

# MOORESTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## LEAVES/DEBRIS IN ROADWAY NOTICE

It is unlawful under Moorestown Municipal Ordinance to place any debris on the street or sidewalk. This includes, but is not limited to, leaves, branches, grass cuttings, mulch, stone, brick, paving stones, etc.

The presence of such debris creates a risk to motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians, and exposes the homeowner and/or business to liability. Such materials can create dams, flooding of streets, and become scattered throughout the roadway. Debris left on the street finds its way into storm drains, resulting in flooding of basements, and lost manpower hours in clearing the drains. Clogged storm drains create environmental problems when the debris finds its way into water areas such as streams and ponds.

Leaves, branches and other debris must be placed within the park strip, (that area between the sidewalk and the curb) if such a park strip is available. Under no circumstances may the debris be placed in the street or on the sidewalk. On the day of pick-up, D.P.W. workers will rake the debris into the street for removal.

State and Federal Storm Water Management Regulations also prohibit placing leaves or other debris on a street or roadway, or within ten (10) feet of a storm drain inlet.

Any homeowner or business establishment or contractor that allows or causes such debris to be placed in a roadway or a sidewalk may be charged, and an appearance in Municipal Court will be required. Fines may be imposed, not to exceed \$2,500.00. **BOTH** the homeowner/business and contractor, if applicable, may be charged.

Homeowners and landscaping contractors may utilize the compost facility on Creek Road, Moorestown Township, free of charge. *A permit must be obtained by businesses*, please contact the Department of Public Works at 856-235-3520. Residents may take leaves and brush to the facility every other Saturday, from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

To view the new "Creek Road – Drop Off Schedule" please visit the Public Works website at [www.moorestown.nj.us/pubs/151/3177.pdf](http://www.moorestown.nj.us/pubs/151/3177.pdf) Grass clippings and sod are **NOT** permitted, as per the rules and regulations of the Environmental Protection Agency.

## YOUR COOPERATION IS GREATLY APPREICATED

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