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MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NJ

MIDDLESEX COUNTY'S
RECYCLING
& SOLID WASTE GUIDE
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www.middlesexcountynj.gov – search “recycling”

Dear County Residents:

Welcome to the 21st edition of Middlesex County's Recycling and Solid Waste Guide. I am pleased to present it to you as the Freeholder Chairperson for the Division of Solid Waste Management.



Middlesex County has once again been named the No. 1 County in New Jersey for our recycling efforts. We are proud of our residents, businesses, municipalities and county for working together to once again be given this honor.

Middlesex County strives to provide the best programs for our citizens from both an environmental and economic perspective. Various agencies, including the Division of Solid Waste Management, the Solid Waste Advisory Council (SWAC), the Middlesex County Improvement Authority (MCIA), and the Middlesex County Utilities Authority (MCUA), work together to achieve this goal.

There are many County-sponsored recycling and solid waste programs and services available to you. Recently, Middlesex County installed new fishing line receptacles at many County and municipal parks and marinas. All fishing line is now being collected and recycled.

If you have any questions, staff at the Solid Waste Management Division are available to assist you. Please call 732-745-4170, e-mail them at solidwaste@co.middlesex.nj.us, or visit our website at www.middlesexcountynj.gov.

It is my honor to represent and serve the citizens of Middlesex County on the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

Yours sincerely,

Freeholder Chair, Public Safety and Health Committee

Be on the lookout for the new **Recycle Coach app** available for all County residents.

Get reminders on your collection days, our events and learn how to recycle or dispose of your items.

VISIT WWW.RECYCLECOACH.COM FOR DETAILS!



ON THE COVER:
We did it again! We are so proud of the fact that Middlesex County is once again ranked the No. 1 County in the State for recycling. But, we couldn't do it without you. So, thank you for your efforts and commitment to making Middlesex County such a beautiful place to live, work and play.

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INTERESTED IN OUR EVENTS?

Sign up for monthly email reminders for our various programs. Just send your email address to the Division at: solidwaste@co.middlesex.nj.us

Email addresses will remain private and not be sold.



WHAT AM I REQUIRED TO RECYCLE?

Residents (including residents of multifamily dwellings) and occupants of governmental, institutional (schools, colleges, universities), and commercial establishments (retail, restaurants, offices, warehouses, construction sites, etc.) must recycle the following mandated materials:

- › Aluminum cans
- › Glass bottles and jars
- › Steel and tin cans
- › Plastic bottles with a #1 or #2 on the bottom
- › Newspaper
- › Corrugated cardboard
- › Mixed paper (magazines, office paper, junk mail)
- › Textiles
- › Computers and televisions
- › Rechargeable batteries
- › Leaves
- › Brush
- › Motor oil
- › Tires
- › White goods (refrigerators, air conditioners, washers, dryers)
- › Masonry/Paving materials



In addition, commercial establishments must recycle fluorescent bulbs, and new construction sites must recycle clean wood scraps. Also, warehouses, retail and supermarkets with 25 or more employees must recycle.

BUSINESSES:

› Contact your trash hauler to see if it provides recycling services. Most haulers will provide pick up. They may also offer to locate a market for your recyclables.

› If your hauler does not provide that service, use the Middlesex County Markets Directory found on our website (search “solid waste” at www.middlesexcountynj.gov) to locate a market for your materials.

› Once you have established a recycling program at your establishment, educate your employees and your customers on how they should participate.

› All businesses and institutions are required to provide an annual recycling tonnage report to their municipal recycling coordinators in March.

› Any questions? Call the Division of Solid Waste Management and/or your Municipal Recycling Coordinator.

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.

For more information on how and where you can recycle your plastic bags, please visit the Middlesex County website at www.middlesexcountynj.gov and search “plastic bag recycling.”



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 your 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 (see page 16) if you have questions on whether an item should be recycled.

BULKY WASTE DISPOSAL

If you have bulky waste such as furniture or construction materials that you need to dispose of...

- Call your local public works department (page 16) to see if they offer the service you require.
- Check the phone directory under “garbage removal” to contract with a properly licensed hauler.
- See the list of privately owned transfer stations that will allow drop-off of solid waste at their locations for a fee.

Note: The Middlesex County Landfill in East Brunswick is only open to licensed solid waste haulers and does not have the capability to handle waste deliveries from residential or other vehicles without valid NJDEP permits at this time.

