

UPPER DARBY TOWNSHIP

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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Upper Darby Community,

Welcome to our Township newsletter. I'm proud to say it has been a little more than two years since I was sworn in as your mayor, and I take great pride in representing Upper Darby Township.

When I took office, I had many goals and initiatives, and I'm proud to say we have made meaningful progress in many areas. While we know there is still work to be done, I truly believe our Township is on an upward trajectory.

Our number one priority is always the safety and well-being of our residents. We have increased the number of police officers and expanded the depth and scope of police training to better serve our community.

Another key objective of this administration – and of this newsletter – is communication. We want our residents to be informed about what is happening in Upper Darby and to feel connected to their local government.

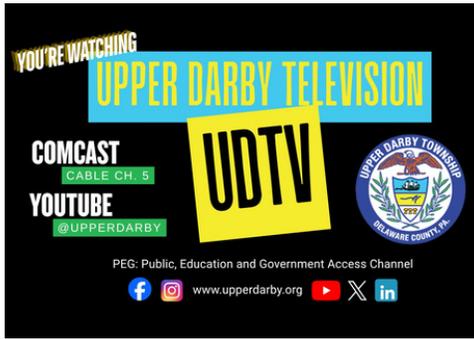
To that end, we have invested time and resources into our website, upperdarby.org, and our social media channels are more robust and active than ever.

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In December 2025, we launched the Township's first PEG Channel (Public, Education, and Government), which can be viewed on Comcast cable channels 5 and 1073. We also have our own YouTube channel, which, among other features, streams Township Council meetings live.

These efforts are not only meant to keep you up to date, but also to encourage feedback and engagement from you.



Another valuable resource for residents is our One Center, located in the Municipal Building. You can call, email, or stop by in person with questions or concerns. Whether it's permits, bills, or taxes, our staff is happy to assist.

Our Community and Economic Development Department works every day to attract businesses to Upper Darby and



offers numerous programs and town halls to support entrepreneurs interested in starting small businesses.

Our Senior Center, located at the Watkins Center, provides daily programs and activities that enrich the lives of our senior residents.



We have also earmarked funding for improvements to our parks and trails, supporting both the mental and physical health of our community.



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610-734-7693
www.udpd.org

Upper Darby Fire Dept.
7216 West Chester Pike
Upper Darby, PA 19082
610-734-7673

All Emergencies: Dial 911



There is no better example of this than our annual International Festival, where we come together to celebrate the diversity that makes our Township so unique. With more than 87,000 residents who speak over 100 languages, this festival honors both what makes us different and what unites us.



Be sure to follow us on our Facebook, Instagram, X and LinkedIn accounts, subscribe to our YouTube channel for more Township content and visit our website www.upperdarby.org for the most up-to-date Township news and information.

Sincerely,

Edward Brown
Mayor



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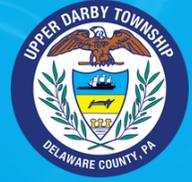


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COMMUNITY FAQ

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)



Why is the Township issuing this information now?

Upper Darby Township is sharing this information in response to community concerns about federal immigration enforcement activity and recent changes in how ICE communicates with local governments. Our goal is to provide clear, accurate information and reduce fear or misinformation.

Is ICE operating in Upper Darby Township?

Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) is a federal agency that operates independently of Upper Darby Township. The Township does not control when or where ICE conducts its activities. The Township Police Department has been notified that any communication with ICE should be handled via the federal Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) process.

Is Upper Darby Township working with ICE?

No. Upper Darby Township does not participate in civil immigration enforcement and does not have an agreement authorizing Township police officers to enforce federal immigration law.

What does the Township Police Department do?

The Upper Darby Township Police Department enforces state and local laws. Police officers do not ask residents about their immigration status and do not assist with civil immigration enforcement. The Upper Darby Township Police Department does cooperate with all lawfully issued criminal warrants and court orders, regardless of the issuing agency.

Should residents be afraid to call 911 or seek help?

No. All residents should feel safe calling 911, reporting crimes, seeking medical help, sending children to school, and using Township services regardless of immigration status.

What rights do residents have?

Everyone in the United States has constitutional rights, including the right to remain silent and the right to refuse entry to their home unless officers present a valid judicial warrant.

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What is Township Council doing?

Township Council is considering a resolution that formally affirms Upper Darby Township's policy of not engaging in non-criminal federal immigration enforcement while continuing to comply with all applicable laws.

How is the Township communicating with residents?

The Township is sharing information through its website, social media, YouTube, Upper Darby TV (Comcast Cable Channels 5 and 1073), community partners, and multilingual outreach to ensure residents receive accurate information in languages they understand.

