



### Green Wednesday—Yard Waste Pickup

Each year, starting the first Wednesday in March through the first Wednesday in December, the City of Newark collects yard waste on “Green Wednesdays.” Accepted items include leaves, grass clippings, branches less than 6” diameter and dirt-free garden debris. No man-made materials will be accepted.

Yard waste will not be collected during weeks that have a holiday. Residents are required to use either a 35- or 95-gallon cart provided by the City for all collections. Carts not provided by the City cannot be properly lifted by the automated trucks and will not be emptied.

Please remember:

- Carts must be placed at the curb (with metal bar facing the street) by 7 a.m. on the day of collection and pulled back against the house or out of street view by 6 p.m. that same day. Carts left on the curb after collection are subject to a fine.
- Carts placed within three feet of a car may not be emptied as the driver cannot risk the truck’s arm or the cart causing damage to private property.
- Items placed outside the cart will not be collected.
- To purchase an additional yard waste cart or to ask questions about any of our trash, recycling, or yard waste services, please call Public Works and Water Resources at (302) 366-7000.

### Newark Charrette: Planning our downtown, together

In recent years, proposed land-use projects in the downtown area have raised questions about building height, scale, density, configurations, and parking. To address these concerns, the City of Newark is reviewing its Zoning Code for potential revisions to the BB (Central Business District) and RA (Multifamily Dwellings-High Rise Apartment) Districts.

The City will hold a charrette on March 21-25, 2022. A charrette is a multi-day meeting where stakeholders and citizens collaborate to draft planning or design solutions. The preliminary five-day schedule for the charrette can be found at [newarkde.gov/zoning](https://newarkde.gov/zoning). It will be updated with exact times, links, and login information no later than Friday, March 18. If you have questions or require special accommodations, please contact us at [planning-dept@newark.de.us](mailto:planning-dept@newark.de.us).

### Looking to Do Something New in 2022? Join Newark’s Boards and Commissions

Residents of the City of Newark are important and one of the best ways for their voices to be heard is as members of one of the City’s boards and commissions. The following positions are open for applications:

- Board of Building, Fire, Property Maintenance and Sidewalk Appeals – At-Large
- Board of Ethics – Districts 2, 3, and 5
- Community Development/Revenue Sharing Advisory Committee – At-Large (2), Districts 1, 2 and 6, and Non-Profit and Business Community Representatives
- Conservation Advisory Commission – At-Large, Districts 5 and 6

For an application or more information about the boards and commissions, please go to <https://newarkde.gov/113/Boards-Committees-Commissions> or contact the City Secretary’s Office at [citysecretary@newark.de.us](mailto:citysecretary@newark.de.us) or (302) 366-7000.

## NEWARK EMPLOYMENT & VOLUNTEER FAIR

The City of Newark Parks and Recreation Department and the Newark Free Library will host a FREE Employment and Volunteer Fair on Saturday, March 5 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Newark Free Library. Prospective employees and/or volunteers ages 14 and older can come out to the Newark Free Library to learn about employment and volunteer opportunities offered in Newark. This is a great opportunity for individuals to speak directly with City of Newark staff and Newark Community volunteer organizations for more information, fill out applications (employment or volunteer) and sign up to volunteer for upcoming events and more. The City of Newark will also highlight the 2021 outstanding volunteers for their devotion of volunteer hours to the City of Newark. Your help and dedication to the community are greatly appreciated!

## NEWARK PARKS AND RECREATION SUMMER CAMP & PROGRAM FAIR

Join us for our Annual Newark Summer Camp and Program Fair on Saturday, March 26 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. At Hillside Park located at 151 Forest Lane. Representatives will be on hand to showcase camps throughout Newark and answer any questions you may have. We will highlight all our summer camps as well as spring and summer programs for youth and adults and much more. This is a great opportunity for parents to speak to camp staff for more information or sign up for camps. We will provide a "one stop shop" for families so you can register for our activities on site! This event is FREE and we will have fun activities for the kids – so bring the whole family. In case of rain, please call the Parks & Recreation hotline at (302) 366-7147.

## SPRING COMMUNITY CLEAN UP & CHRISTINA RIVER WATERSHED CLEAN UP

Grab your family, friends, coworkers, neighbors and help keep Newark beautiful for the Annual Spring Community Clean Up. This event will be held in conjunction with the Annual Christina River Watershed Clean Up. Supply pick up will be held outside at the City of Newark Municipal Building on Saturday, April 2 from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. Individuals and volunteer groups (of 15 or less) will be given a location assignment after registering and can report directly to the clean-up location. One member of the group or individual volunteers will be responsible for picking up supplies from the Municipal Building. Pre-registration is required for this event and can be completed online at [www.newarkde.gov/play](http://www.newarkde.gov/play). Gloves and trash bags will be provided. For additional information, please contact the Recreation office at (302) 366-7000 or email [parksvolunteers@newark.de.us](mailto:parksvolunteers@newark.de.us).



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## CITY OF NEWARK TO CONDUCT RECYCLE AUDITS STARTING FEBRUARY 24

Starting Thursday, February 24, the City of Newark will conduct recycling audits during regularly scheduled recycling pick-ups. This is necessary in order to improve the City's compliance with the Delaware Solid Waste Authority (DSWA) guidelines as they relate to recycling contamination. Delivering clean recyclable materials to the Recycle Center allows the City to avoid costly penalties imposed by DSWA when acceptable limits are exceeded.

During the Thursday and Friday routes, Public Works employees will review container contents specifically searching for bagged recycling. Bagged recycling has been identified as the primary contributor in contaminated truck loads delivered to the Recycling Center. As a courtesy over the next two weeks, employees will empty carts completely and leave a tag on the cart with a written explanation of the error. Starting March 10, bagged recyclables will be removed and placed next to the refuse cart.

Other commonly misplaced items that may be identified and removed during the audit are listed below. These items should be placed in the trash cart.

- Styrofoam
- Tanglers, such as ropes or hoses
- Plastic grocery bags
- Shredded paper

"The City of Newark is committed to being a good partner in recycling to its residents as well as the State," said Jason Winterling, PW&WR Field Operations Superintendent. "The biggest mistake we observe weekly is improperly bagged recyclables. It is our hope that this outreach and forthcoming audit helps to improve the recycling habits of our residents as well as improve the product delivered to DSWA, reducing our fines in the long term."

Adhesive stickers have been placed on each recycle cart that visually demonstrate what is and is not considered single stream recycling to use a reference guide for future collections. Residents are encouraged to contact the Public Works and Water Resources Department at (302) 366-7000 if they have questions about recyclable products. The DSWA residential recycling guidelines can also be [found here](#).



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