



The Newton News

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The Town Manager's Message...

I have recently entered my 12th year as your Town Manager, and I must say I continue to be blessed to lead such a fine organization and community. We have many exciting updates to talk about so let's get down to business.

The Town is actively participating in **Census 2020** - encouraging all residents to be counted and for those interested in participating, there are paid part-time job opportunities to assist.

The **Parking Authority** is considering acquiring property in the downtown area in order to add additional parking for visitors and residents alike.

Staff and professionals are working diligently on the timely completion of bid specifications for the **2020 pool renovations**.

Community Development is working with Newton High School and SCCC on **social media influencers** to spread the good word about Newton activities and places.

We are experiencing a serious uptick in the volume of inquiries for **redevelopment opportunities** at Hicks Avenue and Paterson Avenue.

We are working with the developer interested in transforming the **G&H property** into an exciting new commercial ratable.

The Town is continuing its positive relationship with SCCC on the **McGuire's redevelopment**, looking to transform this area into a new mixed use serving students, residents, and visitors.

The Town is excited to see the new projects in Town being initiated by our friends at **Thorlabs** and we continue to be grateful for Mr. Cable's significant investment in Town.

Final touches are being done for the new **Firehouse No. 2** on Woodside Avenue. The new building looks terrific and we are very appreciative of the efforts of all of our dedicated first responders.

A plethora of **Water/Sewer capital projects** are currently underway or will be occurring in the next year. My thanks to both engineers who also put together very thorough 10-year budget projections to keep us on track.

Fiber optics have been installed at the Police Department and Municipal Building. The expansion of fiber optics into many areas of Newton and Sussex County will transform education, business, and industry.

Our long-time **CFO**, Dawn Babcock, has retired as of the end of October. We wish her well in her retirement and welcome our new CFO to the organization.

Plans are underway for a new and improved annual **Christmas Tree Lighting** celebration here at Town Hall: Friday, December 6, 2019 at 5:30pm. Please join us!

Finally, please remember to support our local businesses, big and small - they are the engine which drives the economy. We encourage those with a passion for retail to consider opening up shop in Newton, especially in the downtown area. Remember: The key to managing property taxes in NJ is the pursuit of quality commercial ratables, and our staff is committed to being business and customer-friendly so individuals and companies are comfortable investing their capital in Newton's commercial areas.

Our Town Council, staff, professionals and volunteers take great pride in their efforts to make Newton the special place that it is and are to be commended. **Together we will continue to make a difference.** Thank you once again for reading our publication and please accept my best wishes to you and yours for good health and happiness during the beautiful fall season and upcoming holidays.

