

20th Annual SOMERSET COUNTY



TALKING TRASH



A Message from the 2020 Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders

Welcome to the 20th annual edition of "Talking Trash," a special newsletter and how-to guide highlighting Somerset County's comprehensive recycling and solid waste management programs.

Mandatory recycling in Somerset County is now in its 32nd year. In accordance with state law, both residents and businesses must recycle. The county has provided convenient curbside pickup of recyclables in all 21 towns since 1987. Somerset County was the first county in New Jersey to voluntarily establish a curbside recycling program.

Somerset County has expanded its curbside recycling program to include ALL plastic bottles and containers that are marked #1 - #7. See page 4 for details.

Recycling is beneficial for the environment because it protects habitats, saves natural resources and produces less pollution than traditional methods of waste disposal. It also is required by law in New Jersey. Somerset County sells recycled materials to generate revenues that help to offset recycling costs for taxpayers. Recycling also saves residents money by reducing landfill disposal costs.

Somerset County's solid waste management strategy is more than recycling. Since 1985, we've offered periodic Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Days at different locations around the county.

We hope you will find this newsletter informative and helpful. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact our Division of Solid Waste Management at (908) 231-7109 or at solidwaste@co.somerset.nj.us. Please help us to even further improve one of the best county recycling programs in New Jersey.

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- A “*What Goes Where?*” search tool



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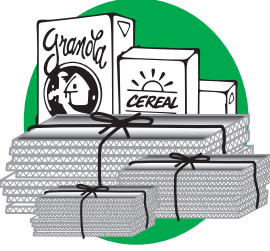



What am I required to recycle?

To comply with state, county and local laws, residents (including multifamily units), governments, institutions and commercial establishments (offices, retail, restaurants, warehouses, construction sites, etc.) are required to separate the following materials that are generated at their locations:



SOMERSET COUNTY RECYCLING HOW-TO GUIDE

How To Prepare		Acceptable Items	
	<p>NEWSPAPERS Newspapers must be bundled and tied with string or twine.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newspaper • Inserts that come w/newspapers, such as comics, glossy coupons, TV/magazine sections & colored food/store ads 	
	<p>GLASS BOTTLES, ALL PLASTIC BOTTLES & CONTAINERS (#1 - #7), STEEL, BIMETAL & ALUMINUM CANS These items should be rinsed thoroughly and placed inside your recycling bucket. Only the items listed at right are acceptable. Crush all plastic bottles to save space. Remove caps.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Glass bottles (all colors) • Glass jars (all colors) • Steel cans • Bimetal cans • Aluminum cans • All plastic bottles and containers #1 - #7 <p>NO STYROFOAM®</p>	<p>#1 - #7 Examples: Water, soda, milk, juice, soap, detergent, bleach, shampoo and cleaning-agent bottles. You may also include peanut butter, yogurt and diaper-wipe containers, margarine tubs, and clear plastic clamshell containers from restaurant salad bars.</p>
	<p>OTHER PAPER/JUNK MAIL Other paper should be placed in a brown paper bag or cardboard box and placed next to your blue bucket. <i>Shredded paper must be in clear or labeled plastic bags.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Magazines • Writing/school paper • All envelopes • Copy paper • Paperback books • Hardcover books w/hard covers removed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catalogs • Phone books • Store fliers w/ mailing labels • Office paper • Non-metallic gift wrap • Greeting cards • Shredded paper
	<p>CORRUGATED CARDBOARD, CHIPBOARD & PIZZA BOXES <i>Corrugated cardboard must be cut into 2 ft. x 2 ft. squares and tied with string or twine.</i> Please include pizza boxes & chipboard with corrugated cardboard. Place tied bundle (pizza boxes, chipboard & cardboard) next to your recycling bucket.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corrugated cardboard • Pizza boxes (clean!) • Brown bags • Chipboard boxes including: cereal, cookie, pasta, cake, cracker, detergent (remove plastic liners), gift, shoe, shirt and any retail boxes. Poster board & backing from writing pads also accepted. 	

If you are aware of any multifamily complex or business that is not recycling, or if you see a garbage hauler mix previously separated recyclables and garbage, please call the Somerset County Health Department at 908-231-7155. They conduct inspections of these locations and haulers to ensure recycling requirements are being followed.

Plastics Expansion: Curbside Recycling Program

While recycling alone cannot solve New Jersey's garbage problem, recycling programs have a significant effect on reducing the volume of waste going to landfills and preserving our natural resources. According to the most recent information from NJDEP, Somerset County is falling behind other counties in recycling tonnage and our citizens' participation rate.

In an effort to address the declining recycling rate, Somerset County has expanded its curbside program to accept all plastic bottles and containers that are imprinted on the bottom with #1- #7. Examples of acceptable plastics bottles #1- #7 are water, soda, milk, juice, soap, detergent, bleach, shampoo and cleaning-agent bottles. You may also include peanut butter, yogurt and diaper-wipe containers, margarine tubs, and clear plastic clamshell containers from restaurant salad bars.

- To increase the efficiency of plastics recycling, residents should rinse all plastics, remove the caps and crush all bottles to save space.
- When shopping, choose plastic containers you know you can recycle as opposed to ones that must be thrown in the trash.

