

Privatization of Sanitation Q&A

1. **Will there still be twice a week pick of trash and once a week pick up of recycling?**

Yes, there will be no change in pick-up service. Trash will be collected twice per week as scheduled and recycling once per week according to the current schedule. However, the exact time you will experience collection will likely change. It is important that residents put out their trash and/or recyclables after 5:00PM the night before or before 6:00AM the day of collection.

2. **Who do I contact in the case of a missed pick-up?**

Residents will be able to contact either the private vendor, Great Northern at (732) 888-2009 or the Department of Public Works at (973) 564-7060.

3. **Is the holiday schedule the same as before?**

Yes, the new vendor will follow the same holiday schedule as did Millburn Township's Sanitation Department. There will be no pick up of trash or recyclables on the major holidays listed below.

New Years Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas. Note that some holidays may be observed on a Monday or a Friday. Residents will be advised each year what days trash will NOT be picked up.

4. **Why has there been a change to privatize trash collection?**

For the past two years the State of New Jersey passed a revised municipal cap law, which included a 2% limit on the Township's appropriation and a 2% limit on the amount to be raised by taxation by a municipality in a given year. With the rising cost in utilities, pension and health benefits the Township needs to identify cost centers which can be reduced in order to provide the same level of service while meeting the State's cap laws. In order to do so, the Township has been sharing and consolidating and privatizing services over the past several years when it has proven to be a cost savings and an effective method of delivering services. The privatization of trash collection is just one more step to provide twice a week trash collection to our residents at a cost savings. The private contractor will be the same as the one providing curbside recycling.

5. **What is the company's name? What will their trucks look like?**

The company's name is Giordano Company, Inc. and their trucks are gray or white in color and will be clearly labeled with their name and number.

6. **Is there a separate contractor for recycling?**

No, the same vendor Giordano Company, Inc. will be collecting both trash and recyclables, single stream, curbside throughout the Township.

7. **Why does it appear the Township Committee is moving so quickly on this matter?**

It was important for the Township to align this contract with the expiring (12/31/11) recycling contract. By beginning the contract on 1/1/12 the Township will also be able to realize a full year of savings in the budget.

The Township has been assessing and preparing for this for the past 18 months. We were positioned to move forward on this, after we received the bid specs which are required to have 60 days between the date of advertising to the date they are received. Bids were received on November 22, 2011.

8. **Can I bring recyclables to the yard?**

No, mandatory curbside recycling is still in effect. All recycling has been removed from the DPW yard and will be collected curbside. Type 13 or bulky waste, herbaceous waste and E-cycling can be brought to the Public Works Yard.

9. **Will White Goods still be picked up curbside?**

White Goods (appliances, furniture, etc...) will still be picked up by appointment only with the Department of Public Works by calling (973) 564-7060.

10. **What are the rules and guidelines regarding trash collection? What cannot be placed in my trash?**

Trash cans cannot be over 50lbs. in weight. Contractors will not pick up trash cans that are overweight. Trash must be put to the curb after 5:00PM the night before or before 6:00AM the day of collection. Below is a list of items that should not be placed in the trash and will result in the contractor not taking a resident's garbage.

- Ashes
- Household Hazardous Waste (including, but not limited to paint, paint thinners, solvents, gasoline, car batteries, household cleaning fluids, etc.)
- Trees
- Logs
- Stumps
- Automobile parts (other than tires)
- Stones, rocks, soil or sod
- Concrete
- Materials resulting from demolition, alterations, or repairs to buildings or other structures; and
- Combustible, explosive or caustic material