PRIVATE TRANSFER STATIONS

A number of transfer stations in Middlesex County accept waste from personal vehicles weighing less than 9,000 pounds for a single vehicle or 16,000 pounds combined weight for a vehicle pulling a trailer. Waste must be delivered and there will be a charge per load. Please call the facility to determine the operating days and hours and fees.

Importico

120 Baekeland Ave., Middlesex Borough
732-356-3882

Republic/Midco (Middlesex)

92 Baekeland Ave., Middlesex Borough
732-469-3777

Republic/Midco (New Brunswick)

5 Industrial Drive, New Brunswick
732-545-8988

Sakoutis Brothers

Baldwin Street/2101 Roosevelt Ave., South Plainfield
908-222-8310

Note to licensed haulers: Middlesex County does not require all waste generated in the County to be disposed of at the Middlesex County Landfill, only that it must be disposed of at a licensed disposal facility. However, if waste is not disposed of at the Middlesex County Landfill, a tonnage report must be filed by the 20th of the subsequent month and the Solid Waste Management Services fee must be paid. Call the Division at 732-745-4170 or visit www.middlesexcountynj.gov to obtain a hauler's compliance package.





CLEAN COMMUNITIES PROGRAM



The New Jersey Clean Communities Council was formed to implement a statewide program of public information and education to change the attitudes that cause littering and the irresponsible handling of solid waste. Visit the website at www.njclean.org to learn about the many programs it sponsors, including the Adopt-a-Beach, Adopt-a-Highway and Slam Dunk the Junk programs.

The New Jersey Clean Communities Program takes a three-pronged approach to solving the litter problem: **Cleanups, Education and Enforcement.**

Counties and municipalities receive grants each year to implement an anti-litter campaign. Middlesex County utilizes its grant funds for our highly successful program for the cleanup of roads, parks and other public places by using the services of a supervised work detail from Middlesex County's Adult Corrections Center.

For more information on Middlesex County's cleanup programs, contact the Division at 732-745-4170. To participate in a local cleanup, contact your municipal coordinator (see page 16).

FIVE THINGS YOU CAN DO FOR A CLEANER, GREENER MIDDLESEX COUNTY!

1 Don't throw cigarette butts out of car windows. Keep a portable ashtray in your car to dispose of them later.

Keep your yards free of empty containers. Empty containers may fill with water and become breeding grounds for mosquitoes. **2**

3 Always bring a plastic bag when you walk your dog. Dog waste can be a significant source of water pollution because it contains a high concentration of nutrients as well as bacteria and disease-causing microorganisms.

Participate in a cleanup event. Many towns and the Middlesex County Office of Parks and Recreation have volunteer cleanup events. See the phone numbers on page 16 or visit Middlesex County's website for more information. **4**

5 Don't litter! Litter is unsightly, hurts our wildlife and can wash into storm drains, polluting the land, rivers and beaches of our County.



COOKING OIL PROGRAM

Bring your used cooking oil to one of our six new drop-off sites!
Middlesex County Residents Only (proof of residency required.)

- › **Vegetable Oils Only**
- › No Shortening, Coconut Oil, Lard or Motor Oil
- › **NO BUSINESSES**
- › Residents **must** see an attendant before unloading their vehicle.
- › Need a container for your cooking oil? Call the Division of Solid Waste Management for a free 1 ½ gallon container.

EVERY FRIDAY 8 A.M. TO NOON

METUCHEN PUBLIC WORKS

44 Jersey Ave., Metuchen, NJ 08840

MONROE PUBLIC WORKS

76 Gravel Hill-Spotswood Rd., Monroe Township, NJ

SOUTH PLAINFIELD RECYCLING CENTER

Kenneth Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080

EVERY SATURDAY 8 A.M. TO NOON

EAST BRUNSWICK RECLAMATION CENTER

357 Dunhams Corner Rd., East Brunswick, NJ 08816

OLD BRIDGE PUBLIC WORKS (At Municipal Complex)

1 Old Bridge Plaza, Old Bridge, NJ 08857

WOODBRIIDGE PUBLIC WORKS

225 Smith St., Keasbey, NJ 08832

FREE TIRE RECYCLING DROP-OFF PROGRAM

Middlesex County residents (**no businesses***) can recycle up to four tires per month with or without rims by bringing them to one of five locations located in the County. Automobile and light truck tires only — no oversized tires.