In order to increase the recycling rate, residents must cooperate by recycling all designated materials curbside. Somerset County's curbside recycling program provides the most convenient means for households to recycle a variety of materials. Always recycle your glass bottles, aluminum and metal cans, plastic bottles and plastic containers #1-#7 (see above), corrugated cardboard, chipboard, newspapers, junk mail and magazines.

These materials are valuable commodities sold by the county. Every time you recycle the designated materials, you help raise the participation rate and help offset the costs of the recycling program. The more you recycle, the higher the recycling rate and the less the program costs taxpayers!

Recycling - Frequently Asked Questions

(also see our website at www.co.somerset.nj.us/recycle for details about recycling)

Why Recycle? It's the LAW; it saves natural resources and energy; it protects and preserves our clean air and water; and it may lower your disposal costs.

Why don't you collect all the other plastics curbside (examples: plastic crates, paint buckets, plastic flower pots, beer balls, plastic toys, plastic furniture, etc.)? These types of plastics are too large to be processed at the material-recovery facility. Also, our markets prohibit these materials.

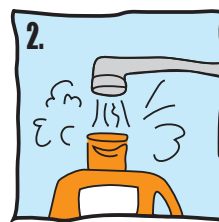
What about plastic bags? Some supermarkets offer plastic-bag recycling locations but it can be difficult to recycle them because there is no easy way to separate biodegradable and non-biodegradable plastic bags, which cannot be recycled together. The best solution is to use re-useable shopping bags, which reduces the amount of plastic bags in circulation.

Fit more in your bucket!

This recycling tip
makes the
container easy to flatten.



1. Remove cap



2. Rinse with hot water



3. Flatten container



4. Put in recycling bucket

ODDS & ENDS



Home-Generated Medical Waste

Improper management of discarded needles and other sharps can pose a health risk to recycling and waste workers. For example, discarded needles may expose recycling and waste workers to potential needle-stick injuries and potential infection when containers break open inside garbage trucks or needles are mistakenly sent to recycling facilities. Janitors and housekeepers also risk injury if loose sharps poke through plastic garbage bags. Used needles can transmit serious diseases, such as HIV and hepatitis.

Many hospitals in and around Somerset County participate in the New Jersey Hospital Association's Safe Syringe Program. Hospitals provide sharps containers to the home generators that the generator returns to the hospitals when the container is full. Contact the hospitals listed below for further information.

St. Peter's Hospital - New Brunswick

732-745-8600 x6010
Safe Syringe Program

Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital - Somerset

908-685-2200
Safe Syringe Program

Princeton Medical Center - Plainsboro

609-853-6140 • Mon. - Fri., 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Environmental Services

Wescott Medical Arts Center - Flemington

9100 Wescott Drive, Suite 102
908-237-6920 • Mon. - Fri., 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM
Center for Nutrition & Diabetes Management

Additional information about the **Safe Syringe Disposal Program** may be obtained by contacting:

New Jersey Hospital Association • 760 Alexander Road, Princeton, NJ 08543 • 609-275-4000

NOTE: Under NO circumstances should needles ever be put in any type of container and placed out for recycling collections. This is very hazardous to all personnel handling recycling collections. Do not bring needles to household hazardous waste collections!

Waste Management, a waste-hauling company, has a "**Sharps Disposal by Mail**" program. Participants are provided with an approved disposal container and can mail full containers for disposal using the U.S. Postal Service. Call **Waste Management** for prices and details at **1-877-WASTE-MD**.



The Somerset County Sheriff's Office medicine collection drop box is located on the lower level of the Somerset County Administration Building at 20 Grove St. in Somerville, near the entrance to the Sheriff's Office.

For more information regarding medicine collection in Somerset County, contact Lt. Steve SanAntonio at (908) 231-7168 or Sheriff's Officer Dave Daneker at (908) 231-7250.

Below is a list of Somerset County drop boxes that are located at participating municipalities:

Bernards Township Police Department

1 Collyer Lane
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
(908) 766-1122

Bound Brook Police Department

226 Hamilton Street
Bound Brook, NJ 08805
(732) 356-0800

Branchburg Police Department

590 Old York Road at Rt. 202 No.
Branchburg, NJ 08876
(908) 526-3830

Franklin Township Police Department

495 Demott Lane
Somerset, NJ 08873
(732) 873-5533

Hillsborough Township Police Department

379 S. Branch Road
Hillsborough, NJ 08844
(908) 369-4323

North Plainfield Police Department

263 Somerset Street
North Plainfield, NJ 07060
(908) 769-2937

Warren Township Police Department

44 Mountain Boulevard
Warren, NJ 07059 • (908)
753-1146

ODDS & ENDS

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Smoke Detector Disposal

The most common type of smoke detector contains a small amount of Americium 241, a radioactive material. On your wall, this material poses little threat; however, when a detector is broken open in an incinerator or landfill, it can present a health hazard. For this reason, all detectors, by law, must be labeled as to radioactive content. Detector companies must accept returned radioactive detectors for disposal as hazardous waste.

Homeowners can mail smoke alarms/detectors back to the appropriate manufacturer (see listing below, call before mailing). They should be marked "For Disposal" and sent by surface or UPS ground mail (not air mail).