Yours in Service,

Thomas S. Russo, Jr., MPA, CPM
Town Manager

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Dates of Interest	Finance News	Inside This Issue
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Halloween Parade Oct. 31 ◆ Fall Leaf & Brush Pickup Nov. 4 thru Nov. 29 ◆ Election Day Nov. 5 ◆ Free Rabies Clinic Flags of Honor Nov. 9 ◆ Veterans' Day Town Hall Closed Nov. 11 ◆ NMC Festival of Lights Nov. 16 ◆ Thanksgiving Holiday Town Hall Closed Nov. 28 & 29 ◆ GNCC Holiday Parade Nov. 30 ◆ Tree Lighting Dec. 6 ◆ Senior Holiday Dinner Dec. 8 ◆ Operation Santa Dec. 21 ◆ Christmas Holiday Town Hall Closed Dec. 24 & 25 	<p><u>4th QUARTER TAX REMINDER:</u> The 4th quarter property taxes are due on November 1, 2019. The grace period has been extended due to Veterans Day. Payments must be received by 4:30pm on Tuesday, November 12th. Payments received after this date will be considered delinquent and interest will be charged back to November 1st in accordance with R.S. 54:4-67.</p> <p><u>YEAR END PENALTY FOR DELINQUENT TAXES:</u> The Town of Newton imposes a 6% year-end penalty on all accounts in which the delinquencies exceed \$10,000.00. At the end of the year the 6% is added to the total delinquency and carried forward to the next year. Interest is then charged in accordance with R.S. 54:4-67.</p> <p><u>ONLINE PAYMENTS:</u> Residents may pay their tax & utility bills online. Go to www.newtontownhall.com, click the "Pay Online" link on the homepage. A fee of \$2.00 is applied for ACH (e-check) payments and a 3% fee for Credit Card payments.</p>	<p>Dates of Interest 2</p> <p>Finance News..... 2</p> <p>Staff Directory..... 2</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Newton Town Council 3</p> <p>Recent Ordinances 3</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Clerk's Office Reminders 4</p> <p>Court News 4</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Zoning Corner 5</p> <p>Property Maintenance 5</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Winter Reminders..... 6</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Recreation Happenings 7</p> <p>Flags of Honor..... 7</p> <p>Community Development 7</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Fire Department..... 8</p> <p>First Aid Squad..... 8</p> <p>Health Department..... 8</p> <p>.....</p> <p>From the Police Desk 9</p> <p>Emergency Management 9</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Fall Leaf & Brush Pickup..... 10</p> <p>Recycling News 10</p> <p>Christmas Tree Pickup 10</p> <p>Water and Sewer News 10</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Stormwater Management 11</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Public Safety 12</p>

The staff of the Town of Newton is here to assist the public whenever possible. Please use the following list of extensions when dialing 973-383-3521 to contact a municipal staff member.

- 220 Recycling
- 224 Manager's Office
- 225 Tax Assessor
- 227 Planning/Zoning
- 228 Recreation
- 232 Municipal Clerk
- 233 Treasurer
- 234 Community Dev.
- 239 Tax Collector
- 240 Utility Collector
- 241 Finance Officer/CFO
- 242 Court Administrator
- 254 Human Resources
- 256 Code Enforcement



STAFF DIRECTORY

OTHER NUMBERS

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| Public Works | 973-383-4160 |
| Recycling Center | 973-383-1521 |
| Sewer Treatment Plant | 973-383-2090 |
| Police Department
(Non-emergency) | 973-383-2525 |

NEWTON TOWN COUNCIL

The Newton Town Council typically meets on the 2nd & 4th Monday of every month. All meetings are held at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers located on the first floor of the Municipal Building at 39 Trinity Street, Newton. Meetings are open for public attendance and comment. For a complete list of meeting dates visit our website at newtontownhall.com/calendar.



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Thomas S. Russo, Jr., Town Manager
Lorraine A. Read, Municipal Clerk

RECENT ORDINANCES

The Newton Town Council recently adopted several ordinances of interest:

Ordinance 2018-20 adjusted water and sewer connection fees.

Ordinance 2018-22 amends certain parking regulations related to parking in municipal parking lots overnight.

Ordinance 2018-24 amends the redevelopment plan for Diller Avenue.

Ordinance 2019-1 amends regulations regarding generators.

Ordinance 2019-6 establishes regulations for soil importation and grading.

Ordinance 2019-7 amends regulations regarding domestic animals.

To review Town ordinances that have recently been adopted visit our website at www.newtontownhall.com/ordinances.

Reminders from the Clerk's Office...

A free rabies clinic will be held on Saturday, **November 9, 2019** at the Newton Public Works Garage, 117 Moran Street from 9:00am to Noon. All pets must be on a leash or in a carrier.

The State of New Jersey mandates current rabies vaccination cannot expire before November 1st of the current license year (2020). Dogs can safely be vaccinated every two years.

Ordinance §57-14 requires all dogs & cats residing in Town be licensed.

2020 Dog and Cat license fees are:

Dogs: \$15.00 Spayed/Neutered \$18.00 Non-Spayed/Non-Neutered Cats: \$12.00

Late fee is \$5.00 each month per dog beginning 2/1/20.