Where can residents get more information or help?

Residents can visit the Township website, contact Township offices, or reach out to trusted local community and legal service organizations for assistance.

How will the Township respond if circumstances change?

If new, verified information becomes available, the Township will provide updates through official channels. Residents are encouraged to rely on Township communications and avoid rumors or unverified sources.

Resource Links:

National Immigration Detention Hotline – Freedom for Immigrants
www.freedomforimmigrants.org/hotline

National Immigrant Justice Center (NIJC)
www.immigrantjustice.org

Detention Watch Network
www.progressivepreppers.com/30-legal-resources-for-those-impacted-by-ice/

ICIRR Family Support Network & Hotline
(1-855-HELP-MY-FAMILY)
www.icirr.org/fsn

Dear Upper Darby Property Owners and Residents,

Public Works has been working diligently since the recent snowstorm to collect trash and recycling in accordance with the regular schedule, and we appreciate the patience of our residents during these challenging conditions.

In certain areas, however, particularly in some alleyways, trash and recycling collection has been delayed or unable to be completed. This is due to hazardous conditions where snow and ice have not been adequately cleared, preventing sanitation trucks from safely traveling through the alleys and allowing sanitation workers to perform their duties safely.

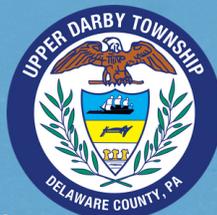
If your trash or recycling has not been collected, it is likely because access through the alleyway was obstructed or unsafe due to uncleared snow and ice. Maintaining clear and passable alleyways is a shared responsibility of all property owners, and conditions in one property or section of an alley can impact service for multiple neighboring properties.

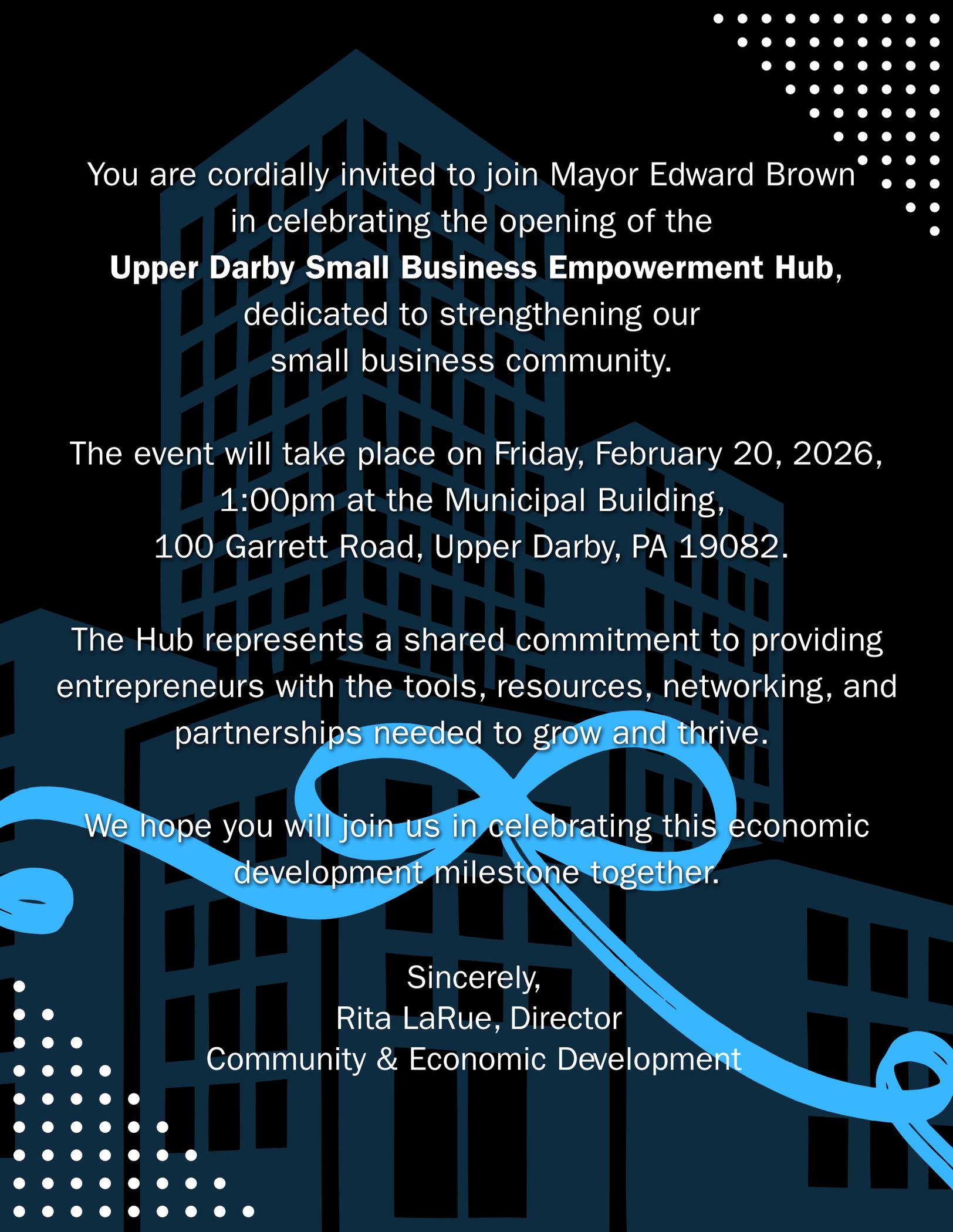
We ask all property owners and residents to ensure that alleyways are properly cleared to provide safe and unobstructed access—not only for sanitation trucks and workers, but also for Police vehicles and Fire trucks, should an emergency arise.

