

by the property owner, and snow and ice must be cleared within twelve daylight hours after a snowfall or the formation of ice.

There are hourly limitations on parking in the business area, but both curbside parking and parking in municipal lots are free. Trucks may not be parked overnight on Township streets between 11:00 P.M. and 6:00 A.M.

Transportation

Although Scotch Plains has no railroad station, commuters use the N.J. Department of Transportation (DOT) Commuter Rail Service (Conrail) to Newark, Jersey City and Phillipsburg or West Trenton from Fanwood and Westfield stations. Connections with the P.A.T.H. system to the World Trade Center and Amtrak To Penn Station can be made at Newark. Commuters may purchase monthly parking permits for the Fanwood Station at the Fanwood Police Headquarters. Similar permits are available from the Westfield Municipal Building for the Watterson Street parking area at the Westfield Station. New Jersey DOT trains to Newark and Trenton may be taken from the Metro Park in Iselin.

Transport of New Jersey and Somerset Bus Company buses pass through Scotch Plains on their way to Plainfield, Newark, and Elizabeth. Somerset Bus Company Blue Star Route runs express buses to New York Port Authority Bus Terminal. Somerset buses will stop at the North Terminal of Newark Airport on request; return trips from the North Terminal can be made by telephoning Somerset Bus Company headquarters. All bus franchises and subsidies are granted by the state, which may request that the county assume part of the subsidy cost for special local bus routes. Up-to-date bus schedules can usually be found at the Scotch Plains Public Library.

One taxi service, Scotch Plains Livery, operates out of Scotch Plains, with numerous other companies in surrounding towns.

U.S. Route 22 passes through Scotch Plains in an East-West direction. Just north of Scotch Plains is Interstate Route 78. The Garden State Parkway, running along the coast from north Jersey to Atlantic City and Cape May, and the New Jersey Turnpike running from the New York City area south-west to Philadelphia and Wilmington, Del., are both toll roads and are readily accessible through neighboring communities.

Newark Airport is a twenty-minute drive from Scotch Plains on Route 22. Other nearby airports are Kennedy International and LaGuardia, both in New York City.

Utilities

Elizabethtown Gas Company, Elizabethtown Water Company, Public Service Electric and Gas Company, New Jersey Bell Telephone Company, and Western Union provide Scotch Plains with utilities, which are franchised by the state. Scotch Plains receives a share of the gross-receipts tax paid by these companies.

Scotch Plains is a member of the Rahway Valley and Middlesex Sewerage Authorities which operate and maintain trunk sewer systems and treatment works. The Road Department checks the flow of water in the sanitary sewers at five pumping stations each day.

Flood Control

A history of flash floods in the Route 22 area during heavy rain storms brought about the establishment of the Greenbrook Flood Control Commission and some effective improvements. Scotch Plains is represented on the Commission by a Councilman appointed by Council.

Other Services

Private garbage scavengers provide garbage collection in the Township. Residents pay one of three rates depending upon lot size. In the Spring, there is a municipal clean-up