License application forms may be downloaded at www.newtontownhall.com/licenses.

*****TAKE NOTE: NEWTON WILL NOT HAVE A RABIES CLINIC IN JANUARY*****

The **General Election** will be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2019. Polls are open 6:00am to 8:00pm.

Polling Places in Newton:

#1 & #2	Newton Fire House	22 Mill St.
#3 & #5	Newton Municipal Building	39 Trinity St.
#4	Newton First Aid Squad Building	68 Sussex St.
#6	First United Methodist Church	111 Ryerson Ave.

Are you registered to vote? Voting in New Jersey is easier than ever! Did you know you can vote early? It's easy, convenient, and saves time & gas.

Call the County Clerk and simply ask to have a Vote Early Ballot Application mailed to your address; or

- ♦ Go online, download the application from the County Clerk's website and mail to the County Clerk; or
- ♦ Apply in person at your County Clerk's Office. If you apply in person 40 days or less prior to an election, you can obtain your ballot while you wait.

For more information call the County Board of Elections at 973-579-0950. Or visit the County Clerk's website at <https://sussexcountyclerk.org/>. The next **Primary Election** will be held on Tuesday, June 2, 2020.

Court News

The Shared Court of the Town of Newton and Green Township convenes every Tuesday with the Honorable James P. Sloan presiding.

Just a reminder all court fines are expected to be paid in a timely manner to avoid any further penalties. All traffic offenses can be paid on-line at www.njmcdirect.com. Please have your ticket on hand to provide the court I. D., prefix, ticket number and your license plate number. If you cannot pay your fines, please contact the Court for alternate payment options at 973-383-3521 x 205. Don't forget to check out our new and improved website at newtontownhall.com/Court which includes forms and important links in both English and Spanish.

ZONING CORNER

The Town of Newton Zoning Officer, Katherine Citterbart, would like to remind residents zoning permits are require for fences, sheds, pools, decks, retaining walls, additions, alterations, temporary storage containers, and emergency standby generators.

SURVEY SAYS...a property survey must be submitted along with most Zoning Permit Applications. For more details, see §320-23.E(2) of the Code Book.



PARKING: The parking of vehicles on areas other than driveways (i.e. front yard) is prohibited in single-family detached and duplex residential dwellings.

MAKE AN APPT: For the most efficient use of your time and ours, please call first to make an appointment. 973-383-3521 x 228.



For more information on zoning compliance and links to our forms, visit our website at newtontownhall.com/zoning or contact the Newton Zoning Officer, Katherine Citterbart at 973-383-3521 x 227 or kcitterbart@newtontownhall.com.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

On behalf of The Newton Code Enforcement Department, we would like to extend our appreciation and sincerest **thank you** to all Town residents who continue to maintain their property or have made the effort to abate any violations, in accordance with the Town’s property maintenance codes.

Fall and winter property maintenance areas of concern should include:

- *landscaping; grass and weed control, leaves and dead branch removal.*
- *Sidewalk safety; ice and snow removal.*
- *Ensure that all homes and buildings display an approved premise identification, plainly visible from the street.*

General property maintenance reminders:

- Residents are responsible for contracting their own garbage removal. Rules for garbage storage and collection can be found in **Chapter 250 of the Code of the Town of Newton** and **Section 308 of the International Property Maintenance Code.**

Although compliance, not revenue generation is the goal of the property maintenance department, if compliance notices are ignored and the violations are not abated by the compliance date given, the violation(s) will progress to a summon(s) which will then become a matter before the Municipal Court.

Certificate of Compliance

A Certificate of Compliance inspection and approval is required prior to the re-occupancy or continued occupancy by means of re-rental or re-sale of all one- and two-family residential dwellings or dwelling units, located in the Town of Newton.

Applications for Certificate of Compliance inspections can be downloaded on our website at newtontownhall.com/coc.