EAST BRUNSWICK RECLAMATION CENTER

357 Dunhams Corner Rd.
 Monday – Friday 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
 Saturday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

METUCHEN PUBLIC WORKS

44 Jersey Ave.
 Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
 Saturday 9 a.m. - Noon

SAYREVILLE RECYCLING CENTER—FORT GRUMPY

3775 Bordentown Ave.
 Monday & Friday 7:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
 Saturday 7 a.m. - Noon

PLAINSBORO CONSERVATION RECYCLING CENTER

Off Grovers Mill Road
 April 1 – Dec. 15
 Monday & Thursday
 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
 Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 Dec. 16 - March 31
 Saturday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

WOODBRIIDGE PUBLIC WORKS

225 Smith St., Keasbey
 (beneath Parkway & Rt. 9 Bridges)
 Monday – Saturday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

PAINT DROP-OFF PROGRAM

Acceptable Items:

Paints and Paint-related Items (Latex, Water, and Oil-based Paints, Stains, Varnishes, Lacquers, Thinners, Paint Aerosols). Items must be labeled.

› No Household Hazardous Waste

› No Empty Containers or Dried Paint (They can be thrown out in the regular trash.)

› No Commercially Generated Paint

Rules:

- › ALL SITES ARE OPEN FROM 8 A.M. - NOON
- › Free of charge
- › **Middlesex County Residents Only** (proof of residency required)

Note: Other services at these drop-off sites are for township residents only.

May be closed holidays and some holiday weekends. Call 732-745-4170 for more details.

MONTHLY WEEKEND CYCLE	NORTHERN LOCATIONS	SOUTHERN LOCATIONS
1st Saturday	Middlesex Borough Recycling Drop-off Center 1200 Mountain Ave.	East Brunswick Reclamation Center 357 Dunhams Corner Rd.
2nd Saturday	Dunellen Public Works Yard 235 Hall St.	New Brunswick DPW Yard 400 Jersey Ave. Old Bridge Public Works Yard Route 516
3rd Saturday	South Plainfield Recycling Center Kenneth Avenue	Helmetta (Behind Municipal Bldg.) 51 Main St. Monroe Public Works 76 Gravel Hill - Spotswood Rd.
4th Saturday	Woodbridge (Keasbey) Public Works 225 Smith St.	South Brunswick Recycling Center (behind Municipal Bldg.) 540 Ridge Rd. (Monmouth Junction)

RESIDENTIAL PAPER SHREDDING PROGRAM

Recycle your residentially generated old documents and confidential files* safely and securely!

No businesses permitted. Come to our mobile paper shredding events at the following locations:

3/24/18	Old Bridge Municipal Center Parking Lot	7/28/18	Spotswood High School Parking Lot
4/13/18 (Friday)	Monroe Senior Center	8/11/18	Cranbury School
4/14/18	Metuchen Edgar School - Rear Parking Lot	8/24/18 (Friday)	Highland Park Senior Center Parking Lot
4/28/18	North Brunswick Babbage Park	8/25/18	Perth Amboy Department of Public Works
5/11/18 (Friday)	Carteret Community Center	9/7/18 (Friday)	Thompson Park, Monroe
5/12/18	Sayreville Senior Center Parking Lot	9/8/18	South Brunswick Beech Woods Park
6/9/18	Woodbridge Department of Public Works	9/22/18	South Plainfield PAL Building/Recreation Center
6/23/18	South River Department of Public Works	10/13/18	Milltown American Legion Post 25 Parking Lot
7/13/18 (Friday)	New Brunswick High School Parking Lot	10/27/18	Plainsboro Municipal Center
7/14/18	Edison Municipal Building Parking Lot	11/10/18	Piscataway Little League Complex

All Paper Shredding events run from 9 a.m. - noon or until the truck is full, whichever occurs first. Residents may bring a maximum of five file boxes or up to 100 pounds (in a manageable container - no plastic bags) per car to each event. See page 10 for location addresses and visit www.middlesexcountynj.gov for directions.

