

**ORDINANCE NO. 2010-17  
TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON  
COUNTY OF WARREN  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING, REVISING AND SUPPLEMENTING  
CHAPTER 50 ARTICLE II SECTIONS 50-6, 50-7 AND 50-8 ENTITLED “COLLECTION OF  
VEGETATIVE WASTES” OF THE CODE  
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON “BRUSH, GRASS AND WEEDS”**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee from time to time reviews existing ordinances to determine if modifications are needed and deems it in the best interests of the residents to make changes to the procedures for the disposal of vegetative wastes;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED**, Chapter 50 of the Township Ordinances of the Township of Washington, Warren County is hereby amended, revised and supplemented as follows to include:

§ 50-6 Fees; Annual Convenience Center usage and curbside collection fee schedule.

- A. There shall be tags and /or stickers issued for curbside collection of vegetative materials and there shall be a pass issued for annual usage of the Convenience Center and for the purchase of mulch. Annual fees cover **January 1 to December 31 of each year.** Residents may not use curbside tags and/or stickers in order to gain access to the Convenience Center. Failure to have such a Convenience Center Pass and/or tags/sticker shall prevent a Township resident from partaking in these services and/or subject them to various fines/penalties as set forth herein.
- B. The fees, the place(s) and times to obtain and pay for these fees and to obtain the Convenience Center Pass, and/or the Curbside tags and/or the sticker(s), will be established on an annual basis by Resolution at the annual Re-organization Meeting or as soon thereafter as the committee may meet.

§ 50-7 Times, dates and location of collection.

- B. Storm emergencies. For storm emergencies residents must purchase tags/stickers the same as are issued for annual usage of the curbside collection. Branches (with tag) must be placed at the curbside of the street. Do not place at roadway intersections or in the roadway itself. Tree trunks and limbs in excess of eight inches in diameter shall not be collected. Limbs must not be longer than 10 feet in length. All limbs under four inches in diameter shall be tied with twine (no wire, nylon string, etc.) in manageable bundles and placed in an orderly manner with all butts (eight inches in diameter maximum) facing the roadside. Do not place in bags, buckets and/or cans. No curbside collection of said branches will be accepted for any work performed at any residence by anyone (e.g., contractors) other than the homeowner or tenant. The Public Works Department road crew will have full discretion to reject materials it deems inappropriate for storm emergency collection. After paying the fee, residents may participate in the regular curbside collection. The Township will not remove vegetative material at any other time unless an emergency situation exists as declared by the Township, such as a storm emergency. In that event, the Township will remove storm branches only downed by the storm during the full week next following such storm emergency. No additional tree branches will be collected. This provision is for an actual storm emergency and not for every passing storm or shower. Under this storm emergency provision

only, residents should call the Public Works Department, (908) 689-0812, for scheduling, and all branches must be curbside at 6:00 a.m. on the Monday of the full week next following such storm emergency. The chipping crew will work each road only once and will not return.

§ 50-8 Collection procedures; Port Colden Convenience Center hours.

C (2) Hours (for the purpose of this article). The Port Colden Public Works Facility (Convenience Center) will be established on an annual basis by Resolution at the Reorganization Meeting or as soon thereafter as the committee may meet.

**[Amended 7-20-2004 by Ord. No. 2004-09]**

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Mulch/wood chips. Residents must purchase a Convenience Center pass. Mulch/wood chips can be obtained at the Convenience Center during specified hours. The Public Works Department does not guarantee the quality (not treated) and/or availability of mulch/wood chips. There is a limit of three yards or three pickup truck-sized loads per annual Convenience Center pass. Mulch/wood chips must be utilized at the property indicated on the pass and is not for resale by residents. Passes will be stamped/punched in order to track the number of yards removed. After the limit of three yards or three pickup truck-sized loads is reached, residents may purchase additional yards at the fee established on an annual basis. Payment to be made to the Convenience Center attendant in exact amounts (no checks will be accepted). Mulch/wood chips are to be loaded by residents not Convenience Center attendant. The Township of Washington will not be held responsible for any vehicle damage that may occur while resident is loading the mulch/wood chips.

**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that a Vegetative Waste Schedule Resolution be adopted on an annual basis at the reorganizational Meeting or as soon thereafter as the committee may meet.

## **NOTICE**

**NOTICE** is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Washington, County of Warren held November 15, 2010 and ordered published in accordance with the law. Said Ordinance will be considered for final reading and adoption at a meeting of the Township Committee to be held on December 21, 2010 or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, at the Washington Township Municipal Building, 211 Route 31 North, Washington, NJ, 07882, at which time all persons interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning such Ordinance.

Mary Ann O'Neil, RMC/CMC/MMC  
Township Clerk