WINTER REMINDERS

Parking Regulations

When snow accumulates and covers any public street, road, or parking lot, vehicles are not allowed to be parked on those streets or in those parking lots until the Public Works Department has had sufficient time to plow the snow. Vehicles parked illegally on snow-covered streets or in parking lots will be **ticketed and/or towed**. In the interest of public safety, Newton residents are asked to abide by the above regulations following snowstorms.

Chapter 307-49 of the Code of the Town of Newton prohibits the parking of vehicles on any street within the Town of Newton during the hours of 4:00am and 6:00am. To review the code of the Town of Newton please visit our website at www.newtontownhall.com/municipalcode. For a complete listing of Schedules see Chapter 307, Vehicles and Traffic, Article XI, Schedules.

Sidewalks

Snow and ice must be removed from sidewalks within 12 hours of daylight after snow has fallen and/or ice has formed. If removing ice is impracticable, sand, grit, or ice melting material must be down within 12 hours of daylight after the formation of ice.

If a building is occupied by more than one family or business unit, the tenant or occupant of the first floor shall be required to remove all snow and ice.

Hydrants

The owner, occupant or tenant of premises abutting or bordering upon any street in the Town shall remove all snow and ice from the abutting sidewalks and **fire hydrants** of such street or, in the event of ice which may be so frozen as to make removal impracticable, shall cause the same to be thoroughly covered with sand, ice melting materials, or such other suitable grit, within 12 hours of daylight after the same shall fall or be formed thereon.

The owner, occupant or tenant of premises used by the public or business customers shall remove all snow and ice from sidewalks, **fire hydrants**, street, and parking areas used by the public in the transaction of business threat and, in the event of ice which may be so frozen as to make removal impracticable, shall cause the same to be thoroughly covered with sand, ice melting material, or suitable grit, within 12 hours of daylight after the same shall fall or be formed thereon.

In case a building is occupied by more than one family or business unit, the tenant or occupant of the first floor shall be required to remove all snow and ice.

Any complaints regarding this matter should be referred to the Newton Police Department at 973-383-2525.



Senior Snow Shoveling Program

Reminder to Seniors who are partaking in the snow shoveling program this is a service that is provided to the Town by the Sussex County Sheriff's Department for those seniors that are 62 years of age or older, have a diagnosed handicap or possess a handicap placard, no member of the household is physically able to do shoveling, and member(s) of the household must be on a fixed income. There is a limit on the numbers of seniors who can be placed on the list. For more information you can contact Kathryn Walker at 973-383-3521 x 228.

RECREATION HAPPENINGS

Senior Exercise Program: Join us for ZUMBA GOLD! Get active with great people at the dance party workout that moves at your pace. Every Tuesday morning from 9:30am to 10:15am and Friday morning from 10:30am to 11:15am at Newton Firehouse #1, 22 Mill St. Only \$5 per class. No pre-registration necessary. Call 973-383-3521 x 228 with questions.

Prime Time Seniors: A social group for the residents of the Town, ages 55 and up. The group meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month. Meetings are held at the Newton #1 Firehouse, 22 Mill Street. Refreshments are served at 12:30pm; meeting promptly begins at 1:00pm. For information call Joyce Franklin at 973-945-6375.

Senior Holiday Luncheon: Our annual holiday luncheon, will take place on Sunday, December 8, 2019 at the Newton High School Cafeteria. This event is open to Town residents ages 55 and up. Participant must RSVP by December 2, 2019 to Kat Walker at 973-383-3521 x 228.

Radio City Christmas Spectacular: Save the date! We are in the process of booking our annual bus trip to NYC for Sunday, November 24th. More information will be released soon on our website, Instagram, and Facebook pages. Contact 973-383-3521, ext. 228 with any questions.

For the latest information on Recreation Happenings, LIKE and follow us on Facebook: NEWTON RECREATION, on Instagram: @NewtonNJRecreation, or via the Town website: www.newtontownhall.com.