KIDDE

1016 Corporate Park Drive
Mebane, NC 27302
1-800-880-6788, Ext. 1

First Alert Family

3901 Liberty Road
Aurora, IL 60504-2495
1-800-323-9005

EYEGLASSES

New Eyes for the Needy, a non-profit organization, accepts old eyeglasses for distribution to needy recipients in the U.S. and overseas. Glasses are used in two ways: Plastic-framed glasses are examined to determine the strength of the lenses and then shipped overseas. Metal frames are melted down, and the money made on the sale of the metals is used to pay for the certificates that buy new glasses for people who need them in the United States.

Glasses may be mailed to: NEW EYES FOR THE NEEDY, 549 Millburn Ave., Short Hills, NJ 07078. Phone: (973) 376-4903. Many other community organizations maintain drop boxes at supermarkets and community centers.

Commercial Stretch Wrap Recycling MCC SERVICES, INC.

215-945-6000

Accepting stretch & shrink wrap, heavier wrapping films and shipping bags

CarpetCode, L.L.C.

Carpeting will be recycled and accepted.

Call for an appointment to drop-off: 973-732-4858

Carpeting and ceiling tile accepted.

*No wet carpet will be accepted.
Retailers may call for bulk pick-up arrangements.*

LASER SAVE Recycle empty toner cartridges

Call to arrange
pick-ups at:

732-431-3339

Freehold, New Jersey

WIRELESS PHONES

The DONATE A PHONE® CALL TO PROTECT® campaign collects wireless phones to benefit victims of domestic violence. Proceeds from the sale of phones help fund agencies that fight domestic violence and are also used to support the educational efforts of the Wireless Foundation. Other phones are refurbished and become lifelines for domestic violence victims when faced with an emergency situation. Check the following websites:

www.wirelessfoundation.org

www.call2recycle.org

Propane Disposal

Propane tanks without OPD (Overfill Protection Device) valves are no longer permitted to be refilled. Residents of Somerset County may bring old propane tanks used for barbecues to any Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Day collection event for free disposal. In addition, the following companies will accept old propane tanks; however, they may charge a fee. Call the company of your choice for more information.



Agway Garden Center

77 Thompson Avenue
Raritan
908-725-9252
Refills & accepts empties

Farmers Co-op

100 Township Line Road
Hillsborough
732-873-1145
Refills & accepts empties

Klein Scrap Metal

2156 Camplain Road
Hillsborough
908-722-2288
No fee, empties only

Home Depot

Propane Exchange Programs

Bring your old tank in, ask for a new, filled tank!

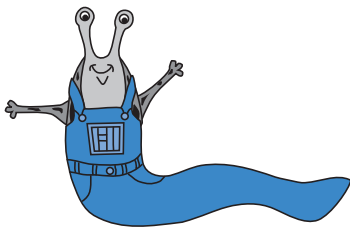
Bridgewater (Rt. 202) • 908-252-0101
Bridgewater (Rt. 28) • 732-469-5883
Watchung (Rt. 22) • 908-222-7700
Raritan Twp. (Rt. 202 Flemington) • 908-782-2577
Union • 908-686-9804
South Plainfield • 732-752-5900

BACKYARD COMPOSTING & CUT IT & LEAVE IT

Reduce Waste & Improve Your Soil...Come to a Workshop for Somerset County Residents

Are Grass Clippings Really that Much of a Disposal Problem?

Yes, disposing of grass clippings is very costly and wasteful. Grass clippings are a major part of New Jersey's municipal solid waste stream. As New Jersey residents, we are already helping to reduce the amount of waste we generate by recycling newspapers, plastics, glass, cans and more. We can do more by not collecting grass clippings each time we mow our lawn and putting the clippings curbside. This will save our towns time and money! Excessive clippings that may accumulate on the lawn in the spring and fall can be avoided by cutting the lawn more frequently. Using a mulching mower is another good strategy to return grass clippings to the lawn.



2020 COMPOSTING WORKSHOPS

Wednesday, April 22, 2020

10:00 - 11:30 am & 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Somerset County 4-H Center
310 Milltown Road, Bridgewater
Register by April 15, 2020

Wednesday, September 23, 2020

10:00 - 11:30 am & 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Somerset County 4-H Center
310 Milltown Road, Bridgewater
Register by September 16, 2020

For more information or to register, call (908) 231-7109

Benefits of Composting:

The Environmentally Friendly Thing to Do

Composting kitchen and yard debris can divert from landfills over 30 percent of the average residential waste. If everyone had their own compost heap or bin, we could reduce landfill use and avoid burying nutrients and trace minerals and creating methane gases. Composting saves you money by reducing the volume of trash transported and disposed of in landfills and by providing a FREE, nutrient-rich soil additive. Composting recycles nutrients and organic matter back into the soil. Compost improves soil moisture and decreases erosion, while feeding vegetable and flower gardens.

Benefits of Grasscycling:

Grasscycling your lawn clippings with any mower saves time and money. No bags to fill up or empty...a ton of grass clippings costs from \$65 to \$100 for disposal...and grasscycling reduces fertilizer use and increases organic matter to promote healthier soil and plants.

