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2023

Elmwood Park Waste Watchers' Handbook





Your Complete Guide To Recycling, Garbage & Clean Up Services

A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Dear Resident,

As your Mayor, I have been entrusted to carry on the duties of making Elmwood Park run as financially proficient as possible, while simultaneously keeping taxes down. That's exactly the objective of this waste watcher's handbook. It calls upon all residents to partake in the savings of our Borough's operating costs by way of recycling, therefore helping the governing body to keep our taxes down. State Law mandates that we recycle.

The plus is, this handbook contains information, along with the dates, of activities from some of the Municipal Departments that service our entire community. Take special note of the Recreation Department's 2023 calendar and the numerous activities in which all residents – young and old – are encouraged to participate, should these current times allow.

Please take time to read it through and if you believe the next edition should contain information not listed, please call the recycling office at 201-796-1457 ext. 400, and let us know. Should we deem it necessary and have space, it will be included.

Sincerely,

Robert Colletti, Mayor



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VOTER REGISTRATION



If you are not registered, have changed your name, or moved from one district to another, please call the Borough Clerk's Office. Registration books are closed twenty-one (21) days before each election; therefore, to vote, you must register before that time. You can now register to vote online at: https://www.state.nj.us/state/elections/voter-registration.shtml

Looking for a New Pet for Your Family?
Visit Bergen County Animal Shelter and Adoption Center,
100 United Lane, Teterboro, NJ

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REGULAR GARBAGE COLLECTION

Residential Dwellings

Garbage must be on curbs after sundown (**before dark**) the night before collection. Garbage containers should be covered since rain and snow will add to the weight of garbage, creating a senseless waste of tax money.

• **Pick-Up Schedule:** Regular household garbage is picked up curbside throughout the community every Monday and Thursday.

Bulky Garbage (couch, chair, table, box spring, mattress, tied rug, not a roomful of furniture) will be picked up on Thursday. If you have any questions about these items, please call first for information.

Note: When moving, residents must not line the curb with items to be discarded.

• BED BUG INFESTATION PREVENTION
EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, ALL mattresses
and box springs, regardless of contamination, are
to be wrapped in clear plastic before being placed
on the curb. If there is any suspicion of bed bug
infestation, the resident will also be required to
wrap ALL FURNITURE individually in plastic
prior to placing it on the curb.

REMEMBER: The garbage collectors have been instructed to leave any garbage container that has recyclable materials in it.

Items *not* **picked up** by the garbage contractor or the Department of Public Works include:

- Tires and car batteries
- Building Materials/Construction Materials/Wood

REMEMBER: When doing construction work on your home, you not only need a building permit, but you must recycle materials left from the job.

• **Metal** may not be discarded with garbage.



CONDOS, CO-OPS AND APARTMENT COMPLEXES

Items not to be placed in Dumpsters marked for Garbage: Glass, tin, aluminum, paper, newspapers and cardboard.

- **Pick- Up Schedule:** Regular household Garbage Dumpsters are emptied every Monday and Thursday.
- **Hot water heaters** will be picked up by D.P.W. when a permit is issued for a new one and it is inspected by the plumbing inspector.
- White goods which are large appliances like stoves, refrigerators, freezers, washers, dryers and air conditioners. You must call the Recycling Office for a pick-up of these items.
- TVs and computers must either be traded in when a new item is purchased or brought to the DPW yard, where there is a recycling container for them. Pickup is for TVs at a fee of \$20. If you have questions regarding these items, please call 201-796-1457, ext. 400.

HOLIDAYS* NO GARBAGE PICK-UP

Monday, May 29
Memorial Day
Tuesday, July 4
Fourth of July
Monday, September 4
Labor Day
Thursday, November 23
Thanksgiving Day

Garbage Pick-up Following Holidays

*On the next regularly scheduled pickup, garbage *must* be placed at the curb the night before, since pickup will begin after 3 a.m.

IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT THE RECYCLING OFFICE AT: 201-796-1457, EXT. 400

*Contracted holidays may change due to contract changes during the year.



RECYCLING PROGRAM

For residents who are interested in using the free app, Recycle Coach, to assist with keeping track of their recycling schedule please visit: https://elmwoodparknj.us/department-of-public-works/recycle-coach for more information.

** ALL RESIDENTS MUST PROVIDE THEIR OWN RECYCLING CONTAINERS**

Mandatory Recycling Items. All Elmwood Park residents are expected to recycle these mandatory items:

Commingled Recyclables

- Glass
- Aluminum cans
- Tin cans
- Plastics

Paper and Cardboard

- Newspapers
- Magazines
- Paper, brown paper bags
- · Corrugated and chipboard cardboard

RECYCLING MANUFACTURED ITEMS

Residential Dwellings

Commingled and paper/cardboard materials are picked up on alternate weeks throughout the year. For pick-up, place recyclables at your curb after 6 p.m. the night before your designated collection day, in containers weighing not more than 40 pounds each.

RECYCLING HOLIDAYS FOR CARDBOARD AND COMMINGLES

- Memorial Day Fourth of July Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day New Year's Day

Condos, Co-Ops and Apartment Complexes

Containers for Recycling are placed throughout your complex. Dispose of recyclables as follows:

- **Commingled container:** Glass, aluminum cans, tin cans, plastic containers
- Paper container: Cardboard (broken down), newspapers, magazines, junk mail

DISPOSING OF MEDICAL SYRINGES

Residents who require home use of syringes for medical conditions may properly dispose of them in a coffee can or sturdy detergent bottle, securing the lid with duct tape. They may then be placed out with the regular garbage, once labeled "syringes".

