



## **TOWNSHIP OF HAMPTON**

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Dear Hampton Township Residents,

The New Jersey State Department of Environmental Protection has classified Hampton Township as an area with a high rate of garbage related bear incidents. Due to the influx of garbage related bear incidents, the NJ DEP selected Hampton Township to take part in a Pilot Program that aims to decrease the amount of garbage related bear incidents throughout the township.

In order for the NJ DEP's Pilot Program to be implemented, they are supplying selected municipalities in the State of New Jersey with bear resistant garbage cans. Currently, Hampton Township has only received 270 bear resistant garbage cans from the NJ DEP. We are anticipating a second batch of bear resistant garbage cans to be delivered from the NJ DEP in the upcoming weeks; however, it is estimated from the NJ DEP that Hampton Township is estimated to receive up to 495 bear resistant cans in total. The bear resistant garbage cans are being distributed to areas within Hampton Township designated by the NJ DEP.

Any resident that chooses to receive one (1) of the NJ DEP's bear resistant garbage cans must partake in three (3) surveys in one (1) year, maintain the bear resistant garbage cans, and provide your contact information to the NJ DEP. These surveys are essential to the NJ DEP in order to help combat the amount of garbage related bear incidents.

Residents that are included in the areas designated by the NJ DEP to have higher garbage related bear incidents will receive a written notice in the mail. The notice will include important information pertaining to the date and time for garbage can pick-up.

As always, this information will also be available on our website.

Sincerely,

Timothy Dooley  
Hampton Township Mayor