

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE
OF THE BOROUGH OF RUMSON
BY ADDING CHAPTER XVI, YARD WASTE
COLLECTION PROGRAM**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rumson, in the County of Monmouth and State of New Jersey.

SECTION 1. That Chapter XVI, Section 3, Yard Waste Collection Program, be added to read as follows:

§ 16-3.1. Purpose:

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

§ 16-3.-2. Definitions:

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 bio degradable bags only, 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, brush, and thatch, but does not include grass clippings.

§ 16-3.3. Yard Waste Collection.

Sweeping, raking, blowing or otherwise placing yard waste that is not containerized at the curb or along the street is only allowed during the seven (7) days prior to a Borough scheduled and announced collection, and shall not be placed closer than 10 feet from any storm drain inlet. Placement of such a yard waste at the curb or along the street at any other time or in any other manner is a violation of this ordinance. If such placement of the yard waste occurs, the party responsible for placement of the yard waste must remove the yard waste from the street or said party must remove the yard waste from the street or said party shall be deemed in violation of this ordinance.

§ 16-3.4. Container Required.

The owner or occupant of any residential property shall provide bio degradable bags for contractors of such owner or occupant engaged to provide lawn care or landscaping services should the schedule of work on the property preclude compliance with “seven day rule” for placement of yard waste

along the street.

§ 16-3.5. Prohibited Acts.

- a. Placement of grass clippings at the curb or along the street at any time.
- b. Placement of yard waste at curb or along the street prior to Borough scheduled periods as specified in this Ordinance.
- c. Placement of brush at the curb or along the street from November through March of the following year.
- d. Placement of leaves at the curb or along the street in the months of January, February, March, July and August.
- e. Placement of yard waste within 10 feet from any storm drain.
- f. Containers shall not be placed at street curb at any time except on the Borough scheduled pick-up date.

§ 16-3.6. Enforcement.

The provisions of the ordinance shall be enforced by the Police Department of the Borough of Rumson.

§ 16-3.7. Violations and Penalties.

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 \$100 for each separate offense.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication according to law.

Introduced: November 10, 2005.

Passed and Approved: December 1, 2006.

I hereby approve of the
passing of this ordinance.

John E. Ekdahl
Mayor

Attest:

Thomas S. Rogers
Borough Clerk/Administrator