

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD, NJ
ORDINANCE NO. 8-2020**

**AMENDING CHAPTER 315-6 OF THE CITY OF NORTHFIELD
MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED 'LEAVES AND GRASS' AND
RENAMING SAME 'YARD WASTE COLLECTION PROGRAM'**

**CHAPTER 315-6 OF THE CITY OF NORTHFIELD MUNICIPAL CODE IS
HEREBY REPEALED AND REPLACED BY CHAPTER 315-6(A)-(G)**

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Common Council of the City of Northfield, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey as follows (added text underlined; deleted text stricken):

SECTION I. Purpose: 315-6(A)

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

SECTION II Definitions: 315-6(B)

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 315-6(C)

- a) Sweeping, raking, blowing or otherwise placing yard waste that is not containerized at the curb or along the street is strictly prohibited.

- b) Placement of such yard waste at the curb or along the street that is not containerized is a violation of this ordinance.
- c) All persons within the municipality shall separate leaves and grass from other solid waste generated at their premises and, unless the leaves are stored or recycled for composting or mulching on the premises, place the containerized leaves and grass at their curb according to the recycling date and guidelines established by the collection service program known as the "Atlantic County Utilities Authority (ACUA)."
- d) Leaves and grass may be placed in: biodegradable leaf bags for easier handling, bags that can be composted, bags that are treated to resist moisture, or place leaves and grass in labeled yard waste trash cans. Plastic bags are a prohibited use.
- e) All commercial lawn services will dispose of leaves collected within the municipality at a designated and permitted composting facility within Atlantic County and submit the total amount collected in the prior calendar year.

SECTION IV. Enforcement: 315-6(D)

The provisions of this ordinance shall be enforced by the Police Department or Zoning Office.

SECTION VII. Provisions: 315-6(E)

Any ordinance or parts of ordinance that are inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed/amended to conform with definition.

SECTION V. Violations and Penalties: 315-6(F)

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 \$2,000.00.

SECTION VI. Severability: 315-6(G)

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.

EFFECTIVE DATE – This ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication in accordance with law.

Mary Canesi, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Erland Chau
Mayor

The above Ordinance was passed on first reading at a Regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Northfield, New Jersey on the 28th day of April, 2020, and will be taken up for a second reading, public hearing and final passage at a meeting of said council held on the 12th day of May, 2020, in Council Chambers, City Hall, Northfield, New Jersey.

First Reading:	April 28, 2020
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