

## TOWNSHIP ORDINANCES OF SPECIAL NOTE

**Construction permits** are required from the Department of Inspection to change, to add to an existing structure, or to erect a new one.

**Building removal** from one location to another or demotion of a building requires a permit from the Construction Official.

**Cars** in disrepair and incapable of being operated under their own power are unlawful, even if parked on the car owner's private property.

**Dog Licenses** must be obtained when the dog is seven months old and renewed every January at the office of the Township Clerk.

**Dogs** must be walked and curbed on a leash by a resident at least 12 years of age. It is illegal to keep a dog which barks or cries habitually between the hours of 10:00 P.M. and 6:00 A.M.

**Dumping** is not permitted in the Township. Consult your refuse collector about removal of tree limbs, garden refuse, and discarded furniture and appliances.

**Leaves** and gumballs are collected periodically by the Township when the season requires.

**Large discards**, such as furniture, appliances, etc., may be discarded if taken by resident to the Township Public Works Yard on Plainfield Avenue. This service is available Saturdays, 8:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. in the Spring and Fall.

**Open burning** of any debris, including leaves, is prohibited in the Township of Scotch Plains by a Township ordinance in 1971 and by state law in 1972.

**Mini-Bikes**, by state law, are not permitted on public streets and highways. **Mo-peds** may use public streets provided the driver is at least 15, has a special license, and is insured. Helmets are not required.

**Oil Burner installation and flammable liquid storage tanks** require permits from the Construction Official.

**Snow and Ice** on sidewalks must be removed within 12 hours of daylight after it has occurred.

**Note:** a tenant of rented property is responsible if the owner does not remove the snow and ice.

**Swimming Pool** installation, both above and below ground, requires a permit from both the Department of Health and the Construction Official. Advice can be obtained from these sources on health standards and safety requirements.

**Trucks** may not be parked overnight on Township streets between 11:00 P.M. and 6:00 A.M.

**Vacant Lot maintenance**, including cutting of grass, removal of snow from sidewalks, and removal of brush, weeds, dead and dying trees, stumps, roots, obnoxious growth, filth, garbage, trash and debris, is required of the owner.

**A Property Maintenance Code** (section 18.1) and the **Housing and Building Code** (Section 8-2.5) set minimum standards for the maintenance of commercial and residential property.

**Housing** usage is regulated according to standards outlined in the code.

### DID YOU KNOW?

To apply for a marriage license, register to vote, obtain a hunting or fishing license, or get a dog license, report to the Township Clerk in the Municipal Building.

To pay taxes or to get information about local taxes call the Tax Assessor in the Municipal Building.

To appeal a tax assessment, visit the Tax Assessor's office in the Municipal Building.

To determine if a senior citizen qualifies for a property tax deduction, call the Tax Assessor's office.

To obtain answers to questions concerning plumbing ordinances, contact the Plumbing