If your designated trash day was missed, please leave your trash cans on the “trash line.”

Thank you for your cooperation and for helping keep our community safe and accessible to everyone.

If you have any questions, please contact The One Center (610) 734-7625.





You are cordially invited to join Mayor Edward Brown
in celebrating the opening of the
Upper Darby Small Business Empowerment Hub,
dedicated to strengthening our
small business community.

The event will take place on Friday, February 20, 2026,
1:00pm at the Municipal Building,
100 Garrett Road, Upper Darby, PA 19082.

The Hub represents a shared commitment to providing
entrepreneurs with the tools, resources, networking, and
partnerships needed to grow and thrive.

We hope you will join us in celebrating this economic
development milestone together.

Sincerely,
Rita LaRue, Director
Community & Economic Development

2026 Trash and Recycling Information and Holiday Collection Schedule

Township Holidays

January 1 - New Year's Day	July 3 - Independence Day Observed
January 19 - MLK, Jr Day	September 7 - Labor Day
February 16 - Presidents' Day	November 3 - Election Day
April 3 - Good Friday	November 11 - Veteran's Day
May 19 - Primary Election Day	November 26 - Thanksgiving Day
May 25 - Memorial Day	December 25 - Christmas Day
June 19 - Juneteenth	

Various Collection Dates

Yard waste collection **begins** on **Monday April 6, 2026**

Yard waste collection **ends** on **Friday October 30, 2026**

Twice a week trash collection **begins** on **Monday June 1, 2026**

Twice a week trash collection **ends** on Friday **September 4, 2026**

Christmas tree collection is the weeks of **January 4 and January 11, 2027**

Regular household trash consists of garbage, rubbish and waste material generated in private homes or apartment houses with less than five units. The following items may also be acceptable to regular collection, if properly prepared for pick up:

Mattresses or box springs: Put out with your regular trash, but limited to only one (1) each per collection. Mattresses/box springs cannot be rain soaked and **MUST be placed in a sealable clear plastic or vinyl mattress bag**. Mattress disposal bags are sold at most major retailers and home improvement stores, such as Home Depot, Lowe's, and Amazon.com.

Grass clippings: Place all grass clippings in a bag in the trash can, not loose in the can.

Carpeting: One (1) room of carpeting per collection. Carpeting must be cut down to 3 feet in length, rolled up and tied in a bundle. Each bundle should not exceed 40lbs and cannot be rain soaked.

Branches: Branches must be cut down to 3 feet in length and tied in a bundle. Each bundle should not exceed 40lbs. Branches should not be greater than 4 inches in diameter.

Large Glass Items or Broken Glass: Any large glass item such as glass tabletops and mirrors should be broken down and placed in a sealed box. **To prevent serious injuries, please do not place any broken glass in trash bags**

Paint: Latex Paint (water based): Remove the lid from the can and the paint must be completely dried out. Use kitty litter or a "paint dry" product if needed. Oil based paint is a hazardous waste and is not acceptable. Check the calendar for the location of a hazardous waste drop-off event.

Couches & Small Furniture Items: Small tables, chairs, couches, microwaves and televisions will be picked up with your regular trash but are **limited to only one (1) furniture item per trash collection.**

Collection Time: Trash must be out for pick-up no later than 7:00 AM. on your scheduled trash day. Cans must be removed from the trash line no later than 6:00 P.M.