Somerset County Small Business Recycling Drop-off Program



Available to Small Businesses (1-50 Employees) in Somerset County

Monday thru Friday from 7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

ACCEPTABLE RECYCLABLES:

Newspapers • Cardboard & Chipboard • Commingled Containers, which include Glass Bottles, Steel, Bi-Metal and Aluminum Cans • Plastic Bottles (#1 - #7)

Bottles: Water • Soda • Milk • Juice • Soap • Detergent • Bleach • Shampoo • Cleaning Agents

Containers: Peanut Butter • Yogurt • Baby Wipe Containers • Margarine Tubs • Clear Plastic Clamshell Containers from Salad Bars

Do not bring the following:

Plastics without numbers • Microwave Trays • Plastic Bags • Styrofoam • Motor Oil & Antifreeze Bottles

Plastic Cups, Plates, Knives, Forks & Spoons • Plastic Flower Pots • Beer Balls • Plastic Toys • Pesticide Containers • Plastic Drums & Crates Chemicals or Hazardous Materials • 5-Gallon Buckets (spackle & paint containers) • Tires • Electronic Waste • Scrap Metal • Crushed Glass

You Can Make A Difference – RECYCLE! *No Reimbursement for Recyclable Materials will be given.*

Somerset County Recycling Center • 40 Polhemus Lane • Bridgewater

For more information call 732-469-3363



ADOPT-A-ROAD

With the amount of trash littered on the roadside every day, your involvement is becoming increasingly important. Any local community organization, school group or business group, as well as individuals 18 years of age or older, may adopt a road.

Guidelines for adoption include an agreement to clean at least one mile or the entire length of a road's right-of-way four times per year. Participants are supplied garbage bags, safety vests and a road sign identifying the adopting group. You may select a road of your choice or choose a specific "needy road" from the list provided at <https://www.co.somerset.nj.us/government/public-works/recycling/adopt-a-road>.

If you wish to adopt a road or portion of road within city limits, please contact your city. Rules and regulations are provided to each group. If you wish to find out more about the Adopt-A-Road program in Somerset County, more information is available at [co.somerset.nj.us/recycle](https://www.co.somerset.nj.us/recycle).

TIRE STORAGE AND THE WEST NILE VIRUS

What does the proper storage and recycling of tires have to do with the West Nile Virus? Tires stored outdoors can collect water and provide an ideal breeding site for mosquitoes, including the *Culex pipiens* species, the primary transmitter of the West Nile Virus.

What should I do to help prevent the West Nile Virus? Store tires indoors or in a covered container. Tires must be stored in totally enclosed structures, closed trailers or covered roll-off containers. This requirement is enforceable by the Somerset County Health Department.

Properly dispose of/recycle your tires. County residents can utilize the county's First Saturday of the Month drop-off for tire recycling. Somerset County will accept and recycle a maximum of eight (8) tires at one time. Location/times: Somerset County Recycling Center, 40 Polhemus Lane, Bridgewater, 8am - 2pm.

Empty any objects on your property filled with standing water. Any container or bucket that is susceptible to collecting water can also become a breeding ground for mosquitoes. These items should be removed, covered or emptied after each rain event.

Report illegally dumped tires. If you see a pile of illegally dumped tires, please report it to your local municipality or to the Somerset County Health Department at 908-231-7155.



Additional FREE Tire Drop-offs have been scheduled for county residents and farmers. A maximum of eight (8) tires per resident will be accepted at the following locations:

April 20 - 24, 2020
Mon. thru Fri. • 8am - 3pm

October 19 - 23, 2020
Mon. thru Fri. • 8am - 3pm

South County Public Works Garage • 410 Roycefield Road, Hillsborough



Commercially Generated Electronics & Fluorescent Bulbs

Certain consumer electronics and fluorescent bulbs contain heavy metals, mercury and others materials that are considered hazardous. These items must be properly disposed of according to Hazardous Waste or Universal Waste regulations.

Newtech Recycling Inc.

600A Apgar Drive, Suite A
Somerset, NJ 08873
(732) 564-3110
www.newtechrecycling.com
computers

Veolia Env. Services

1453 Pinewood Street
Rahway, NJ 07065
(732) 388-3057
computers & bulbs

Clean Harbors Env. Services

41 Tomkins Point Road
Newark, NJ
(973) 643-6025

Hugo Neu Recycling

249 East Sandford Blvd.
Mount Vernon, NY 10550
(914) 530-2350
www.werecycle.com
computers

Complete Recycling Solutions, LLC

12 Worlds Fair Drive, Unit N
Somerset, NJ 08873
(866) 277-9797
**computers, bulbs, batteries &
mercury containing devices**

Bethlehem Lamp Recycling

935 Bethlehem Drive
Bethlehem, PA 18017
(610) 838-7034
www.bethlehemapparatus.com
bulbs

LampTracker

www.wmlamptracker.com
(800) 664-1434
bulbs

National Bulb Recycling Corp.

PO Box 127
Avon By The Sea, NJ 07717
(732) 455-8380
www.nationalbulbrecycling.com
bulbs

AERC

2591 Mitchell Ave.
Allentown, PA
(610) 797-7608
www.aercrecycling.com
computers & bulbs

The NJDEP maintains a list of approved facilities. Contact NJDEP at (609) 984-6985 or visit their website at www.nj.gov/dep/dshw/lrm/uwaste for names of additional approved facilities. Please call ahead for a list of acceptable and unacceptable items as well as pricing.