COMMINGLED RECYCLING - Acceptable Items*

Plastic household containers with the numbers 1, 2 or 5 on the bottom of the container [i.e. Water and soda bottles, detergent, shampoo & bleach bottles (narrow neck containers)]

- Aluminum beverage cans, aluminum pet food cans, aluminum foil and pie tins
- Bi-metal/steel food cans (all sizes)
- Glass bottles and jars of every color
- Plastic 5 gallon buckets, totes, soda/milk crates, laundry type baskets
- Plastic carts, trash cans/lids without wheels and axles and 100% all plastic lawn furniture (no metal)
- Non-electronic large plastic toys (i.e. Playhouses, Playschool toys, etc.) NO METAL ATTACHED
- Plastic tubs and lids (i.e. Yogurt containers, margarine tubs, ketchup bottles, syrup bottles)
- Gable topped milk, juice, soup and other beverage cartons as well as Aseptic cartons

*All acceptable material should be as clean as possible, free of any debris or excess residue

PAPER AND CARDBOARD RECYCLING

Various types of paper and cardboard are to be recycled.

Newspapers may be tied in a separate bundle or placed in a container with other paper.

They must not be placed in plastic bags.





Magazines and paper includes: any soft-cover magazines, writing paper, junk mail of all kinds, computer paper or the like; Chipboard cardboard, food packaging boxes that do not have wax covering, such as macaroni or cereal boxes; no MILK or JUICE cartons; brown paper bags can be placed with all paper.



Cardboard must be broken down and flattened. It will not be picked up if it is not broken down. Cardboard includes:

- **Corrugated Cardboard**, all large boxes with parallel furrows or ridges used for packaging larger items or shipping products. Break, rip or flatten these boxes for recycling.
- Hard-Cover Books may be put in the same container as all the other paper or placed in a cardboard box for recycling.

NON-ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

Plastic Bags of any size or color!! Any Container with a number 3,4,6 or 7 on the bottom!!

- Drain Pipes
- Flower Pots
- Chemical Bottles
- Coolers
- Electronics (Any Type)
- Tool Boxes
- Plastic Film
- Plastic Oil Containers
- Paint Cans
- Plastic Utensils
- Appliances
- Pool Liners or Covers
- Small Plastic Pools
- Fabrics/Clothing

- Water Hoses/Rubber Hoses
- Wheels/Tires of Any Size
- 55 Gallon Drums
- Paper/Cardboard/Wood
- Styrofoam/Packing Peanuts
- Fiberglass Items
- Old VCR Tapes/Video Tapes
- Plastic Food Trays
- Tar Pails
- Antifreeze Containers
- Microwave Trays
- Vinyl Products/Vinyl Siding
- General Trash of Any Type
- Vacuum Hoses

- Hazardous Materials/Medical Waste
- PVC Pipe/Tubing/Plumbing Fixtures
- Pesticide Containers





REGULAR GARBAGE PICK UP FOR ALL SECTIONS IS EVERY MONDAY AND THURSDAY FURNITURE PICK UPS ARE MADE ON THURSDAY

QUESTIONS ARE TO BE DIRECTED TO THE RECYCLING OFFICE AT 201-796-1457, EXT. 400

**HOLIDAY REMINDER: NO COLLECTION ON NATIONAL HOLIDAYS.
RECYCLING PICKUPS WILL BE MADE ON THE FOLLOWING SATURDAY.
(SEE PAGE 4)

PICK UP DISTRICTS

For Recycling and DPW Pick-ups

Section 1:

From Kipp Avenue to Route 80, West of Mola Boulevard to River Drive. **MONDAY PICK-UP**

Section 2:

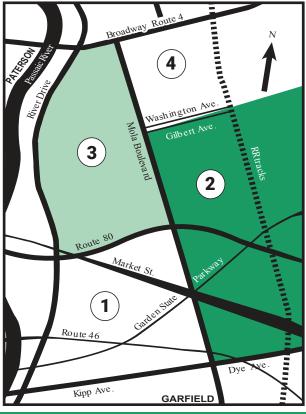
From Dye Avenue to Gilbert Avenue, East of Mola Boulevard to railroad tracks, including all of Cherry Hill. **TUESDAY PICK-UP**

Section 3:

From Route 80 to Route 4, West of Mola Boulevard to River Drive. **WEDNESDAY PICK-UP**

Section 4:

Rosemont Section and Route 4 to Washington Avenue, East of Mola Boulevard to railroad tracks. THURSDAY PICK-UP



2023	Monday Section 1	Monday Section 1	Tuesday Section 2	Tuesday Section 2	Wednesday Section 3	Wednesday Section 3	Thursday Section 4	Thursday Section 4
C = Commingled P = Paper	С	P	С	P	С	P	C	P
January	16, 30	9, 23	3, 17, 31	10, 24	4, 18	11, 25	5, 19	12, 26
February	13, 27	6, 20	14, 28	7, 21	1, 15	8, 22	2, 16	9, 23
March	13, 27	6, 20	14, 28	7, 21	1, 15	8, 22	2, 16	9, 23
April	10, 24	3, 17	11, 25	4, 18	12, 26	5, 19	13, 27	6, 20
May	8, 22	1, 15, 29	9, 23	2, 16, 30	10, 24	3, 17, 31	11, 25	4, 18
June	5, 19	12, 26	6, 20	13, 27	7, 21	14, 28	8, 22	1, 15, 29
July	3, 17, 31	10, 24	4, 18	11, 25	5, 19	12, 26	6, 20	13, 27
August	14, 28	7, 21	1, 15, 29	8, 22	2, 16, 30	9, 23	3, 17, 31	10, 24
September	11, 25	4, 18	12, 26	5, 19	13, 27	6, 20	14, 28	7, 21
October	9, 23	2, 16, 30	10, 24	3, 17, 31	11, 25	4, 18	12, 26	5, 19
November	6, 20	13, 27	7, 21	14, 28	8, 22	1, 15, 29	9, 23	2, 16, 30
December	4, 18	11, 25	5, 19	12, 26	6, 20	13, 27	7, 21	14, 28

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

40 Slater Drive

Hours: M-F 7am-3:30pm • Saturdays: 8:30am-12pm – Weather Permitting 201-796-1457 Ext 400 or 201-796-1007 – Please leave a message if there is no answer

Yard Waste

Grass clippings, vegetation, plants and flowers can be commingled in the same container. DPW provides curbside pickup of yard waste.