Weight limit: The combined weight of a trash can and the trash contained within it shall not exceed 40lbs. This includes days when there is an excessive amount of rain and the can fills with water. (It is helpful to punch drainage holes in the bottom of your trash can.) The allowable total combined weight per household pick-up is 200lbs.

Recycling Upper Darby Collects:

SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING is defined as the collection of newspapers & paper products; corrugated paper & cardboard; aluminum food & beverage cans; steel & bi-metallic food & beverage cans; plastic products numbered 1, 2, 4, 5 and 7 (no plastic bags) and glass containers, excluded are plate glass, light bulbs, automotive glass, blue glass, porcelain and ceramic products. **Ordinance No. 2972** of Upper Darby Township requires all residents to separate from their regular trash and to recycle the following:

NEWSPAPERS & PAPER PRODUCTS

Acceptable: Paper Products Newspapers, magazines and periodicals, catalogs, telephone directories, junk mail and paperback books catalogs, magazines and telephone books.

Not Acceptable: Plastic bags.

Acceptable: Cardboard, paper boxes, corrugated cardboard boxes, egg and cereal cartons, brown paper bags

Not Acceptable: Waxed or plastic coated cardboard

ALUMINUM FOOD & BEVERAGE CANS

Acceptable: Used beverage cans that are rinsed, clean and dry

Not Acceptable: Do not include foil, wrap, trays, plates, etc.

STEEL & BIMETALLIC FOOD & BEVERAGE CANS

Acceptable: All steel and "bi-metal" household cans that a magnet will attract that are rinsed, clean and dry

Not Acceptable: 55-gallon drums, paint cans, aerosol cans, gasoline and oil cans.

PLASTIC PRODUCTS

Acceptable: All plastic food and beverage containers numbered 1, 2, 4, 5 and 7.

Not Acceptable: Plastic bags.

GLASS CONTAINERS

Acceptable: All glass containers

Not Acceptable: Plate glass, light bulbs, automotive glass, blue glass, porcelain and ceramic product

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Information

ONLY Household Hazardous Waste will be accepted
Electronics Waste and Latex Paint will **NOT** be accepted

Saturday, April 18 - Emergency Services Training Center
1600 Calcon Hook Rd, Sharon Hill, Darby Twp, 19079

Saturday, May 16 - Upper Chichester Municipal Bldg
8500 Furey Rd, Upper Chichester, PA 19061

Saturday, Sept 12 - Rose Tree Park
1671 Providence Rd, Media, PA 19063 (rear lot)

Saturday, Oct 17 - Emergency Services Training Center
1600 Calcon Hook Rd, Sharon Hill, Darby Twp, 19079

Contact Information: **Delaware County Solid Waste Authority**
610-892-9620

January 2026

Monday, 19	Tuesday, 20	Wednesday, 21	Thursday, 22	Friday, 23
MLK, Jr Day Holiday No Trash or Recycling see Jan 21	Regular Tuesday Trash and Recycling. Area 2 North of Garrett Rd Recycling Pick-up	Monday Trash, Monday Recycling Incl. Garrett Rd. No Recycling North of Garrett Rd.	Regular Thursday Trash and Recycling Incl. Garrett Rd.	Regular Friday Trash and Recycling. Area 1 North of Garrett Rd. Recycling Pick-up

February 2026

Monday, 16	Tuesday, 17	Wednesday, 18	Thursday, 19	Friday, 20
Presidents' Day Holiday No Trash or Recycling see Feb 18	Regular Tuesday Trash and Recycling. Area 2 North of Garrett Rd Recycling Pick-up	Monday Trash, Monday Recycling Incl. Garrett Rd. No Recycling North of Garrett Rd.	Regular Thursday Trash and Recycling Incl. Garrett Rd.	Regular Friday Trash and Recycling. Area 1 North of Garrett Rd. Recycling Pick-up

March/April 2026

Monday, 30	Tuesday, 31	Wednesday, 1	Thursday, 2	Friday, 3
Regular Monday Trash and Recycling Incl. Garrett Rd.	Regular Tuesday Trash and Recycling. Area 2 North of Garrett Rd Recycling Pick-up	Friday Trash, Friday Recycling Area 1 North of Garrett Rd. Recycling Pick-up	Regular Thursday Trash and Recycling Incl. Garrett Rd.	Good Friday Holiday No Trash or Recycling see April 1

May 2026

Monday, 16	Tuesday, 17	Wednesday, 18	Thursday, 19	Friday, 20
Presidents' Day Holiday No Trash or Recycling see Feb 18	Regular Tuesday Trash and Recycling. Area 2 North of Garrett Rd Recycling Pick-up	Monday Trash, Monday Recycling Incl. Garrett Rd. No Recycling North of Garrett Rd.	Regular Thursday Trash and Recycling Incl. Garrett Rd.	Regular Friday Trash and Recycling. Area 1 North of Garrett Rd. Recycling Pick-up