NOTE: Somerset County has adopted amendments to the Solid Waste Management Plan that require commercial, retail, wholesale, restaurants, taverns, schools, institutions, warehouses, construction sites, factories and office buildings to recycle mercury-containing devices and used consumer electronics. These mandates became effective following NJDEP's approval of Somerset County's plan on May 23, 2007.



A RECYCLING GUIDE FOR SOMERSET COUNTY BUSINESSES, INSTITUTIONS & INDUSTRIES

On April 20, 1987, Gov. Thomas Kean signed the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act. This law requires everyone to separate recyclable materials from regular trash. Each municipality was obligated to recycle 25 percent of its solid waste.

In November 1990, Gov. James Florio accepted a report by the NJ Solid Waste Task Force, which called for a goal of 60 percent to be recycled by 1995.

Residential recycling programs have been effective in helping Somerset County work toward achieving a 60-percent goal, but our residents cannot do it alone. Businesses and institutions need to recycle too.

YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

As the owner, operator or manager of a business/commercial establishment, you must ensure that a recycling system is in place. That system needs to provide for the separation of mandatory recyclable trash and for the proper recycling of those materials. You, not your trash hauler, are responsible for separating mandatory materials and keeping them out of any refuse containers holding non-recyclable trash.

If you are a property owner and relying on your tenant to manage recycling, this agreement should be in writing.

If you are a tenant and relying on your landlord to manage recycling, this agreement also should be in writing.

WHY RECYCLE?

- **It Saves Natural Resources.** By making products from recycled materials instead of virgin materials, we conserve natural resources.
- **It Saves Energy.** It usually takes less energy to make recycled products. Recycled aluminum, for example, takes 95 percent less energy than making new aluminum from bauxite ore.
- **It Protects and Preserves Our Clean Air and Water.** In most cases, making products from recycled material creates less air and water pollution than making products from virgin materials.
- **Disposal Costs.** Your disposal costs may be stabilized or reduced by decreasing the amount of trash sent for disposal.
- **Disposal Capacity.** Recycled materials don't go into landfills or incinerators.
- **Profit.** Your business may profit from selling recyclables.
- **It's the Law.** The Somerset County Solid Waste Management Plan requires that certain materials be kept separate from garbage in order to be recycled.

To comply with state, county and local laws, businesses, institutions, government and commercial establishments are required to separate the following materials that are generated at their locations:

**Aluminum Cans • Antifreeze • Computer Printout/White Ledger Paper
Concrete • Hazardous Dry-Cell Batteries* • Corrugated Cardboard
Glass Containers • Heavy Iron • Lead-Acid Batteries
Leaves & Brush • Logs & Tree Parts • Magazines & Junk Mail
Mercury Containing Devices - Thermometers, Fluorescent Tubes, CFLs
Mixed Office Paper • Newspapers • Scrap Autos • Steel Cans • Stumps
Textiles • Plastic Containers & Bottles (#1- #7)
Used Motor Oil • White Goods & Light Iron • Wood Scrap
Used Consumer Electronics - Computers & peripherals, printers, copiers,
VCRs, televisions, cell phones, fax machines, etc.**

**Hazardous Dry-Cell Batteries - Rechargeable batteries, such as nickel-cadmium, nickel-iron, nickel metal hydride, lithium ion, small sealed lead acid, etc. need to be recycled. These are often used as substitutes for non-rechargeable batteries in standard sizes such as AAA, AA, C, D, and 9V. Non-rechargeable, hazardous batteries include carbon zinc batteries as well as silver oxide, mercury and magnesium button-type batteries. For a listing of places to recycle these batteries, try the Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation's website at www.rbcc.org.*

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

FIRST STEP:

1. Contact your trash hauler for recycling information and associated costs.
2. If needed, contact your Municipal Recycling Coordinator for assistance in setting up a recycling system.
3. Establish recycling policies at your business/commercial establishment.
4. Educate your employees and your customers on how they should participate (create posters, memos, etc.).

STORAGE Recyclables should be temporarily stored in a **clearly marked container**. Each container should be large enough to hold the material you generate without overflow and must be free of non-recyclable trash.

PENALTIES Violations of the recycling requirements may result in fines. **Recycling in the State of New Jersey is mandatory.** Businesses, institutions and industries that are not in compliance with the regulations can be assessed monetary penalties, starting at \$1,000, for each day a violation continues. The scale of fines is established pursuant to the New Jersey Solid Waste Management Act.

Avoid these fines by properly establishing a recycling program for your business or commercial establishment. Proper recycling requires some effort on your part, but the results will benefit you, your community and our environment.

COLLECTION A solid waste hauler and a recycling collection firm may collect your recyclables where available. If you generate a significant amount of recyclables, you should investigate marketing your materials directly in order to minimize costs and maximize revenue from the sale of materials.

Recycle Plastic Bags at Supermarkets, NOT in Your Household Recycling Bins

Plastic bags clog up the equipment at the facilities that process our curbside recyclables, causing lost production hours and money.



RECYCLE RIGHT....

It is important that you know what can and cannot be recycled in your municipality.

Many residents just “recycle everything” thinking they are doing their part to help the environment. But placing items in your curbside recycling bin that cannot be recycled wastes time, energy, and money. Recycling facilities have to pay to sort and dispose of items that should have been thrown in the garbage in the first place. This increases costs to every taxpayer.

