



## Bernards Township Department of Public Works

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Dear Resident:

Ordinance #863 and the Township General Ordinance, Police Regulations Chapter III, Section 3-7 prohibits the placing or sweeping of litter (including grass, leaves, branches, all other wood and garden refuse) upon any public property such as streets, sidewalks, gutters, drainage ways, etc. All sweepings are to be collected and containerized for disposal.

The Township's Pill Hill Road Facility is available for disposal purposes. You may also compost your own material. The facility is open Saturdays, 8 am - 4 pm November through March and 8 am - 5 pm April through October. April, May, June, October and November the facility is also open on Sundays from noon - 4 pm. You may call the Public Works Office for further details at 908-204-3084.

The Township encourages you to follow the above provisions for safety, economic and aesthetic reasons. The following reasons also highlight the importance of the regulation.

- 1) It is very costly to clean out catch basins and drainage pipes.
- 2) Children love to jump in leaves, but playing in the leaves piled in a street is dangerous.
- 3) Wet leaves in the street are a particular hazard for motor vehicles, pedestrians and bicyclists.
- 4) Litter accumulation can be very unsightly.

While it is not the Township's policy to actively pursue the issuance of summonses, the law provides for the possibility of fines for violations. Section 3-7.12 Penalties. Any person violating any provision of this ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, be subject to a fine not to exceed one hundred (\$100.00) dollars for each violation. If the violation is of a continuing nature, each day during which it continues shall constitute a separate and distinct offense under this section.

Your cooperation in this matter will be appreciated by your neighbors as well as the general public and contribute to the betterment of Bernards Township.

Very truly yours,

*Pat Monaco*

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