

## Curbside Chipping Protocol

Cranbury Township's chipping service includes tree branches, shrubbery and other yard clippings, which commences the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday each month. This is the start date and not necessarily the day that the chipper will collect your brush. Residents can start placing their brush/chipping at the curb the weekend prior to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday. Please refrain from placing items at the curb sooner. Help keep Cranbury's street scape beautiful.

Here are the Curbside Brush/Chipping regulations according to Township Code Chapter §69. Follow these regulations when placing brush/chipping at the curb. Doing so, will help the DPW personnel to move swiftly and efficiently when collecting brush.

1. Residents must notify the DPW of requests for chipping services by the Monday before the third Wednesday of the month.
2. Brush should be placed curbside no sooner than the weekend preceding the third Wednesday of each month.
3. All material to be chipped should be placed at the curb by 7:00 a.m. by the scheduled collection date (3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month). Material placed curbside after the scheduled collection date or time will not be chipped.
4. All material should be stacked parallel to the curb or as near to the curb as possible, not in the street or on the sidewalk. Place the larger cut branch ends together so they follow the flow of traffic. Incorrect placement is considered to be in violation of the code and may not be collected.
5. Items must be placed parallel on the curb or along the street that is **directly in front of your property**.
6. Branches exceeding 8" diameter cannot be chipped. Brush should be at least 3' in length. Although 3' is the minimum length, longer branches are much easier to chip.
7. Hedge clippings, twigs and small branches less than 3' (but not less than 1') must be bundled with string only (NO WIRE) and free of foreign debris, such as, stones, dirt, metal, sweepings and rakings.
8. No lumber, construction material, roots, stumps, mulch, sand, landscape construction material and debris, or soil left at the curb will be collected. Leaves and grass clippings are collected during the spring and fall scheduled leaf collection program.

The intention is to help you understand the procedures of this valuable chipping service. Violation notices will continue to be sent to offenders. The first 3 notices are warning notices. The 4<sup>th</sup> notice will result in a \$500 a day fine. If you have any questions about the above regulations, please call 395-0900 ext. \*229.

If you have a lawn or tree service that trims and or manicures your property, kindly share these protocols with them.

If you live near a storm drain, remember that they occasionally need to be cleared of collected debris to help channel the rain water runoff. It's amazing how quickly debris collects. Cigarette butts, grass clippings, soda/water bottle caps, and other types of pollution are not good for our water quality and the wild life that relies on clean water to live.