

Health and Environmental Complaints

Complaints about Public Health problems may be sent to the Health Department via telephone, mail, or email.

When contacting the Health Department, it is most important to please provide us with the specific address of the area of concern as this will help to expedite a response. The following is a listing of the most common Public Health complaints.

Rodents: Download our Rat Control Advisory for information about rat control.

Property Maintenance: The Township Property Maintenance code requires owners to keep lawns trim (less than 10 inches), eliminate stagnant /standing water, and remove rubbish and refuse. Also, storage on the front lawn such as garbage cans is prohibited.

Solid Waste: Township rules prohibit trash from being placed at the curb before 6:00 pm the evening before your trash pick-up day. Please keep all trash covered or bagged while at the curb and remove the emptied cans promptly.

Noise: Residential quiet hours are generally after 10:00pm and until 7:00am. Music from audio systems must not disturb neighbors. If you are having an outdoor party with amplified music, please be mindful of your neighbors as this would violate the noise code if the volume creates a disturbance, especially after 10:00 pm. Dogs that are left unattended to habitually bark or cry would violate our noise code. Homeowner power tools or gardening equipment (lawnmowers) must be used after 8:00am weekdays and 9:00am Weekends/Holidays and such use must cease before 9:00 pm any day. Commercial construction activity is permitted after 7:00am and until 6:00pm on weekdays. Construction on weekends/holidays is prohibited unless it does not create a noise disturbance to neighbors.

Mosquitoes: Complaints about mosquito activity are handled by the Middlesex County Mosquito Commission. You may contact the mosquito commission directly at 732-549-0665 (7am – 3:30pm). Eliminating stagnant water in containers, pools, or storage of old tires on your lawn will help eliminate mosquitoes.

Rental Housing Complaints:

If you are in rental housing and there is a maintenance problem, first review your lease to determine your responsibilities and those of the landlord. Please always immediately inform the Landlord about any maintenance problems that need to be fixed. If the landlord is responsible for repairs and has been made aware of a problem, but takes no action, the Health Department can inspect and require the owner to correct deficiencies that do not comply with New Jersey Housing Code standards.

Food Establishment complaints: If you observe a health concern at a South Brunswick Food Establishment, contact the Health Department with this information and include the date, time, and the establishment's name and address. If you feel that food from a

particular food establishment may be the cause of illness or if you are diagnosed with a foodborne illness, contact the Health Department immediately. Some foodborne illnesses may not manifest symptoms until a few days after exposure. When investigating foodborne illnesses, it is extremely helpful if you can recall exactly all of the foods you consumed in the previous 72 hours.