

Hello, this is Mayor John Coiro.

After the storm last week, a number of our residents incurred flood damage to their homes, furniture, and personal belongings. We were able to obtain several dumpsters from our trash hauler, but they filled up quickly. We asked our affected residents to place their damaged property at the curb to be picked up. However, the transfer stations and landfills became filled to capacity within a day or two and our hauler had no where to bring the flood damaged materials. These items have remained on the curbs of our flood affected residents for days.

Today, we have come up with a solution so that the dumpsters can be emptied and the flood damaged goods can be picked up. Since our trash hauler's work force is stretched thin, we have come up with a plan to alleviate the flood damaged goods and materials that have been sitting at the curb. In order to utilize the trash hauler's work force designated for Totowa, we will suspend household garbage pick up for the remainder of this week. So household trash will NOT be picked up in any zone in town on Thursday, September 9, Friday, September 10 or Saturday, September 11. Please do not place your normal household trash at the curb on the days just mentioned. We are doing this to help our flood affected neighbors in town who have suffered property damage and so we can focus on picking up the damaged goods starting on Thursday. Again, I repeat, there will be no regular household trash pick up from September 9-11. Trash pick up will resume on your regularly scheduled day beginning on Monday, September 13.

As I mentioned in my previous message, the Totowa Library has cleaning supplies and other essentials for those in need located in the Care Cabinet outside the lower level of the Library and are free of charge. We are also accepting donations at the Library for those who wish to donate. For those affected by the flood, you can access information regarding FEMA from our website.

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