

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD, NJ  
ORDINANCE NO. 7-2025**

**AMENDING CHAPTER 128 CONSTRUCTION CODES, UNIFORM TO  
ESTABLISH A NEW SECTION ENTITLED “ CONTROL OF DUST AND  
PLASTIC CONTAMINANTS”**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Common Council of the City of Northfield, County of Atlantic, and State of New Jersey that Chapter 128 of the Code of the City of Northfield is hereby amended as follows (added text underlined; deleted text ~~stricken~~):

**ARTICLE I - GENERAL**

**§ 128-1. Definitions.**

As used in this Article ~~chapter~~, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

FACADE SIGN — NO CHANGE  
GROUND SIGN — NO CHANGE  
GROUND/MONUMENT SIGN — NO CHANGE  
MINIMUM FEE — NO CHANGE  
PROJECTING SIGN — NO CHANGE  
PYLON SIGN — NO CHANGE  
PYLON/FREESTANDING SIGN — NO CHANGE  
RETAINING WALL — NO CHANGE  
VARIATION — NO CHANGE  
WALL SIGN — NO CHANGE  
WHIRLPOOL/SPA/POOL/FOUNTAIN – NO CHANGE  
FREESTANDING/PORTABLE — NO CHANGE  
WHIRLPOOL/SPA/POOL/FOUNTAIN – PERMANENT PRIVATE — NO CHANGE

**§ 128-2. Enforcing agency established. - NO CHANGE**

**§ 128-3. Fees. - NO CHANGE**

**§ 128-4. Annual permits, periodic inspections and variations. - NO CHANGE**

**§ 128-5. Appeals. - NO CHANGE**

**ARTICLE II: CONTROL OF DUST AND PLASTIC CONTAMINANTS**

**§128-8: Definitions**

For the purposes of this Article, the following definitions apply:

CONTRACTOR - Refers to any individual or entity engaged in construction, renovation, or maintenance to commercial or residential properties within the City of Northfield.

HOMEOWNER - Refers to any individual or entity engaged in construction, renovation, or maintenance to commercial or residential properties within the City of Northfield without engaging the services of a Contractor.

WORKSITES - Shall include all outdoor and indoor worksites within the jurisdiction of the City of Northfield where construction, renovation, or related activities are taking place.

**§128-9: Dust, Trash, Debris and Plastic Control**

Contractors and homeowners working/operating within the City of Northfield shall do all of the following to control dust, trash, and plastic contaminants at their worksites:

- A. When cutting or drilling poly carbonate materials, fiberglass, pavers, or wood treated with chemical contaminants, or any materials containing plastics, contractors and homeowners shall use a vacuum attachment, a bag or water attachments on all saws when practical to minimize the release of dust and micro plastic particles.
- B. Contractors and homeowners shall not engage in cutting or drilling activities without placing a tarp under power tools to catch debris and contaminants.
- C. Contractors and homeowners shall tarp their work areas and clean-up all trash and generated from work of the day like dust particles, microplastics and saw dust, a minimum of once a day to prevent the dispersion of dust, trash, debris, and plastic contaminants.
- D. Contractors and homeowners shall clean up all wood and plastic contaminants before leaving their worksites, ensuring that no waste is left behind nor can be blown into areas beyond the worksite and/or property.
- E. Contractors and homeowners must separate waste and recyclable materials, such as cardboard, and dispose of in accordance with any and all applicable ordinances, regulations and laws.

**§128-10: Prohibition on Storm Drain Disposal**

- A. Contractors and homeowners are strictly prohibited from blowing debris, dust, or plastic contaminants into storm drains. All contractors and homeowners must dispose of waste materials properly in accordance with existing municipal waste disposal regulations.
- B. Contractors and homeowners whose job site drains to a public stormwater inlet after stormwater leaves the property, prior to cutting, drilling, or any activity regulated by this Section shall install a filter at that stormwater inlet Polypropylene Geotextile which conforms to ASTM Test D4491, D4751 and D4355.

**§128-11: Compliance and Enforcement**

- A. Notice of this Ordinance shall be given with each new permit issued for construction, renovation, and related activities.
- B. The City of Northfield may conduct inspections of worksites to ensure compliance with this Ordinance. Any person who violates, fails or refuses to comply with this chapter or any part or section thereof, shall, upon conviction in the Court of appropriate jurisdiction be punished for each offense by a fine not to exceed \$2,000.00 or by imprisonment for any term not exceeding 90 days, or both. Every such violation or refusal shall be

deemed a separate violation, and each day that the same shall continue shall be deemed a separate violation.

- C. Contractors are responsible for informing their employees and subcontractors of the requirements and obligations set forth in this ordinance.

**Section 2. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall take effect May 24, 2025, and shall be applicable to all contractors and homeowners operating within the City of Northfield from that date onward.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with any terms of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency only.

This ordinance shall take effect upon its final passage and publication as required by law.

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Mary Canesi, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

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Mayor

The above Ordinance was passed on first reading at a Regular Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Northfield, New Jersey on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of May 2025, and will be taken up for a second reading, public hearing and final passage at a meeting of said council held on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of May 2025, in Council Chambers, City Hall, Northfield, New Jersey.

First Reading:	May 6, 2025
Publication:	May 10, 2025
Final Reading:	May 20, 2025
Publication:	May 24, 2025