

Hardyston Township Announces Bear Resistant Garbage Can Program in Partnership with the NJDEP



Hardyston Participating in NJDEP Pilot Program

Last week, the NJ Department of Environmental Protection announced that they would be working with six NJ municipalities to implement a pilot program offering free bear resistant trash receptacles to residents in an effort to reduce bear-human encounters.

Hardyston is happy to announce that we are one of the municipalities. Hardyston will receive 407, 64-gallon cans similar to the one pictured here. The cans are built to be used with the automated arm used by some garbage haulers.

Due the nature of the pilot program, NJDEP has elected to work with garbage hauling company Blue Diamond during the pilot phase of the program in Hardyston.

As such, cans will **only** be available to residents or homeowner's association that contract with the **Blue Diamond** for garbage pick-up.

Cans will be available for pick-up on a first come, first served basis for Blue Diamond customers at the Hardyston DPW Garage located at **250 North Church Road, Hardyston** on the following dates:

Tuesday, May 14th from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Saturday, May 18th from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Thursday, May 23rd from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Residents will be required to provide ID and proof of service in order to pick-up their can.

NJDEP staff will follow-up and survey residents who receive the cans in order to monitor the success of the program.

Please call (973) 823-7020 with questions.

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