* No magazines, newspaper inserts or telephone books. Please recycle those with your mixed paper. No x-rays, CDs, photos, shredded paper or garbage. Loads containing unacceptable items may be rejected.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF PROGRAM (HHW)

Rules:

- Free of charge
- **Middlesex County Residents Only** (proof of residency required)
- **RESIDENTIAL WASTE ONLY** (no waste from commercial or industrial sources)



ELECTRONICS (E-WASTE) RECYCLING

Saturday, April 7, 2018

(one-day event)

Papaiani Park, Edison

8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

All computers, computer monitors, televisions, fax machines and printers must be recycled by State law.

➤ Many municipalities also host their own drop-off sites for E-waste. Please contact your municipality (see page 16) for more information.

➤ The NJ Department of Environmental Protection is responsible for ensuring a convenient collection system for all residents. Please visit www.nj.gov/dep/dshw/ewaste/index.html or call **1-866-DEP-KNOW** to find a location near you. Please call the location ahead to confirm this service is ongoing and applicable.

What to Bring:

- Aerosol Cans • Lighter Fluid • Antifreeze • Gas/Oil Mix • Household Batteries (No Alkaline Batteries) • Car Batteries • Pesticides/Herbicides • Gasoline • Latex Paints • Photographic Chemicals • Pool Chemicals • Propane Tanks • Oil-based Paint • Drain Cleaners • Thermometers • Paint Thinners • Driveway Sealer • Used Motor Oil • Mercury Containing Items • Thermostats • Stains • Varnishes • Fluorescent Light Bulbs (no broken bulbs, please) • Fire Extinguishers • Flares

What NOT to Bring:

- Tires • Explosives and Munitions • Medical/Infectious Waste • Unknowns • Empty Containers • Electronics - Appliances/Furniture • Containers over 10 gallons • Alkaline Batteries
- **RESIDENTS BRINGING ASBESTOS CONTAINING MATERIAL MUST PRE-REGISTER BY CALLING 732-745-4170.**

LOCATION (FOR LOCATION INFORMATION, SEE PG 10)	DATE	TIME
Middlesex County College (Edison)	Sundays, March 18 & Nov. 18	8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Middlesex County Highways Division (North Brunswick)	Saturday, May 19	8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
East Brunswick Vocational-Technical School	Friday, July 20	Noon - 6:00 p.m.
Woodbridge Public Works	Saturday, Sept. 15	8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Old Bridge Public Works	Sunday, Oct. 21	8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

