

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A PROGRAM FOR COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF
YARD WASTE AND TO CONTROL LITTER WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF MILLSTONE,
COUNTY OF SOMERSET,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE NO. 2008-01

SECTION I. Purpose:

An ordinance to establish a yard waste collection and disposal program and to establish requirements to control littering within the Borough of Millstone, County of Somerset, so as to protect public health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for the failure to comply.

SECTION II. 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 a trash can, bucket, bag or other vessel, such as to prevent the yard waste from spilling or blowing out into the street and coming into contact with stormwater.
- b. Litter – any used or unconsumed substance or waste material which has been discarded, whether made of aluminum, glass, plastic, rubber, paper, or other natural or synthetic material, or any combination thereof, including, but not limited to, any bottle, jar or can, or any top, cap or detachable tab of any bottle, jar or can, any unlighted cigarette, cigar, match or any flaming or glowing material or any garbage, trash, refuse, debris, rubbish, grass clippings, or other lawn or garden waste, newspapers, magazines, glass, metal, plastic or paper containers or other packaging or construction material, but does not include the waste of the primary processes of mining or other extraction processes, logging, sawmilling, farming or manufacturing.
- c. Litter Receptacle – a container suitable for the depositing of litter.
- d. Person - any individual, corporation, company, partnership, firm, association, or political subdivision of this State subject to municipal jurisdiction.
- e. 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.
- f. Yard Waste – means leaves and grass clippings.

SECTION III. 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 scheduled and announced collection, and shall not be placed closer than 10 feet from any storm drain inlet. Placement of such 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 yard waste occurs, the party responsible for placement of the yard waste must remove the yard waste from the street or said party shall be deemed in violation of this ordinance.

SECTION IV. Prohibited Acts and Regulated Activities Regarding Littering.

1. It shall be unlawful for any person to throw, drop, discard or otherwise place any litter of any nature upon public or private property other than in a litter receptacle, or having done so, to allow such litter to remain.
2. Whenever any litter is thrown or discarded or allowed to fall from a vehicle or boat in violation of this ordinance, the operator or owner, or both, of the motor vehicle or boat shall also be deemed to have violated this ordinance.

SECTION V. 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 \$1,000.00.

SECTION VI. Severability:

Each section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase of this Ordinance is declared to be independent section, subsequent, sentence, clause and phrase, and the finding or holding of any such portion of this Ordinance to be unconstitutional, void, or ineffective for any cause, or reason, shall not affect any other portion of this Ordinance.

SECTION VII. Effective Date:

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and any publication as may be required by law.

I, Gregory J. Bonin, Borough Clerk of the Borough of Millstone, in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of an ordinance introduced by the Millstone Borough Council during their meeting held on March 17, 2008 and scheduled for a public hearing on April 21, 2008.



Gregory J. Bonin, Millstone Borough Clerk