In honor of Veterans Day, the Town of Newton will sponsor **Flags of Honor**, a display of flags on the lawn of the Town of Newton Municipal Building. The American Flags will recognize and show honor to the Veterans who have dedicated themselves to the protection of our freedom. Flags will be on display throughout the month of November. ***Adopt A Flag to dedicate in honor or in memory of your Special Veteran for \$30!*** Your donation will benefit Community Hope's - Hope for Veterans Program which ensures a safe haven for homeless and disabled Veterans every day. Mail or deliver your donation, with check made payable to "Community Hope, Inc." to 39 Trinity Street, Newton, NJ 07860 c/o Flags of Honor. ***Please include the name of the honoree with your donation. Participants and Honorees need not reside in Newton and the deadline is October 31, 2019. A dedication Ceremony will take place Saturday, November 9th, 11:00am.*** All honorees, families, and residents are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served following the ceremony. This event is rain or shine.

Community Development

Halloween Parade ~ October 31st. Line-up starts at 6:00pm on Union Place All ages are welcome! Cash prizes for costumes. Trunk or Treat! Sponsored by the Newton Moose Lodge and the Newton Fire Department

Holiday Parade & Small Business Saturday ~ November 30th. Parade starts at 10:00am on Spring Street. Music and floats! Fun for all ages! Spring Street will remain closed until 2:00pm for additional holiday activities.

Holiday Tree Lighting ~ December 6th. Events starts at 5:30pm on the lawn of Town Hall. Music and caroling. Students hang ornaments on the 20ft holiday tree. Refreshment will be served.

House and Business Holiday Lights Contest ~ Register by sending your address to marketing@newtontownhall.com Residential & Business categories. Winners will be chosen by the Town's Senior Citizens the night of December 6th and will receive a gift certificate at a Town Council meeting in January.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Founded in 1836, the Newton Fire Department is one of the oldest continually operating fire departments in the United States. In addition to responding to emergencies with superior fire protection the Fire Department also gives back to the community they serve.



On October 31st the Fire Department, along with the Newton Moose Lodge 432 will again host the Halloween Parade for Trick-or-Treaters. The parade starts at 6:00pm on Union Place between Trinity Street and Spring Street.

Operation Santa will take place on Saturday, December 21st. With the help of the Newton Fire Department, Santa will visit residents of Newton on a Fire Truck.

Construction of the new Firehouse on Woodside Avenue is almost complete. The new building offers both mens and womens bathrooms with showers, updated kitchen with commercial appliances, meeting area, and a new office space. The apparatus bays are surrounded by a mezzanine which will provide much needed storage.

For more information on the Newton Fire Department please visit their Facebook page: www.facebook.com/NewtonFD/.

FIIRST AID SQUAD

NFAS is busier than ever and always seeking new members! We seek anyone and everyone with a desire to help their community. No experience is required and we offer all training necessary at no cost to our volunteers.

If you are interested or wish to learn more, please visit newtonfirstaidsquad.org. Additionally, you can call us any time at 973-383-3377, email us at info@newtonfirstaidsquad.org or stop by at 68 Sussex Street!

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The best time to get your flu vaccine is before flu activity begins to increase. CDC recommends getting your flu vaccine by the end of October. When you are vaccinated, your body starts making antibodies that help protect you from three or four specific flu viruses; these are the virus research suggests will be most common during the upcoming season. It takes about two weeks after vaccination for the immune system to fully respond, and for these antibodies to provide protection.



2019 Seasonal Fall Flu Clinics are offered to residents who live in Sussex County and is sponsored by the Sussex County Department of Environmental and Public Health Services Office of Public Health Nursing. The Pneumococcal Vaccine is also offered.

Another reason to get vaccinated is to help protect others in your community, including those at high risk for serious flu complications. Get vaccinated, and encourage your family and friends to do so as well!

