

2026 BRUSH COLLECTION GUIDELINES AND SCHEDULE

Each spring the Colts Neck Department of Public Works provides a brush collection service to Township residents who wish to dispose of tree and shrub prunings. Please review the following guidelines and collection schedule in connection with this service.

The Department of Public Works does not accept Bamboo during brush collection or at the Recycling Center.

IMPORTANT COLLECTION INFORMATION

- Only brush up to four (4) inches in diameter and no longer than eight (8) feet in length will be collected.
- Brush mixed with foreign materials such as: bamboo, stumps, roots, leaves, grass, lumber or oversized material will not be collected.
- This service is for tree and shrub prunings only. This is NOT a land clearing or tree removal service.
- No more than 20 cubic yards of brush (approximately five feet high, eight feet in width and fourteen feet in length) may be placed per property for each scheduled collection.
- Brush must be placed in front of your dwelling at the curb line or edge of pavement and should not extend onto the paved portion of the street further than three (3) feet and should not impede traffic or create a safety hazard.
- Brush placed at the curb line or edge of pavement shall be no closer than ten (10) feet from any storm drain inlet or stream.
- Brush must not be placed beside poles, bushes, mailboxes, etc. If the brush is not accessible by the collection machinery, it will not be picked up.

IMPORTANT PRUNING INFORMATION

- Regulations require all vegetation to be pruned back behind the curb to a height of at least 13 (thirteen) feet, 6 (six) inches.
- If you live on a corner of two intersecting streets, vegetation is allowed to grow to a height of not more than 30 (thirty) inches for a distance of 25 (twenty-five) feet along the curb line within the sight triangle.
- Residents are urged to prune any vegetation that extends beyond the curb line.
- Any vegetation within the Township right-of-way that is not in compliance with State law and local ordinance may be cut back by the Department of Public Works and the property owner will be billed accordingly.

IMPORTANT COLLECTION SCHEDULE INFORMATION

- Brush may be placed at the curb **no more than fourteen (14) days prior** to the scheduled collection date and no later than the day before the first collection date of the week.
- There will be only one pick up in your area during your schedule week.
- **No collection for the months of June, July and August. Brush collection will resume in September & October.**

2026 ZONE COLLECTION SCHEDULE

ZONE 1	FIRST FULL WEEK of the month	(4/6, 5/4, 9/7, 10/5, 2026)
ZONE 2	SECOND FULL WEEK of the month	(4/13, 5/11, 9/14, 10/12, 2026)
ZONE 3	THIRD FULL WEEK of the month	(4/20, 5/18, 9/21, 10/19, 2026)
ZONE 4	FOURTH FULL WEEK of the month	(4/27, 5/25, 9/28, 10/26, 2026)

Homeowners must adhere to Chapter 173 of the Township's Municipal Code and the posted collection schedules. Failure to do so may subject the property owner to fines and court appearances as determined by the Code Enforcement Officer.

BRING YOUR BRUSH TO THE RECYCLING CONVENIENCE CENTER ALL YEAR LONG

As an alternative or supplement to putting your brush at the curb, residents may bring branches/brush, at NO COST, to the Recycling Center. Residents must show identification verifying their address. Landscapers/Contractors must purchase an annual permit. Effective February each year for \$40 to drop off their Colts Neck customer's brush. Check or money order accepted.

RESIDENT/LANDSCAPER'S DROP OFF HOURS: Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday - 8:00 am to 1:00 pm.

BRING YOUR METAL TO THE RECYCLING CONVENIENCE CENTER

Residents may also bring metal (such as washers, dryers, etc.) to the Convenience Center. **NO FREON PRODUCTS WILL BE ACCEPTED!** Drop off hours for metal are Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday - 8:00 am to 1:00 pm.