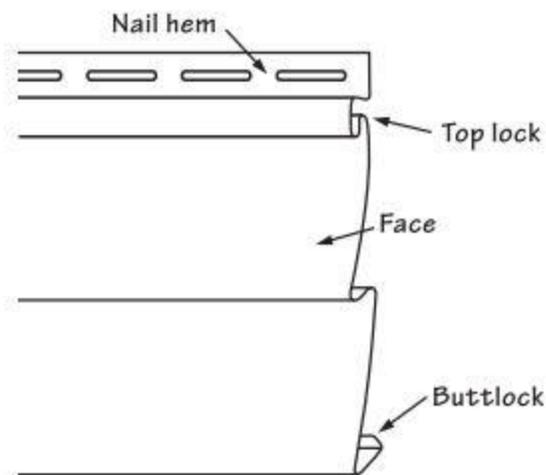


## Some Tips for all of us

**Trash and Recycle Receptacles**, also known as garbage cans can get bumped up, thrown around, broken or knocked over by the collector trucks. Most of this can be avoided by keeping your garbage and recycle receptacles about two feet apart. This will give the automated pick-up arms on the trucks room to spread and close around the can without interfering with the other can. If your can does get broken or damaged you can call the Township for free repair at 732-905-3405 or download a form at <http://www.lakewoodnj.gov/images/db/duvys-can-ORDER-FORM.pdf> , print it out and mail it in.

I get questions about power washes and the use of them on our house vinyl siding. Power washers are great for cleaning your sidewalks, patio blocks and even some outdoor furniture. If you have ever used



one you know for it to work correctly it must be held close to the area you are trying to clean, about 2 to 3 inches. That means about 1500/1800 PSI. That's enough to drive the water up under the connection lips of the siding and definitely into the seams where the siding panels meet. You don't want water behind there, that's the idea of the siding, to keep water out. If you do use a power washer on your siding

keep it at least 2 feet away from the siding. The cleaning really come from the cleaning product you use, not from being power washed. The advantage of power washers is they use less water than a garden hose for the same job.

There is product at Costco called Wet & Forget that can be used on patios and sidewalks and removes mold, mildew, moss, algae and stains. You put it in a pump sprayer, coat your sidewalk or patio and "**forget about it**" it will clean everything up within about a month just using the wind and the rain. If you



haven't been taking care of your patio it may take two applications. Still, a very easy way to clean-up even for young people like us. It comes in a two wrap package so you may want to split it with neighbor.

**Dishwasher Timer.** Did you know your dishwasher may have a timer button that allows it to start at a later time? I didn't until I put my glasses on to see what the other five buttons were that I never used.

Now I can set it up to do its dirty work in the middle of the night. My

wife, Gail, watches television in the kitchen very close to the dishwasher and she would have to turn the volume up to hear it over the hum of the dishwasher. Not a problem anymore, we have it set to run after we go to bed.



**Toilet tank instruction label.** Our toilet tanks when new came with printed Installation Instructions lightly glued to the inside of the tank. They should have been removed after the plumber did the installation but he may not have. If he didn't and it is still there, there is a chance it could come loose and get caught under the flapper preventing the tank from filling and the water to run continuously. So remove the top and if you see a label, pull it off and throw it away. If you hear your toilet filling every now and then, your flapper valve may be dirty. Flush the toilet with the tank top off, hold the flapper valve up with your hand, take a paper towel and wipe the bottom of the flapper and the seat that the flapper rests on to remove any sediment or dirt.