

Litter Statistics

According to the New Jersey Clean Communities Council, at least 55% of all litter found in New Jersey is deliberate and approximately 75% of people intentionally littering on urban streets are between the ages of 6 and 24 and are predominantly male. 60% of those deliberately littering on freeways and rural roads are between the ages of 11 and 24.

Accidental littering, coming from open bed vehicles, trashcan spills, overflowing garbage dumpsters and human carelessness comprises the remaining 45% of litter.

In 2003 and 2004, New Jersey Clean Community grantees cleaned 19,665 miles of roads, picked up 46,584 tons of litter and 16,538 tons of recyclables. This was done with 86,308 volunteers contributing 199,932 hours in 12,646 cleanups around the State of New Jersey.

Fair Lawn holds three to four litter clean ups per year with each event attracting between 20 and 40 volunteers. The volunteers collect between 100 and 500 pounds of litter on each clean up.

The New Jersey Clean Communities program provides grant funds to municipalities to change the attitudes that cause littering and the irresponsible handling of solid waste through public information and education.

The Fair Lawn Recycling Division administers the Fair Lawn Clean Community program by holding several annual litter clean up days, sponsoring educational assemblies at Borough schools, litter enforcement through the award winning Litter Marshal program, and litter education through its award winning educational campaign.

The Fair Lawn Clean Community Coordinator is available to speak to civic groups and schools free of charge. To schedule a presentation, call the Recycling Division at 201-794-5366.

Volunteers are needed to assist with the annual litter clean ups. Volunteers are supplied with gloves, bags, collection sticks, transportation to sites and breakfast. Call today to find out about the next litter clean up day!



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Litter Marshal Program



How to Report Littering & Dumping

FAIR LAWN CLEAN COMMUNITY



Report Littering and Illegal Dumping

While the police are looking for all types of criminal activity, it is unlikely that someone will litter or illegally dump in the presence of the police. It is more likely that a private citizen will see this type of crime. Due to Fair Lawn's award winning Litter Marshal program, you can now anonymously report illegal dumping and littering. The Borough will follow up with the accused in an attempt to change their behavior.

When you see someone littering or illegally dumping, **DO NOT CONFRONT THEM**. Write down the following information:

- license plate (including state) of the vehicle used in perpetrating the crime.
- date and time of the incident.
- location of the incident.
- type of material dumped or littered (if possible)
- any distinguishing marks on the vehicle if you cannot get a full license plate. This could include company name, phone number, vehicle number or other identifying mark.

When it is safe to do so, call the Fair Lawn Recycling Division at 201-794-5366 or e-mail "litter@fairlawn.org" to report the incident. Any incidents involving a serious environmental crime, call 9-1-1 or the Fair Lawn Police at 201-796-1400.

Litter Laws

The Borough of Fair Lawn has several laws relating to litter in chapter 140 of the Borough ordinances. Some of the ordinances include:

- 140-3: Littering in public places prohibited.
- 140-4: Litter to be placed in a receptacle to prevent scattering.
- 140-5: Sweeping litter into street prohibited.
- 140-6: Throwing litter from vehicles prohibited.
- 140-7: Trucks to be so loaded to prevent contents spilling.
- 140-10: Placing flyers on vehicles prohibited.
- 140-14: Owner / occupant to maintain property free of litter.
- 140-17: Dumping prohibited.
- 140-18: Overflowing receptacles or dumpsters prohibited.

Litter fines vary depending upon the type of offense and if the person is a repeat offender. The maximum penalty is \$500 and/or community service for each offense.

Become a Litter Marshal

Want to take the next step and volunteer to become a Litter Marshal? There is no obligation and it is free of charge. By becoming a Litter Marshal, you are committing to help keep Fair Lawn clean and litter free.

Litter Marshals receive:

- A Litter Marshal pin.
- A reporting pad for documenting littering incidents.
- Educational materials to help you understand the seriousness of littering.
- Inclusion on our mailing list to be notified of upcoming events and special information.
- Other freebies depending on availability.

To join call:

201-794-5366

