated recycling material mixed with solid waste, the container will not be collected.
 - B. Fines levied and collected pursuant to the provisions of this chapter shall be immediately deposited into the Municipal Recycling Trust Fund (or equivalent).
- SECTION VI. Severability:

SECTION 5. Effective date:

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and any publication as may be required by law.

ALL OF WHICH IS ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, by the Township of Bloomfield.

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Approved as to form and procedure on basis of facts set forth.



Director of Law-Township Attorney

I hereby certify that the above ordinance was duly adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Bloomfield at a meeting of said Township Council held on December 11, 2023.



Municipal Clerk of the Township of Bloomfield



Mayor of the Township of Bloomfield

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