Follow these simple rules:

- **DO NOT** include garden hoses, VHS tapes, used syringes, toys, carpet, plates, shoes, clothing, cups, utensils, or plastic bags in your Curbside Recycling Bin.
- **DO NOT** recycle any boxes or papers that are covered in food, grease, or liquids. DO recycle you pizza boxes if they do not have grease or other food on them or consider only recycling part of the box.
- **DO NOT** recycle any bottles that contained hazardous materials (motor oil, pesticides, antifreeze, paint).
- **DO** reuse your plastic bags at home or see if your local grocery store accepts them for recycling.
- **DO** recycle your clothing at any of the many clothing drop-off boxes in your community.
- **DO** pour out liquids from food and beverage bottles/ cans before putting in recycling bin.
- **DO** call your local recycling coordinator if you have questions on whether an item should be recycled (see pg. 16).

Household Hazardous Waste Days



Five Household Hazardous Waste Drop-offs 9 AM - 2 PM



March 21, 2020
Bernards Township
Public Works Garage
277 South Maple Avenue
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

April 18, 2020
Warren Township
Public Works Garage
1 Bardy Road
Warren, NJ 07059

June 20, 2020
Franklin Township
Sewerage Authority
70 Commerce Drive
Somerset, NJ 08873



Proof of Somerset County residency required
(current driver's license, valid lease, tax bill or any other bill with a Somerset County address).

September 12, 2020
Branchburg Township
Public Works Garage
34 Kenbury Road
Branchburg, NJ 08876

October 17, 2020
South County
Public Works Garage
410 Roycefield Road
Hillsborough, NJ 08844



Who CAN Participate?

All Somerset County homeowners and farmers.

Please note that materials accepted at **Household Hazardous Waste Days** are **NOT** the same as those accepted at **1st Saturday of the Month Drop-off Days**.

Waste will not be accepted from commercial vehicles.

What CANNOT be collected?

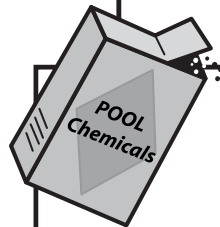
- Unknown or unidentified material
- Pentachlorophenol
- 2, 4, 5-TP (Silvex)
- Gas cylinders
- Tires
- Infectious waste
- 55 gallon drums
- Air conditioners/dehumidifiers (any refrigerant)
- Electronic waste
- Humidifiers
- Dioxins
- PCBs
- Smoke alarms
- Carbon monoxide detectors
- Explosives

For more information on H H W Days & locations call 908-231-7031



What CAN be collected?

- Banned or outdated pesticides
- Wastes only in their original, labeled containers
- Auto products: Motor oil (5 gallon maximum), antifreeze, transmission fluids, brake fluids, wet-cell car batteries & used oil filters
- Fluorescent tubes & compact fluorescent lights
- Fire extinguishers
- Ammonia-based cleaners
- Used cooking oil
- Pool chemicals
- Gasoline
- Kerosene
- Mercury switches
- Mercury
- Oil-based & latex paints
- Helium balloon tanks
- Barbecue propane tanks
- Rechargeable & button-cell batteries



1st Saturday Drop-Off Days

Somerset County Recycling Center

40 Polhemus Lane, Bridgewater

Open the first Saturday of each month from 8 am to 2 pm.

For information call the Recycling Center at 732-469-3363.

January 11, 2020

February 1, 2020

March 7, 2020

April 4, 2020

May 2, 2020

June 6, 2020

July 11, 2020*

August 1, 2020

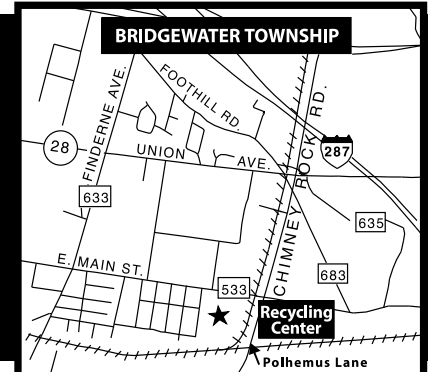
September 12, 2020

October 3, 2020

November 7, 2020

December 5, 2020

* Second Saturday of the month due to holiday



**NO
Commercial
Vehicles**

ACCEPTABLE RECYCLABLES

Newspaper • Magazines • Junk mail & other paper • Corrugated cardboard
Phone books • Shredded Paper • All plastic bottles & containers #1 - #7
Microwave ovens • Aluminum, steel & bi-metal cans • Used motor oil & oil filters*
Antifreeze • Chipboard • **Empty, dried-out** steel paint cans
• Glass bottles • Scrap metal** • Passenger tires***

* 5 gallon maximum. **NO refrigerators, air conditioners, or de-humidifiers. *** Limit of 8 tires with or without rims.

NOTE: Please continue to recycle your used textiles at any local charity donation location.