Yard Waste Regulations

Yard Waste must not be placed with regular garbage. If so, it will not be picked up. Branches, shrubs, hedges and bush clippings are to be tied in bundles, not to exceed 4 feet in length. Put yard waste in a container no larger than 32 gallons and place at curbside by 6am on your pickup day. Do not jam garden waste into container, the containers should be able to empty freely.

Use of plastic bags is against the law.

GRASS PLACED IN PLASTIC BAGS WILL NOT BE PICKED UP.

Yard waste and leaves can also be brought to the DPW Garage during their normal business hours.

YARD WASTE STICKERS are available at the DPW garage and Borough Hall.

YARD WASTE PICK-UP ONLY **DPW HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

There will be no collections in your section if your regular collection day falls on a holiday.

New Year's Observed Monday, January 2

Monday, May 29 Memorial Day

Tuesday, June 20 Juneteenth

Tuesday, July 4 Fourth of July

Monday, September 4 Labor Day

Monday, October 9 Columbus Day

Thursday, November 23 Thanksgiving Day

YARD WASTE PICK-UP SCHEDULE

April 3 through October

26Section 1: Every Monday

Section 2: Every Tuesday



CUT IT AND LEAVE IT. This is an environmentally friendly way to care for your lawn, plus it saves time and money. To maintain your lawn properly, avoid mowing more than the top third of the grass. Since clippings are a natural fertilizer, your lawn will be healthier, and the taller grass will shade the soil, cooling roots and preventing weeds.

> NO PAPER OR ANY GARBAGE is to be mixed in with Grass.

If so, your GRASS WILL NOT be picked up.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS (CONTINUED)

Leaves

Rake and place curbside for collection. Leaves must be loose, separated from regular garbage and not in plastic bags or barrels. Alternatively, residents may compost their own leaves.

Do not put branches, sticks or cornstalks in leaf piles, as they clog leaf machines. Make sure your landscaper, also, puts leaves close to the curb (not in middle of road) – not less than 10 feet from a storm drain inlet – no more than 48 hours before your pick-up day. If the leaves are put out after pick-up on your day, you will have to remove them from the street.

Dumping leaves in or on the curbs surrounding Borough-owned parks is strictly prohibited.

Important: Caution children about the danger of playing in piles of leaves at curbside, especially if they cannot be seen by drivers who will be parking their cars. Do not park your car on leaf piles since the heat under the car can start a fire. Have leaves ready for pick up on the same day as your recycling schedule.

LEAF PICK-UP SCHEDULE - 2023

October 16 through December 14 Weather Permitting

Section 1: Every Monday

Section 2: Every Tuesday

Section 3: Every Wednesday

Section 4: Every Thursday

Christmas Trees

D.P.W. will pick up Christmas Trees in the month of January. For pick-up, just place your tree at the curb on your specified day. **Do not place trees in plastic bags; trees in plastic covers will not be picked up.** Alternatively, You may bring your tree to the D.P.W. yard until Friday, January 13, 2023.

2023 CHRISTMAS TREE PICK-UP SCHEDULE

Section 1: Monday, January 2 and 9

Section 2: Tuesday, January 3 and 10

Section 3: Wednesday, January 4 and 11

Section 4: Thursday, January 5 and 12

These are the only days trees will be picked up, unless the schedule is changed due to snowfall.



DO-IT-YOURSELF REMOVAL

Disposing of TVs and Computers

Trade in these electronics when purchasing new one or take them to the recycling container at the D.P.W. yard. Hours: M-F, 7:00 am – 3:30 pm; Sat., 8 am – noon. Proof of residency is required

prior to entering the D.P.W. complex. If you are not able to transport these items, call the Recycling Office at 201-796-1457, ext. 400, for an appointment. There is a charge for this service.

Collectible items

Used clothing can be donated to many different charitable organizations, such as AMVETS or the Salvation Army.

Household batteries: Alkaline batteries (AA, AAA, C, D, 9V) are to be disposed of as normal garbage.

Vehicle and rechargeable batteries, button batteries (used in hearing aids and watches) are still to be recycled and can be brought to the Hazardous Waste Collections on the next page.

NON-COLLECTABLE ITEMS

Many recyclable items are not removed by either garbage or a recycling contractor. Please note the following for additional suggestions for removal:

White goods (large appliances) must either be traded in when a new item is purchased or scheduled for pick-up by calling the Recycling Office. Any item 80% metal can also be scheduled for pick up through the Recycling Office by calling 201 796-1457 ext. 400.

Building materials, like asphalt, roofing, cement and asphalt sidewalks and driveways, bricks, etc., are recyclable. Building permits contain recycling information. **It is the responsibility of the contractor or homeowner to recycle.**

Tires must be traded in when new ones are bought, or they may be disposed of at local gas stations or tire repair centers. The BCUA conducts free tire recycling events. *For dates and locations, see below.*

HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL

- Aerosol Cans Anti-freeze Batteries: Vehicle & Rechargeable Only Blacktop Sealers Bug Sprays Disinfectants
- Fertilizer Fire Extinguishers Fluorescent Bulbs Gasoline Herbicides Kerosene Mercury Switches
- Oil Filters (Used) Paints: All Types Pesticides Propane Cylinders (1 lb., 20 lb.) Solvents, Thinners
- Thermostats/thermometers Used Motor Oils Varnishes.

If you have unacceptable materials such an unlabeled wastes or containers with unknown contents, regulated medical wastes, radioactive materials and explosives, etc., go online to www.bcua.org or call the BCUA hotline at 201-807-5825 for help with disposing of them properly.

BERGEN COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY COLLECTION DAYS

Programs are free and held rain or shine. Proof of Bergen County residency is required.

