



The Township of Ewing

Bert H. Steinmann, Mayor

James P. McManimon, Business Administrator

October 12, 2021

Dear Ewing Lawn Care Contractor,

Due to stormwater regulations from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, the Ewing Council has passed [Ordinance 21-08](#)) **banning loose leaf and brush curbside pick-up** (<https://ecode360.com/documents/EW1628/public/598519851.pdf>). Leaves, grass, and brush **must be bagged or containerized** before being placed curbside for retrieval. Loose leaves, grass, and brush will not be picked up, and if placed curbside both homeowner and lawn care contractor shall be subject to penalties.

We understand this may be a difficult transition for you and your clients. If you wish to avoid bagging all collected leaves, we provide information on our webpage <https://ewingnj.org/lele-landscapers> on how to dispose of your leaves using a mulching in place method, also known as "Love 'Em and Leave 'Em," in which leaves are shredded and used as mulch or compost material to release their healthy nutrients back in lawns, gardens, or flowerbeds.

The Love 'Em and Leave 'Em method requires fewer hours of labor on each property, i.e., a smaller crew. And, you can save money by eliminating tipping fees, and avoiding the cost of purchase and maintenance of specialized equipment such as vacuums, and by reduction of seasonal fuel requirements.

Not only is "Love 'Em and Leave 'Em" cost-effective, easy, and beneficial to the environment, it also reduces the volume of leaves by over 90%. The only additional tools needed are "gator" blades for your mowers and adherence to a few best practices.

For more information on mulching in place we encourage you to visit www.ewingnj.org/mulch-in-place and www.ewingnj.org/lele-landscapers. For information on possible informational sessions provided by the Ewing Green Team, please visit ewinggreenteam.org/love-em-and-leave-em/.

We thank you for your cooperation as you continue to service the needs of your clients in Ewing Township.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bert H. Steinmann", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Bert H. Steinmann
Mayor