Food Bank Donations

Accepted at
1st Saturday
Drop-offs

**Canned Goods &
Non-Perishables
ONLY**

2020 ELECTRONIC WASTE RECYCLING DROP-OFF LOCATIONS

Items accepted: Computers (Desktops & Laptops), Monitors (Cathode-Ray Tube & Flat Panel), Televisions (Cathode-Ray Tube & Flat Panel), Telecommunication Equipment (Telephones, Cellular Phones), Telephone Mainframes, Copiers, Digital Cameras, DVD players, E-book Readers, Fax Machines, Keyboards, Mice, Cables, Wiring, Circuit Boards, Modems, Power Supplies, MP3 players, Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs), Printers, Scanners, Stereo and Radio Equipment, VCRs, Audio Visual Equipment, Typewriters, Mainframe Equipment & Controllers, Camcorders.

Items NOT accepted: Household batteries, CDs, DVDs, VHS tapes, cassette tapes. (Household batteries may be put in the regular trash. For other batteries, see Household Hazardous Waste Days on page 12.)

1st Saturday DROP-OFF

8am - 2pm

SOUTH COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS

410 Roycefield Rd. • Hillsborough, NJ 08844

* See dates above *

Weekday DROP-OFF

Monday - Friday • 7:30am - 3pm

NORTH COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS

411 Chimney Rock Rd., Bldg. B • Bridgewater, NJ 08807

SOUTH COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS

410 Roycefield Rd. • Hillsborough, NJ 08844

2020 Somerset County Recycling Schedule



IMPORTANT! Please place materials at curbside the night before your collection day. For more information on curbside collection and more, call the Recycling Center at **732-469-3363** or visit www.co.somerset.nj.us/recycle.

BRANCHBURG & RARITAN / WESTERN HILLSBOROUGH			
January	13, 27	July	13, 27
February	10, 24	August	10, 24
March	9, 23	Sept.	8, 21
April	6, 20	Oct.	5, 19
May	4, 18	Nov.	2, 16, 30
June	1, 15, 29	Dec.	14, 28

HILLSBOROUGH & MILLSTONE			
January	14, 28	July	14, 28
February	11, 25	August	11, 25
March	10, 24	Sept.	8, 22
April	7, 21	Oct.	6, 20
May	5, 19	Nov.	3, 17
June	2, 16, 30	Dec.	1, 15, 29

BOUND BROOK, MANVILLE & SOMERVILLE			
January	2, 15, 29	July	1, 15, 29
February	12, 26	August	12, 26
March	11, 25	Sept.	9, 23
April	8, 22	Oct.	7, 21
May	6, 20	Nov.	4, 18
June	3, 17	Dec.	2, 16, 30

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP & SOUTH BOUND BROOK			
January	2, 16, 30	July	2, 16, 30
February	13, 27	August	13, 27
March	12, 26	Sept.	10, 24
April	9, 23	Oct.	8, 22
May	7, 21	Nov.	5, 19
June	4, 18	Dec.	3, 17, 31

FRANKLIN PARK - GRIGGSTOWN			
January	3, 17, 31	July	6, 17, 31
February	14, 28	August	14, 28
March	13, 27	Sept.	11, 25
April	10, 24	Oct.	9, 23
May	8, 22	Nov.	6, 20
June	5, 19	Dec.	4, 18

MONTGOMERY & ROCKY HILL			
January	3, 17, 31	July	6, 17, 31
February	14, 28	August	14, 28
March	13, 27	Sept.	11, 25
April	10, 24	Oct.	9, 23
May	8, 22	Nov.	6, 20
June	5, 19	Dec.	4, 18

BERNARDS TWP. / FRANKLIN - SOCIETY HILL I & II, WHITEHALL MANOR, BEACON HILL & SURROUNDING AREAS			
January	6, 20	July	6, 20
February	3, 17	August	3, 17, 31
March	2, 16, 30	Sept.	14, 28
April	13, 27	Oct.	12, 26
May	11, 26	Nov.	9, 23
June	8, 22	Dec.	7, 21

BEDMINSTER, BERNARDSVILLE, PEAPACK-GLADSTONE, FAR HILLS & BRIDGEWATER - SUNSET LAKE AREA			
January	7, 21	July	7, 21
February	4, 18	August	4, 18
March	3, 17, 31	Sept.	1, 15, 29
April	14, 28	Oct.	13, 27
May	12, 26	Nov.	10, 24
June	9, 23	Dec.	8, 22

BRIDGEWATER			
January	8, 22	July	8, 22
February	5, 19	August	5, 19
March	4, 18	Sept.	2, 16, 30
April	1, 15, 29	Oct.	14, 28
May	13, 27	Nov.	11, 25
June	10, 24	Dec.	9, 23

MARTINSVILLE - THOMAE PARK			
January	9, 23	July	9, 23
February	6, 20	August	6, 20
March	5, 19	Sept.	3, 17
April	2, 16, 30	Oct.	1, 15, 29
May	14, 28	Nov.	12, 27
June	11, 25	Dec.	10, 24

WARREN & WATCHUNG			
January	9, 23	July	9, 23
February	6, 20	August	6, 20
March	5, 19	Sept.	3, 17
April	2, 16, 30	Oct.	1, 15, 29
May	14, 28	Nov.	12, 27
June	11, 25	Dec.	10, 24

NORTH PLAINFIELD, GREEN BROOK, FRANKLIN - CANAL WALK, SOMERSET RUN & SUMMERFIELDS			
January	10, 24	July	10, 24
February	7, 21	August	7, 21
March	6, 20	Sept.	4, 18
April	3, 17	Oct.	2, 16, 30
May	1, 15, 29	Nov.	13, 27
June	12, 26	Dec.	11, 28

In case of inclement weather, recycling pickups may be CANCELLED. The next collection will be two weeks later on your regularly scheduled day. Sign up for weather related alerts at co.somerset.nj.us/alerts.