You may register on-line at www.sussex.nj.us/flu or call 973-579-0570. Beginning November 18, 2019 and ending on January 30, 2020, the Sussex County Public Health Nursing office will be open for flu and pneumonia shots from 2:00pm-4:00pm on Mondays and Thursdays. (closed on holidays) **No** appointment needed. Location: 201 Wheatsworth Road, Hamburg, NJ.

FROM THE POLICE DESK...



Smart911™

Have you signed up yet?

Smart911 is a free service that we have implemented for improved handling of emergency 9-1-1 calls. Please visit <http://newtonpolice.org/safetylink/>

to create a safety profile. Residents and business owners can create a profile for their family members and any facilities to provide responders with key lifesaving information during an emergency. The Smart911 system also provides improved technology with highly accurate caller location data and the ability to initiate communications via text message with mobile callers.

The Smart911 software allows anyone to create a safety profile for free that includes information such as allergies or pre-existing medical conditions for all members of the household. Precise location data can also be stored to help ensure that responders are sent to the right location with the right information. Schools, medical facilities, apartment complexes and other facilities in Newton can also create a facility profile to provide responders with information that could be important in an emergency. Floorplans, hazardous material information, landline phone locations, AED locations and other vital information can be readily available and used to respond to emergencies more effectively.



Visit our website www.NewtonPolice.org and social media pages to learn about all we do or stop by and see us at an informal “Coffee With a Cop” event. From Crime Tips and Mapping to the CLEAR program, we aim to always improve and bring forward innovative ways to promote public safety.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT



Rave Alert is the Town’s new mass notification system. The system is integrated with the police department’s Smart911 system. To register or update your information, text “Smart911” to 67283, register at Smart911.com, or download their app for Android and iPhone. It doesn’t matter if it’s a routine, day-to-day event or a sudden large-scale emergency: effective community communication relies on dependable messaging capabilities. When you register for Smart911 you will be prompted to choose which [Rave Alert](#) you wish to receive.

- Watermain breaks, low water pressure alerts, road closures
- Municipal service interruptions (senior shuttle, recycling pickup, rescheduled meetings)
- Advisories regarding community events (parades, recreational events, community cleanups)
- Office closures due to inclement weather

By transitioning to Rave Alert platform we simplify the process for the user which allows the Town departments to unify our community engagement efforts. For more information contact the Office of Emergency Management at info@newtonoem.org.

Fall Leaf & Brush Pickup

The Town of Newton combines brush pick-up with the annual leaf collection program in November. The Public Works crew will begin the Collection Program on Monday, November 4, 2019 and will continue until November 29, 2019. The leaf and brush pickup will follow the Recycling Zone weekly schedule for the entire month.

Please place the bags and brush at the curb line and not in the street. This will avoid interference with traffic and possible breakage of the bags. Tree limbs must be smaller than *4 inches* in diameter (no exceptions). The clean-up is intended for residents to clear away naturally occurring fallen brush and light pruning. Property owners are responsible for felled trees.

The leaves and brush will be taken to the Sussex County Municipal Utilities Authority (SCMUA) facility for disposal. SCMUA will only accept leaves in biodegradable bags. The bags can be purchased at local home improvement stores. Residents may take leaves/brush to SCMUA for disposal themselves, but a small fee may be charged by the County facility.

Recycling News



The Town of Newton conducts monthly curbside collection of commingled recycling and newspaper. As a reminder, containers placed curbside can be no larger than 35 gallons and must be at the curb no later than 7:00am on your designated pick up day. Recyclables must be rinsed before placing at curbside; failure to do so will result in your recyclables not being picked up.

Twice a year, in June and December, the Town sends the "Newton Recycling News" to all its residents outlining recycling guidelines and the curbside collection schedule. This publication is also available on the Town's website at www.newtontownhall.com/recycling.

Recycling Center hours are Thursday 8:00am to 4:00pm and Saturdays 8:00am to 1:00pm. Brush leaves and grass clippings are no longer accepted at the Recycling Center.

Christmas Tree Pickup

The Public Works crew will be picking up Christmas trees beginning December 30, 2019 through January 31, 2020. All trees must be free of bases, lights, and ornaments.