TIRES, COMPUTER/ELECTRONICS RECYCLING AND PAPER SHREDDING

All sites open 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. (rain or shine)

Bergen Community College 400 Paramus Road, Paramus Sunday, April 24, 2022

Saturday, August 6, 2022

Bergen County Campgaw Reservation 400 Paramus Road, Paramus Saturday, June 4, 2022

Sunday, October 2, 2022

DUE TO COVID 19 SAFETY RESTRICTIONS THAT WILL BE IMPLEMENTED TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF EMPLOYEES AND RESIDENTS ATTENDING THE EVENTS, PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT WAIT TIMES MAY BE EXTENSIVE. PLEASE PLAN ACCORDINGLY.

HAZARDOUS WASTE

(No electronics or automobile tires)

Collection Hours: 9am - 3pm Rain or Shine

Bergen County Utilities Authority Foot of Empire Blvd., Moonachie

Saturday, March 12, 2022 Saturday, November 19, 2022

Bergen County Campgaw Reservation 200 Campgaw Road, Mahwah

Saturday, May 14, 2022

Saturday, July 16, 2022

Saturday, September 10, 2022

Bergen Community College 400 Paramus Road, Paramus

Sunday, April 3, 2022 Sunday, June 12, 2022

Sunday, October 16, 2022

To learn more, call the BCUA hotline @ 201-807-8696



ELMWOOD PARK LOCAL EVENTS

Elmwood Park Public Grounds Clean-Up CLEAN-UP SATURDAYS

April 8 and October 7, 10 a.m. - 12 noon

Location:

Recreation Center (Nutrition Side)

The Mayor, Council and Recycling Office will be sponsoring two volunteer "Litter" Clean-Up Days. Everyone is invited to come and make a difference in our community effort.

FOR SPECIAL HANDLING

We live in an age where we're all now more aware of safety issues related to certain body fluids. The Health Department recommends the following steps be taken to protect others when disposing of such potentially harmful products.

Any personal care, disposable items – such as diapers, wipes and sanitary products that would be used to absorb body fluids – should be disposed of as follows:

- Each soiled product that will be thrown away should be placed in a self-sealing plastic bag.
- This bag should then be placed in a tightly covered storage container, such as a large plastic storage box.
- Store the container in a secure area away from pets and family members.
- Your healthcare provider will tell you if you require additional information concerning safe disposal of personal care items.
- Call your healthcare provider if you require additional information concerning safe disposal of personal care items.



Poison Control

In the event of a poison emergency, you can call the NJ Poison Control Hotline: 1-800-222-1222.

Elmwood Park Shredding Event

October 14, 2023 • 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. RAIN OR SHINE

Location:

Behind the Municipal Building

- Confidential/sensitive material only
 - No need to remove paper clips, staples or paperboard covers

For more information, call the **Recycling Office** at 201-796-1457, ext. 400



Annual Town-Wide Garage Sale, 2023: The May 13th and 14th weekend will be the Annual Town-Wide Garage Sale. No permit will be necessary. Any signs must be removed at the end of the sale.

If you are interested in having a garage sale that weekend, call the Recycling Office to register your address on a list of participating garage sales that will be made available to all garage sale visitors.

Planning a Private Garage Sale? You must obtain a permit at the Police Department's Records Bureau window: Mon-Thurs: 9am-1pm, 4pm-9pm, Fri: 9am-1pm Alternate Fridays: 4pm-9pm, Alternate Saturdays: 8am-1pm. Records Bureau Phone Number:

201-796-1457 Ext: 113

When a permit is issued, you will receive signs to post. These are the only signs that can be posted and must be removed after the sale. Signs may not be posted on utility poles.

WATER DEPARTMENT - HYDRANT FLUSHING

Please be advised that the Borough of Elmwood Park Water Department will begin a hydrant - flushing program on May 08, 2023 & September 11, 2023. This program is part of an ongoing maintenance program to insure the delivery of the highest quality water. This work will be performed during regular working hours of 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The flushing program will last for a period of approximately 12 days according to the attached schedule. Your water service will not be interrupted. During this work residents may experience some discoloration of their water. This is expected and a normal occurrence when existing water mains are disturbed. If you experience this, caution should be used in washing white clothes; however, the discoloration poses no health hazard and the water is safe for consumption. Just allow the water to run from your cold water tap until it clears. If you have any questions regarding this program, call (201) 796-1007 during normal working hours. The Borough apologizes for any inconvenience during this time and requests your cooperation.

MAY 08 TH SEPT 11 TH	WILLOW STREET TO ROUTE 4, FLORENCE PLACE TO RIVER DRIVE
MAY 09 TH SEPT 12 TH	ROUTE 4 TO ACKERMAN AVE, RIVER DRIVE TO MOLA BOULEVARD
MAY 10 TH SEPT 13 TH	ROUTE 4 TO 18TH AVE, MOLA BOULEVARD TO EAST 55TH STREET
MAY 11 TH SEPT 14 TH	HAMILTON AVE TO FALMOUTH AVE (INCLUDING LEILARTS LANE) MOLA BOULEVARD TO CONRAIL RAILROAD
MAY 12 TH SEPT 15 TH	LINCOLN AVE TO MILLER AVE (WEST OF MOLA BOULEVARD) RIVER DRIVE TO MOLA BOULEVARD
MAY 15 TH SEPT 18 TH	LEE STREET TO LINDEN AVE, (WEST OF MOLA BOULEVARD) RIVER DRIVE TO MOLA BOULEVARD
MAY 16 TH SEPT 19 TH	SPRUCE STREET & EAST PHILIP AVE TO MOLNAR DRIVE MOLA BOULEVARD TO CONRAIL RAILROAD
MAY 17 TH SEPT 20 TH	CHAMBERLAIN AVE TO HOMESTEAD ROAD, VAN RIPER AVE TO MARKET ST (WEST OF MOLA BOULEVARD) RIVER ROAD TO MOLA BOULEVARD
MAY 18 TH SEPT 21 ST	MARKET STREET TO ROUTE 46, GARDEN STATE PARKWAY RIVER DRIVE TO MOLA BOULEVARD (BIRCHWOOD SECTION)
MAY 19 TH SEPT 22 ND	RIVER DRIVE TO RAILROAD, ROUTE 46 TO KIPP AVE (WEST OF MOLA BOULEVARD)
MAY 22 ND SEPT 25 TH	VAN RIPER AVE (EAST OF MOLA BOULEVARD) TO DYE AVE GARDEN STATE PKWY TO RAILROAD
MAY 23 RD SEPT 26 TH	MARKET STREET TO ROUTE 46 (EAST OF MOLA BOULEVARD) CARUTH AVE TO MIDLAND AVE (CHERRY HILL SECTION)

