

**COUNTY OF BERGEN  
BOROUGH OF PARAMUS  
ORDINANCE 2025-35**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 379 OF THE BOROUGH CODE OF THE  
BOROUGH OF PARAMUS TITLED “SOILD WASTE” BY ESTABLISHING  
REGULATIONS FOR THE ISSUANCE AND REPLACEMENT OF MUNICIPAL  
RECYCLING AND TRASH CONTAINERS**

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**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Paramus seeks to ensure that all residential properties are equipped with standardized trash and recycling containers to promote efficiency, cleanliness, and uniformity in the Borough’s sanitation and recycling collection services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council find it necessary to establish regulations and fees related to the issuance, replacement, and maintenance of such containers;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Paramus, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1:

1. ISSUANCE OF CONTAINERS

A. Each residential property within the Borough of Paramus shall be issued, at no cost to the property owner or occupant, the following:

1. One (1) 95-gallon trash container for the collection of solid waste; and
2. One (1) 65-gallon recycling container for the collection of recyclable materials.

B. The containers shall remain the property of the Borough of Paramus and shall be assigned to the specific property address, not the individual occupant.

2. REPLACEMENT POLICY

A. In the event that a container becomes damaged, destroyed, or otherwise unusable due to causes other than normal wear and tear, the property owner or occupant shall be responsible for the cost of replacement.

B. Damage that will require a paid replacement includes, but is not limited to:

1. Being run over by a vehicle;
2. Animal damage (e.g., wildlife chewing through lids or sides);

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- 3. Fire damage;
- 4. Other forms of neglect or misuse.

3. REPLACEMENT FEES

A. The replacement fee for a damaged or additional container shall be One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per container.

B. In the event a container is stolen, the property owner or occupant may be eligible for a twenty-five percent (25%) discount on the replacement fee for either container if:

- 1. The theft is reported to the Paramus Police Department; and
- 2. A copy of the police report is provided to the Department of Public Works at the time of the replacement request.

4. ADDITIONAL CONTAINERS

A. Residents requesting an additional trash or recycling container, beyond the one (1) issued for each category, shall be charged the replacement fee specified in Section 3.

5. REPAIR OF CONTAINERS

A. If a container is damaged but repairable, the Borough will make reasonable efforts to repair the container at no cost to the resident.

B. If the container cannot be repaired, the replacement fee set forth in Section 3 shall apply.

**Section 2 -** If any part of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

**Section 3 -** All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

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**Section 4 -** This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication according to law.

Attest:



Annemarie Krusznis, RMC/CMC  
Borough Clerk

Approved:



Christopher DiPiazza  
Mayor

Introduced: October 7, 2025

Final: October 21, 2025