Water and Sewer News

FUN FACT: A running toilet uses up to 1 ½ gallons per minute. If your water bill is high and your toilet is running or not filling correctly, you have found the problem and need to fix it immediately.

The 4th Quarter water/sewer bills are due December 26, 2019. Payments received after the due date will have a ten percent penalty added to the balance.

For your convenience, there is a lock box located near the front entrance of the Municipal Building where payments can be left after hours and on weekends.

Please be advised that payments placed in the box after 4:00pm will be posted to the next business day.



STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

A Guide to Healthy Habits for Cleaner Water

Pollution on streets, parking lots and lawns is washed by rain into storm drains, then directly to our drinking water supplies and the ocean and lakes our children play in. Fertilizer, oil, pesticides, detergents, pet waste, grass clippings: you name it and it ends up in our water.

Stormwater pollution is one of New Jersey's greatest threats to clean and plentiful water, and that's why we're all doing something about it.

By sharing the responsibility and making small, easy changes in our daily lives, we can keep common pollutants out of stormwater. It all adds up to cleaner water, and it saves the high cleanup costs.

As part of New Jersey's initiative to keep our water clean and plentiful and to meet federal requirements, many municipalities and other public agencies must adopt ordinances or other rules prohibiting various activities that contribute to stormwater pollution. Breaking these rules can result in fines or other penalties.

Limit your use of fertilizers and pesticides

- ◆ Do a soil test to see if you need a fertilizer.
- ◆ Do not apply fertilizers if heavy rain is predicted.
- ◆ Look into alternatives for pesticides.
- ◆ Maintain a small lawn and keep the rest of your property or yard in a natural state with trees and other native vegetation that requires little or no fertilizer.
- ◆ If you use fertilizers and pesticides, follow the instructions on the label on how to correctly apply it.

Properly use and dispose of hazardous products

Hazardous products include some household or commercial cleaning products, lawn and garden care products, motor oil, antifreeze, and paints.

- ◆ Do not pour any hazardous products down a storm drain because storm drains are usually connected to local bodies of water and the water is not treated.
- ◆ If you have hazardous products in your home or workplace, make sure you store or dispose of them properly. Read the label for guidance.

- ◆ Use natural or less toxic alternatives when possible.

Keep pollution out of storm drains

- ◆ Recycle used motor oil.
- ◆ Municipalities and many other public agencies are required to mark certain storm drain inlets with messages reminding people that storm drains are connected to local bodies of water.
- ◆ Do not let sewage or other wastes flow into a stormwater system.
- ◆ Clean and plentiful water is important to our families, our environment, our economy and our quality of life. Did you know that animal waste from pets can pollute our waters? When left on the ground, pet waste is washed by rain and melting snow and ice into storm drains that carry it to our rivers, lakes, bays, the ocean and drinking water. Animal waste contains a high concentration of nutrients as well as bacteria and disease-causing microorganisms that can cause problems.

Clean up after your pet

- ◆ Follow the Town of Newton pet-waste rules.
- ◆ Pick up and properly dispose of pet waste dropped on public or people's property.
- ◆ Use newspaper, bags or pooper-scoopers to pick up wastes.
- ◆ Dispose of the unwrapped pet waste in a toilet.
- ◆ Never discard pet waste in a storm drain.

Don't litter

- ◆ Place litter in trash receptacles.
- ◆ Recycle. Recycle. Recycle.

Dispose of yard waste properly

- ◆ Participate in community cleanups.
- ◆ Keep leaves and grass out of storm drains.
- ◆ Use leaves and grass clippings as a resource for compost.
- ◆ Use a mulching mower that recycles grass clippings into the lawn.

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www.NewtonPolice.org

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Do Something.*

TEXT **274637** KEYWORD **NEWTON**



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COMMUNITY LAW ENFORCEMENT ADDICTION RECOVERY

Hope begins here