IN AN EMERGENCY - WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

During an emergency, communication and access to information are key to ensure everyone's safety.

Emergency Notification - Reverse 911

To receive an emergency notification via email, telephone, or text messaging, please go to: **www.elmwoodparknj.us** and click on the Police Department tab. Scroll down to the bottom of the page.

There are 2 links:

- **NIXLE** To receive text messages or emails from the Police Department or the Office of Emergency Management, click on the NIXLE icon and follow the instructions.
- **SWIFTREACH NETWORKS (Reverse 911)** To add or remove a current telephone contact from our system, click on the add/remove yourself button on the SwiftReach Networks icon.

The Office of Emergency Management (OEM)

is responsible for the planning and coordination of activities during natural disasters and other emergencies. Operating under an emergency operations plan, the OEM coordinates the activities of emergency service units during these incidents.

- Emergency supplies to have at the ready:
 Battery-powered radio; flashlight; extra batteries;
 battery-powered or cellular phone; water; first aid
 kit. To learn more, go to www.72hours.org
 or www.ready.gov
- Emergency Radio Alert system: In Bergen County: WJUX 103.1 FM, WWDJ 970 AM, WFDU 89.1 FM
- Bergen County OEM Office: 201-599-6210 or www.bcoem.org; Federal Emergency Agency, www.fema.gov

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

Grass grows, leaves fall, snow happens... like it or not, these events cause us to have to be responsible for maintenance and cleanup. Here are some facts to be aware of, especially during winter.

ACCESS TO FIRE HYDRANTS

Ordinance #96-6 Uniform Fire Code:

The owner or lessee of any property within five feet of a fire hydrant shall be responsible to see that a five-foot clear space is provided in all directions from the fire hydrant. The requirements of this section shall be completed by the responsible party no later than 24 hours after any natural obstruction such as snow prevents access to the fire hydrant and within 12 hours of any other type of obstruction. Failure of any person to maintain open space for all fire hydrants in accordance with this section shall be deemed a violation of the Fire Safety Code.

About No Parking Signs

For most of the year, these signs throughout the borough are quite invisible – after all, who even



sees them when outdoor temperatures are in the 80s and 90s and the focus is on enjoying the gifts of nature? This changes, unfortunately, when Mother Nature has delivered quite a different set of "gifts". For drivers, the focus is on getting where they have to go on clear, unobstructed roads. For the D.P.W., the focus is on clearing Borough

streets as quickly as possible so the public can move as freely as possible following snowfall.

You can do your part by paying attention to these signs and getting your vehicle off the street when it's snow-covered. Failure to do so could result in a summons, or worse, your vehicle being towed.

SNOW REMOVAL TIPS

Snow and Ice - Removal Required

It shall be the duty of the owner or owners of any premises abutting or bordering upon any street, avenue or highway in the Borough to remove or cause to be removed all ice and snow from the sidewalks and gutters in front of the premises and service walks leading to the entrances of the premises within twelve (12) hours of daylight after the same shall have formed thereon or fallen thereon. (1969 Code 73-21)

Depositing Snow or Ice Upon Streets Prohibited

No person, including the owner or occupant of any land or premises abutting or bordering upon any street, shall place, deposit, throw or shovel any snow or ice into or upon that portion of any street which has been cleaned, plowed or shoveled of snow or ice by the Borough or by any governmental agency or authority, or by any public utility having and exercising a franchise or permit to operate buses along any streets in the Borough, at any time after the street has been cleaned or plowed.

Abandonment of Motor Vehicle

It shall be a violation of New Jersey State Law for a vehicle to be parked on the roadway for 48 consecutive hours without being moved. In these instances the Police Dept. may tow the vehicle at the owner's expense and a summons will be issued.

Clearing Snow from Fire Hydrants

To ensure access to the fire hydrants in the Borough of Elmwood Park, for the safety and welfare of the public, a cleared area of five (5) feet must be maintained in all directions from the fire hydrant as well as meeting the Roadside parking requirements. The owner or lessee of any property within five (5) feet of a fire hydrant shall be responsible to see that a five (5) foot cleared space is provided in all directions from the fire Hydrant. The requirements of this section shall be completed by the responsible party no later than twenty four (24) hours after any natural obstruction, such as snow shall prevent access to the fire hydrant and within twelve (12) hours of any other type of obstruction.

Temporary Parking Prohibition for Snow Plowing & Removal

Whenever snow has fallen and the accumulation is such that it covers the street or highway, an emergency shall exist during the snow fall and for a period of 24 hours following the end of the snow fall and this subsection shall supersede all parking Ordinances in the Borough of Elmwood Park. Unless some penalty is expressly provided by the New Jersey Statute, every person convicted of a violation of this subsection or any supplement thereto, shall be liable to a penalty of not more than one hundred fifty (\$150) dollars or imprisonment for a term not exceeding fifteen (15 days) or both.