Monday, 25	Tuesday, 26	Wednesday, 27	Thursday, 28	Friday, 29
Memorial Day Holiday No Trash or Recycling see May 27	Regular Tuesday Trash and Recycling. Area 2 North of Garrett Rd Recycling Pick-up	Monday Trash, Monday Recycling Incl. Garrett Rd. No Recycling North of Garrett Rd.	Regular Thursday Trash and Recycling Incl. Garrett Rd.	Regular Friday Trash and Recycling. Area 1 North of Garrett Rd. Recycling Pick-up

June 2026

Monday, 15	Tuesday, 16	Wednesday, 17	Thursday, 18	Friday, 19
Regular Monday Trash and Recycling Incl. Garrett Rd.	Regular Tuesday Trash and Recycling. Area 2 North of Garrett Rd Recycling Pick-up	Friday Trash, Friday Recycling Area 1 North of Garrett Rd. Recycling Pick-up	Regular Thursday Trash and Recycling Incl. Garrett Rd.	Juneteenth Holiday No Trash or Recycling see June 17

June/July 2026

Monday, 29	Tuesday, 30	Wednesday, 1	Thursday, 2	Friday, 3
Regular Monday Trash and Recycling Incl. Garrett Rd.	Regular Tuesday Trash and Recycling. Area 2 North of Garrett Rd Recycling Pick-up	Friday Trash, Friday Recycling Area 1 North of Garrett Rd. Recycling Pick-up	Regular Thursday Trash and Recycling Incl. Garrett Rd.	Independence Day Holiday No Trash or Recycling see July 1

September 2026

Monday, 7	Tuesday, 8	Wednesday, 9	Thursday, 10	Friday, 11
Labor Day Holiday No Trash or Recycling see Feb 18	Regular Tuesday Trash and Recycling. Area 2 North of Garrett Rd Recycling Pick-up	Monday Trash, Monday Recycling Incl. Garrett Rd. No Recycling North of Garrett Rd.	Regular Thursday Trash and Recycling Incl. Garrett Rd.	Regular Friday Trash and Recycling. Area 1 North of Garrett Rd. Recycling Pick-up

November 2026

Monday, 2	Tuesday, 3	Wednesday, 4	Thursday, 5	Friday, 6
Regular Monday Trash and Recycling Incl. Garrett Rd.	General Election Holiday, No Trash or Recycling See Nov. 4	Tuesday Trash and Tuesday Recycling. Area 2 North of Garrett Rd Recycling Pick-up	Regular Thursday Trash and Recycling Incl. Garrett Rd.	Regular Friday Trash and Recycling. Area 1 North of Garrett Rd. Recycling Pick-up
Monday, 9	Tuesday, 10	Wednesday, 11	Thursday, 12	Friday, 13
Regular Monday Trash and Recycling Incl. Garrett Rd.	Regular Tuesday Trash and Recycling. Area 2 North of Garrett Rd Recycling Pick-up	Veterans Day Holiday, No Trash or Recycling See Nov. 13	Regular Thursday Trash and Recycling Incl. Garrett Rd.	Regular Friday Trash and Recycling. Area 1 North of Garrett Rd. Recycling Pick-up

Monday, 23

Regular
Monday Trash
and Recycling
Incl. Garrett
Rd.

Tuesday, 24

Regular
Tuesday
Trash and
Recycling.
Area 2 North
of Garrett Rd
Recycling
Pick-up

Wednesday, 25

Thursday Trash
and Thursday
Recycling Incl.
Garrett Rd.

Thursday, 26

Thanksgiving
Holiday, No
Trash or
Recycling See
Nov. 25

Friday, 27

Regular Friday
Trash and
Recycling.
Area 1 North
of Garrett Rd.
Recycling
Pick-up

December 2026

Monday, 21

Regular
Monday Trash
and Recycling
Incl. Garrett
Rd.

Tuesday, 22

Regular
Tuesday
Trash and
Recycling.
Area 2 North
of Garrett Rd
Recycling
Pick-up

Wednesday, 23

Friday Trash,
Friday Recycling
Area 1 North of
Garrett Rd.
Recycling Pick-up

Thursday, 24

Regular
Thursday Trash
and Recycling
Incl. Garrett Rd.

Friday, 25

Christmas Day
Holiday
No Trash or
Recycling
see Dec 23

**Have questions? Need assistance?
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