Holidays that will affect recycling collection in 2020 are as follows: New Year's Day 2020 (Jan. 1); Memorial Day (May 25); Independence Day (July 3); Labor Day (Sept. 7); Thanksgiving Day (Nov. 26) and Christmas Day (Dec. 25). If your usual pickup day falls on one of these holidays, your collection has been rescheduled to the following weekday.

WHAT **NOT** TO RECYCLE CURBSIDE...

PLASTIC: Un-numbered plastics • Microwave trays • Plastic bags • Motor oil and antifreeze bottles • Plastic toys
Plastic cups, plates, knives, forks, spoons • Plastic flower pots • Beer balls • Pesticide containers • Paper plates
Plastic coat hangers • Plastic drums & crates • Styrofoam® 5-gallon buckets (spackle & paint containers)
Pool chemical containers • Plastic caps • Prescription bottles

PAPER: Waxed paper • Tissue paper • Napkins • Paper towels • Frozen food boxes • Cups
Metallic & plastic-coated paper • Paper with metal objects (file folders, binders, etc.)

SCRAP METAL: Refrigerators • Air Conditioners • De-humidifiers • Humidifiers

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS: Bring to Household Hazardous Waste Days

BATTERIES: Alkaline go in garbage • Bring rechargeable & button-cell batteries to Household Hazardous Waste Days

TEXTILES: Take clothing, linens, drapes and other textiles to any local nonprofit collection bin.

Please do not mix
garbage in with your
recyclables. Make sure all
recyclables are as clean
as possible to deter
pests & odors.

Due to Federal DOT Regulations:

BATTERIES are
no longer collected with
Somerset County's
Curbside Recycling



Button-Cell Batteries:

Bring to County Household Hazardous Waste Days
or 1st Saturday of the Month
www.co.somerset.nj.us/recycle

Alkaline Batteries:

Dispose of in the regular trash

Rechargeable Batteries:

Recycle at retail locations (call 1-877-2-RECYCLE) WWW.CALL2RECYCLE.ORG

SOMERSET COUNTY



TALKING TRASH

MUNICIPAL RECYCLING COORDINATORS

Somerset County Recycling does not collect the following: furniture, carpeting, appliances, mattresses, brush and leaves. Please contact your Municipal Department of Public Works for permits, stickers and/or scheduling of pick-ups:

Bedminster

JOHN MANTZ

908-212-7000 ext.502
jrm@bedminster.us

Franklin

CARL HAUCK

732-873-2500 ext. 6383
carl.hauck@twp.franklin.nj.us

Peapack-Gladstone

CHRISTOPHER TIETJEN

908-234-2250
ctietjen@peapackgladstone.org

Bernards

MIKE MULLIGAN

908-204-2512 • mmulligan@bernards.org

Green Brook

KELLY CUPIT

732-968-1023 ext. 6601
kcupit@greenbrooktwp.org

Raritan

ROBERT FULMINANTE

908-725-1715
publicworks@raritan-nj.org

Bernardsville

JOHN M. MACDOWALL

Public Works Garage
908-766-3850 ext. 147

Hillsborough

MICHAEL CARR

908-369-5652
mcarr@hillsborough-nj.org
Annual Clean-up: 908-369-3950

Rocky Hill

WILLIAM EPPS

732-983-1075
beppsrecycle@gmail.com

Bound Brook

HECTOR HERRERA

732-893-8520 • hherrera@boundbrook-nj.org

Manville

VINCENT LOMEDICO

908-725-5512 ext. 102 • vlomedico@manvillenj.org

Somerville

BRENDAN NALLY

908-704-2490
bnally@somervillenj.org

Branchburg

DOREEN DANNER

908-526-1300 ext. 177
doreen.danner@branchburg.nj.us
Bulky Waste: 908-725-6300 ext. 6000

Millstone

DENENE SMERDON

908-281-6893
dsmerdon@millstoneboro.org

South Bound Brook

DONALD E. KAZAR

732-356-0258 ext. 120
dkazar@southboundbrook.com

Bridgewater

KRISTEN SCHIRO

908-725-6300 ext. 5210
kschiro@bridgewater.nj.gov
Bulky Waste: 908-725-6300 ext. 6000

Montgomery

ART VILLANO

908-874-3144
avillano@twp.montgomery.nj.us

Warren

DOUG BURO

908-753-5149 • dburo@warrennj.org

Far Hills

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908-234-0611
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North Plainfield

CINDY DANOIS

908-769-2907 • cdanois@npmail.org
Bulk Waste: 908-769-2914

Watchung

MARYANN HANCE

908-756-0080 ext. 211
mhance@watchungnj.gov
Public Works: 908-753-6115

NEED COUNTY RECYCLING INFORMATION FAST?

Call Somerset County Solid Waste Info Line: 908-231-7031

Recorded messages 24 hours, 7 days a week, or check out our website: www.co.somerset.nj.us/recycle

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