LAW ENFORCEMENT AND EMERGENCY SERVICES



Elmwood Park Police Department

Address: Municipal Building, 182 Market Street - Elmwood Park, NJ 07407

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, CALL 9-1-1

Department Website: www.elmwoodparkpd.com

Chief of Police: Michael Foligno

Chief's Office: 201-796-0764

Chief's E-mail: mfoligno@elmwoodparknj.us

Records Bureau Phone Number: 201-796-1457 - Ext. 198

NIXLE Emergency Notification System:

Text your zip code to 888777 to receive emergency alerts



FIRE PREVENTION



To help ensure the safety of all residents and property, there are fire safety codes that all must adhere to. When a new occupant moves into an apartment, private residence, or business, the property must be inspected by the Fire Prevention Bureau to ensure all fire safety codes are met. Applications for CCO inspection can be obtained by visiting the Fire Prevention office or by downloading the form from the Borough of Elmwood Park, Fire Prevention Bureau website located under departments. Requirements for smoke detector, CO detector, and fire extinguishers can also be found in the same location.

Please be advised effective January 1, 2019, Ten-year sealed battery-powered single station smoke alarms shall be installed and shall be listed in accordance with ANSI/UL 217. However, A/C-powered single or multiple-station smoke alarms installed as part of the original construction or rehabilitation project shall not be replaced with battery-powered smoke alarms.

Any residence or business installing Solar Panels must register their system with the Fire Prevention Bureau. Registration forms can be found on the Fire Prevention Website.

Elmwood Park's Fire Official offers good General Reminders for all residents:

- Test all alarms weekly and change detectors' batteries when you change your clocks.
- DO NOT store propane tanks inside the house or garage. They should be stored and secured outside at least 5 feet away from a window, door or structure. NEVER store them in a trunk of a car or closed van.
- When decorating for the holiday season make sure that all wiring and accessories do not overload your electrical outlets. Limit the use of extension cords. Every electrical device must be UL listed with a label on them or don't use them.
- Keep all combustible materials far away from a heat source or open flame.
- Ensure all storage is kept clear of furnaces and water heaters.
- Never leave lit candles unattended!





EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES



The Borough provides Emergency Medical Services to its residents 24 hours a day-7 days a week.

In an emergency, please dial 911. Non-emergency calls can be directed to the police dispatch desk at 201-796-0700 for assistance.

COURT

The Elmwood Park Municipal Court is in session every Tuesday at 3 p.m. and is conducted virtually via ZOOM. The



Violations Bureau window is open Monday thru Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Private Citizen Complaints are accepted for filing on Thursdays, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Payable tickets may be accessed online at www. njmcdirect.com. Additionally, if you wish to enter a plea of not guilty on a summons you may access Online Resolution Dispute @ www.njmcdirect. com (Court ID 0211)

SHARED SERVICE WITH BERGEN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The health office in the Municipal Building, handles vital statistics records and services relating to birth, death and marriage. The borough maintains a shared service contract with the Bergen County Department of Health Services (BCDHS) for our health officer. Residents may visit the BCDHS website or call them directly for information related to health services and programs.

Bergen County Dept. of Health Service

4th floor, One BCP Plaza, Hackensack, 07603 www.bergenhealth.org • 201-634-2600

Health Officer/Administration: 201-634-2601

Addiction Services: 201-634-2740

• Provides vital resources for drug and alcohol abuse prevention and treatment.

Mental Health Division: 201-634-2750

• Assists with linking residents to a variety of mental health treatment and support services.

Consumer Health Program (REHS): 201-634-2680

Food Safety Training & Certification:

201-634-2762

- Assures compliance with and enforces NJ State Sanitary Codes related to retail food establishments, public recreational bathing, tanning facilities, body art procedures, youth camp safety, child care centers, and pet shops, kennels, shelters and pounds.
- Investigates reports of public health nuisances and complaints, animal bites, foodborne illness, and foodborne/communicable disease out- breaks.
- Performs lead inspections of residences upon report of elevated blood levels in children.
- Assists with certain multifamily housing code issues for inadequate heat and hot water; other Public Health Nuisances i.e. rodents, noxious weeds, animal nuisances, garbage and debris.

Environmental Protection Program: 201-634-2780

Hazardous Materials Emergency Response: 201-785-8505 or 1-877-WARNDEP

• Assures compliance with and enforces New Jersey Environmental Protection Codes related to air, water and noise pollution, safe drinking water, solid waste, pesticide control, and under- ground storage tanks.

Clean Communities Program: 201-634-2780

• Provides mini-grant opportunities to non-profit organizations conducting litter cleanup activities within Bergen County.

Health Promotion Program: 201-634-2693

 Presents topics on healthy living including nutrition, exercise programs, sun safety, smoking cessation and chronic disease self-management.

Nurse Supervision/Public Health Outreach: 201-634-2651

 Comprised of several program areas addressing adult health screening and blood pressures, seasonal flu vaccinations, communicable disease and illness outbreak investigations and reporting and animal bite investigation.

<u>Cancer Education and Early Detection Program</u> – (CEED): 201-634-2660

Confidential HIV Counseling & Testing Site: 201-336-3350

Animal Control Services Available Through BCDHS Animal Control

The BCDHS provides a Trap-Neuter-Release (TNR) Program, with services for feral cat colonies being maintained by Borough residents. All healthy feral cats will be returned to their environment. Kittens are put up for adoption.

To report a stray animal or a lost pet, call Elmwood Park Police at 201-796-0700, ext. 116. They will contact BCDHS Animal Control Services. For more information, call Bergen County Animal Control at 201-229-4600.

WHAT OWNERS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT KEEPING DOGS AND CATS

Dog and Cat Licensing



All dogs and cats must have a current license issued by the Health Department at 182 Market Street. Dog and cat licenses are renewed in January. Owners with unlicensed pets after February are subject to a summons.

New dogs and cats can be licensed at any time of the year. Proof of rabies vaccine is mandatory. All unlicensed pets after February are subject to a summons.

Low-cost microchipping clinics are held on selected Thursday evenings with Bergen County Animal Shelter pre-registration; check the website for dates or call 201-229-4600.

