

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
ORDINANCE #2023.017

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A YARD WASTE
COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL PROGRAM

SECTION I. Purpose:

An ordinance to establish a yard waste collection and disposal program in Liberty Township, so as to protect public health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for the failure to comply.

SECTION II 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 not inconsistent 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 trash can, bucket, bag or other vessel, 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 jurisdiction.
- 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 III. Yard Waste Collection

Sweeping, raking, blowing or otherwise placing yard waste that is not containerized at the curb or along the street shall not be permitted. Placement of such yard waste at the curb or along the street in any other manner is a violation of this ordinance. If such placement of yard waste occurs, the party responsible for placement of the yard waste must remove the yard waste from the street or said party shall be deemed in violation of this ordinance. The Township does not collect yard waste from residents.

SECTION IV. Enforcement:

This ordinance shall be enforced by the Zoning Officer or such other official as may be authorized by the Liberty Township Committee.

SECTION VI. Penalties:

Any person(s) who is found to be in violation of the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$1,000 for each day that the violation continues.

SECTION VI. Severability:

Each section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase of this Ordinance is declared to be independent section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase, and the finding or holding of any such portion of this Ordinance to be unconstitutional, void, or ineffective for any cause, or reason, shall not affect any other portion of this Ordinance.

SECTION VII. 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.

Action:	Date of Action:
Introduction:	2 November 2023
First Publication:	9 November 2023
Public Hearing:	7 December 2023
Adoption:	7 December 2023
Published Notice of Adoption:	14 December 2023

Any person(s) who is found to be in violation of the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine not to exceed **[insert amount]**.

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ALL OF WHICH IS ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 200_, by the _____.