Free Rabies Clinics are held on the 3rd Wednesday of May and November, from 5pm-7pm at Fire Company #4 located on Mola Blvd.

Pet Waste Removal

When walking your dog, you must carry a container to pick up waste; dispose of it in a sealed plastic bag in the regular garbage. Do not put animal waste in the sewer, or a summons will be issued.

HOME AND PROPERTY INFORMATION

Property Maintenance

Numbers should be placed on all residences for quicker response in emergencies.

- Cars should not be parked on front lawns except when it's snowing.
- No car that is uninspected or unregistered or in a state of disrepair or disassembly such as to make it inoperable shall be parked or stored on any property in any residential zone.

• No car while parked in any unenclosed, off- street parking area or driveway in any residential zone shall be stripped, dismantled or undergo any type of major

overhaul, including body work, on jacks, blocks, with or without tires, or is inoperable in its existing condition. It's the law. (Ordinance 88-8)

Illegal 2 or 3 Family Homes

Since everyone must pay their fair share of taxes, the Mayor and Council are aggressively monitoring illegal dwellings. Any know or suspected illegal three or two family homes should be reported to the Building Department: 201-796-1457, ext. 601.

Any dwelling found to be an illegal apartment will be subject to a summons and court appearance along with a minimum fine of \$1,500 for first offense to the owner of the property.

Landscapers and the Law

Please see that any landscaper you hire is licensed to do landscaping in the Borough. There is a \$25 fee for this permit, and you should check with your landscaper to be sure

such a permit has been obtained.



Certificates of Occupancy-Homes, Apartments

When selling your house or renting an apartment,

you must obtain a certificate of occupancy from the Building Department.



Swimming Pools

Please remember before buying any pool (even inflatable pools) that owners are required to have permits. This is a State Law put in place by the Department of Community Affairs.

HOMEOWNERS ORGANIZATION

This group meets the 4th Wednesday of the month at the Senior Center.

WATER FACTS

Water Meters

Passaic Valley Water Commission reads the water meters electronically every quarter ensuring accurate and actual meter readings. For 24-hour automated account and billing information, call **PVWC at 973-340-4300**.

Don't Run and Waste

Every drop counts, so turn off the tap. Whether you're brushing your teeth, shaving or washing the dishes, don't let the water run.

In the laundry room, be sure to match the water level with your load size. If your washing machine doesn't allow manual water level adjustment, wait until you have a full load before you wash clothes.



PERMITS, PERMITS! ANSWERS TO FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. Does installing or replacing some sheds, pools, fences, patios and walkways in the yard require a permit?

Q. Does replacing doors or windows with new ones of the EXACT same size require a permit?

A. No, but if you change the rough opening and make it smaller or larger, this DOES require a permit.

Q. Does replacing a hot water heater with a new or used one require a permit? A. Yes.

Q. Does replacing a driveway on your property require a permit?

A. Yes, if you replace the driveway from your property line across the sidewalk to the curb, then you need an additional permit from the Department of

Public Works at Slater Drive. For further information, call 201-796-1457, ext. 601

 $oldsymbol{Q}.$ How come my permit takes so long to get?

A. Some permits are simple and can be issued quickly; other can be more complex and require a longer time for review and research. So, like any project, please plan ahead and hire qualified professional builders and

BUILDING PERMITS

Please call the Building Department to find out if you need a permit for any home improvement project you wish to do.

The department welcomes such calls.

201-796-1457, ext. 601 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday architects that are properly insured and have proven references. Most permits that are issued are good for one year.

After receiving your permit and the work is completed, remember to call for final inspection so the permit can be closed out.

${f Q}.$ What information do I need about contractors?

A. All contractors who do work in the Borough not only have to be licensed but also carry public liability insurance and workman's compensation insurance.

Every contractor must register with the Building Department each year and provide a certificate of

insurance. There is a fine in the amount of \$2,500 if the contractor is found to be unregistered.

All residents who are having work done by a contractor should insist on the contractor

showing proof of licensing and insurance.





LEISURE TIME

Elmwood Park Public Library

Located at 210 Lee Street, the Elmwood Park Public Library contains more than 50,000 materials including a wide variety of books,



magazines, newspapers, CDs, DVDs, audio books and video games. You can also downlaod also download audiobooks and ebooks from our online catalog.

As a member of the Bergen County Cooperative Library System (BCCLS), the library's patrons can use their Elmwood Park library card to borrow books and audiovisual materials from any of the 70+ BCCLS member libraries. Materials can also be borrowed from throughout the state and the country through our interlibrary loan program and the JerseyCat program.

The Library's wide variety of services includes:

- Programs for adults and children
- Programs for children, including story and craft time, guest performers, and Educational activities.
- Public computers with internet access
- Faxing, printing and photocopying

For a list of monthly Library programs and other **Library information:**

Check the Library's bulletin board, take a look at our online calendar at elmwoodparklibrary.com/calendar, follow us on social media at @epplibrarynj, our website at elmwoodparklibrary.com or call us at 201.796.8888

TAX RELIEF FOR SENIOR CITIZENS, VETERANS AND DISABLED PERSONS

The Division of Taxation offers a number of programs that could help save you money. Visit our website to see if you may be eligible:

http://www.elmwoodparknj.us/tax/taxrelief.html

The following claim application forms are available to download in PDF form:

- Property Tax Deduction Claim: Senior Citizen, Disabled Person or Surviving Spouse (Form PTD).
- Property Tax Deduction Claim: Veteran or Surviving Spouse of Disabled Serviceperson (Form VSS).
- Property Tax Exemption Claim: Disabled Veteran or Surviving Spouse of Disabled Veteran or Serviceperson (Form DVSSE)

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.Tues., Wed. and Thurs. 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. Friday & Saturday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Sunday 1–5 p.m.

(Closed Sunday in June, July and August)

Phone: 201-796-8888 Fax: 201-703-1425

Website:

www.elmwoodparklibrary.com

INTERNET ACCESS AND WORD PROCESSING



The Library provides six public computers with Internet access for the public to use on a reservation basis.

In addition to the programs listed, the New Jersey State Division of Taxation offers a Senior Freeze Program. Details can be obtained from the NJ Division of Taxation's website:

http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/propfrez.shtml



You may also contact the New Jersey Division of Taxation by calling the Senior Freeze Hotline: 1-800-882-6597.

Homestead Information: 1-877-658-2972

RECREATION



The Recreation Complex, located on the corner of Mola Boulevard and Market Street, has a gymnasium, weight room, nutrition center, and senior lounge. **Varied Activities** are provided for young residents, which include basketball, soccer, and volleyball. **Rec Memberships** are available for purchase year-round for use of the indoor basketball court and weight room (16+ only). Memberships are for Elmwood Park residents only. All memberships expire the 31st of the current calendar year. Hours change seasonally.

Morning and After School Programs: Morning Care is provided at the individual schools from 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM. After school is provided from dismissal time to 6:00 PM at the Recreation Center (busing is included). Children enrolled in After School are provided with snack, supervised homework time, and participate in recreational activities.

The Senior Center is located in the Recreation Complex. It is open to all Bergen County seniors 60 years of age and over. A nutritionally balance lunch is served Monday – Friday for a suggested donation for \$1.25 (advance reservations are required). A free, continental breakfast is served daily. A variety of educational and social programs are also offered. Check the monthly calendar (available at the Center) for a schedule of classes, programs, and events. Some include: exercise (low and moderate impact), yoga, tai-chi, Zumba, ceramics, and dance. The center is open weekdays from 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM, and all seniors are invited to join in. Call 201-796-1457 x305 for more information.

2023 RECREATION CALENDAR - SUBJECT TO CHANGE

JANUARY – Yearly Rec Membership Renewal – EP Girls Softball Registration Opens

FEBRUARY - Senior Valentine Dance

MARCH – Summer Camp Registration Opens – Spray Park Season Pass Registration Opens – Easter Egg Hunt

APRIL – Spring Festival – Spring Break Mini Camp – Crew Soccer Spring Opening Day – EP Girls Softball Opening Day – EP Little League Opening Day

MAY – EP Bombers Online Registration Opens – Teen Chill & Paint

JUNE – MultiCultural Festival – Summer Camp Registration Closes – Summer Camp Begins Monday After School Ends – Crew Soccer Summer Camp Registration Opens

JULY – Movie Night & Camp Out – After School/Morning Care Registration Opens – Crew Soccer Summer Camp Begins – Crew Soccer Fall Registration Opens

AUGUST – Food Truck & Musical Festival – Spray Park Closes – EP Bombers Registration Closes

SEPTEMBER – Community Day + Fireworks Show – After School/Morning Care Begin – Crew Soccer Fall Opening Day – Basketball Registration Opens (3rd-8th Grade) – Basketball Clinic Registration Opens (Prek-2nd & 3rd-6th)

OCTOBER – Scary Movie Night – Halloween Costume Contest – Halloween Scare House

NOVEMBER – Basketball (3rd-8th) Registration Ends – Basketball Clinics Begin – Turkey Giveaway

DECEMBER – Holiday Tree Lighting – Basketball Practices Begin (3rd-8th) – Crew Spring Soccer Registration Opens – EP Little League Online Registration Opens

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ALL PROGRAMS, CALL THE RECREATION OFFICE: 201-794-1457 X350 SIGN UP ONLINE: HTTP://REGISTER.COMMUNITYPASS.NET/ELMWOODPARK KEEP UP WITH US ONLINE: Facebook: @EPRecreation Instagram: @elmwoodparkrecreation

Borough of Elmwood Park

Municipal Building • Market Street Elmwood Park, NJ 07407

Website: http://www.elmwoodparknj.us

Weather-Related School Closing Info

www.epps.org or 201-796-8700

Please avoid calling the Police Desk as it may tie up lines for emergency callers.



BOROUGH INFORMATION

BOROUGH DIRECTORY
Emergency911
Police Department Michael Foligno, Chief 201-796-0700 Ext. 107
Volunteer Fire Department Robert Bruce, Chief201-796-0700
MUNICIPAL OFFICES Main 201-796-1457
Municipal Clerk Shanee Morris Ext. 202
Borough Administrator Michael FolignoExt. 106
Construction Official Anthony Ambrogio Ext. 601
Certified Municipal Finance Officer Roy Riggitano Ext. 216
Department of Public Works Scott Karcz, Superintendent Ext. 402 Joan Pinnola, Secretary Ext. 400
Fire Prevention Steven Kochik, Fire Official Ext. 221
Bergen County Health Dept. 201-634-2600
Library Jennifer Cullen, Director201-796-8888
Municipal Court Administrator Deborah Zafonte Ext. 603
Nutrition & Senior Center Cristine Cobb201-796-3342
Recreation Department Teshawn Warren Ext. 350
Recycling Coordinator Joan Pinnola Ext. 400
Tax Assessor Kevin Esposito Ext. 605
Certified Tax Collector Lori Sproviero Ext. 602

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Town Meetings (* All meetings are subject to change) Town meetings are open to the Public. Following are town meetings regularly scheduled each month.* Mayor & Council **Public:** 3rd Thursday, 7:00 p.m. Municipal Building Work: 1st and 2nd Thursday, 7 p.m. Municipal Building **Board of Education** 4th Tuesday, High School, 8 p.m. 1st & 2nd Wednesday, Municipal Building, 7:30 p.m. **Planning Board** 4th Wednesday, Municipal Building, 7:30 p.m. **Board of Adjustment Board of Health** 2nd Monday, Municipal Building, 7 p.m. Library Board 3rd Monday, Library, 7 p.m. **Recreation Advisory** Board Last Monday, Recreation Center, 7:30 p.m.