EVENT/PROGRAM LOCATIONS

- Carteret Community Center** > 100 Cooke Ave. 07008 (*PAPER SHRED*)
- Cranbury School** > 23 North Main St. 08512 (*PAPER SHRED*)
- Dunellen Department of Public Works** > 235 Hall St. 08812 (*PAINT DROP OFF*)
- East Brunswick Reclamation Center** > 357 Dunhams Corner Rd. 08816 (*COOKING OIL, PAINT & TIRE DROP OFF*)
- East Brunswick Vocational-Technical School** > 112 Rues Ln. 08816 (*HHW*)
- Edison Middlesex County College** > 2600 Woodbridge Ave. (Mill Rd. Entrance) 08818 (*HHW*)
- Edison Municipal Building Parking Lot** > 100 Municipal Blvd. 08817 (*PAPER SHRED*)
- Edison Papaiani Park** > Near Edison Municipal Building 100 Municipal Blvd., Edison NJ 08817 (*E-WASTE*)
- Helmetta Municipal Building** > 51 Main St. 08828 (*PAINT DROP OFF*)
- Highland Park Senior Center Parking Lot** > 220 South 6th Ave. 08904 (*PAPER SHRED*)
- Metuchen Department of Public Works** > 44 Jersey Ave. 08840 (*COOKING OIL & TIRE DROP OFF*)
- Metuchen Edgar School, Rear Parking Lot** > 49 Brunswick Ave. 08840 (*PAPER SHRED*)
- Middlesex Borough Recycling Center** > 1200 Mountain Ave. 08846 (*PAINT DROP OFF*)
- Milltown American Legion Post 25 Parking Lot** > 4 JF Kennedy Dr. 08850 (*PAPER SHRED*)
- Monroe Department of Public Works** > 76 Spotswood-Gravel Hill Rd., 08831 (*COOKING OIL & PAINT DROP OFF*)
- Monroe Senior Center** > 12 Halsey Reed Rd. 08831 (*PAPER SHRED*)
- New Brunswick Department of Public Works** > 400 Jersey Ave. 08901 (*PAINT DROP OFF*)
- New Brunswick High School Parking Lot** > 1000 Somerset St. (Rt. 27) 08901 (*PAPER SHRED*)
- North Brunswick Babbage Park** > Laurel Place 08902 (*PAPER SHRED*)
- North Brunswick Middlesex County Highways Div.** > Apple Orchard Ln., North Brunswick 08902 (*HHW*)
- Old Bridge Public Works** > 1 Old Bridge Plaza (Rt. 516 & Cottrell Rd.) 08857 (*COOKING OIL, HHW, PAINT, PAPER SHRED*)
- Perth Amboy Department of Public Works** > 599 Fayette St. 08861 (*PAPER SHRED*)
- Piscataway Little League Complex** > 491 Sidney Rd. 08854 (*PAPER SHRED*)
- Plainsboro Conservation Recycling Center** > Grovers Mill Rd. 08536 (*TIRE DROP OFF*)
- Plainsboro Municipal Center** > 641 Plainsboro Rd., Plainsboro 08536 (*PAPER SHRED*)
- Sayreville Senior Center** > 423 Main St. 08872 (*PAPER SHRED*)
- Sayreville Fort Grumpy** > 3775 Bordentown Ave. 08872 (*TIRE DROP OFF*)
- South Brunswick Beech Woods Park** > 37 Beekman Rd., Monmouth Junction 08852 (*PAPER SHRED*)
- South Brunswick Recycling Center** > 540 Ridge Rd., Monmouth Junction 08852 (*PAINT DROP OFF*)
- South Plainfield Recycling Center** > Kenneth Ave. 07080 (*COOKING OIL & PAINT DROP OFF*)
- South Plainfield PAL Building/Recreation Center** > 1250 Maple Ave. 07080 (*PAPER SHRED*)
- South River Department Of Public Works** > 9 Ivan Way 08882 (*PAPER SHRED*)
- Spotswood High School Parking Lot** > 105 Summerhill Rd. 08884 (*PAPER SHRED*)
- Thompson Park Parking Lot** > near Manalapan Lake Monroe/Jamesburg 08831 (*PAPER SHRED*)
- Woodbridge Department of Public Works** > 225 Smith St., Keasbey 08832 (*COOKING OIL, PAINT, PAPER SHRED, TIRE, HHW*)

BATTERIES

› **Alkaline Batteries** fall below Federal and State hazardous waste standards and can be disposed of in the regular trash.

Alkaline batteries include AA, AAA, C, D and 9-V and will have the word "ALKALINE" imprinted on the battery.

› **Batteries from vehicles** contain lead and should be recycled.

› **Rechargeables** must still be recycled. Button cell batteries should still be separated for proper disposal.

Rechargeable batteries can be found in cordless power tools, cellular and cordless phones, laptop computers, digital cameras, two-way radios, camcorders and remote control toys. They can be recycled through the national Call2Recycle program. To find a retail collection site use the collection site locator at www.call2recycle.org or you may call the consumer helpline: 1-877-273-2925.

Middlesex County will accept vehicle, rechargeable and button cell batteries at our Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) days. Federal regulations require that you must individually bag each rechargeable and button cell battery or tape each terminal end prior to recycling.



MEDICATION DISPOSAL

Keeping medicines after they expire or are no longer needed creates an unnecessary health risk in the home, especially if children are present.

Do not dispose of prescription and over-the-counter medications down the drain or toilet! Wastewater treatment facilities cannot remove harmful pharmaceutical compounds, and these may end up in your drinking water.

Dispose of your medications by using one of the following programs:

› Many Municipal police departments have a drop-off bin for medicines. You do not need to be a resident from that town to use the drop-off bin. Visit www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/meddrop/Pages/Locations.aspx for more information and to find the drop-off closest to you.

› www.disposemy meds.org This is an online resource to help you find medication disposal programs at an independent community pharmacy in your neighborhood.

› www.dea.gov U.S. Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration - Click on drug disposal on the right side under Resource Center.

› www.americanmedicinechest.com AMCC is a subsidiary of the Partnership for a Drug-Free New Jersey. They partner with law enforcement agencies to host permanent disposal bins as well as single-day collection events.

UNIVERSITY SYRINGE DISPOSAL

If you have syringes, use the New Jersey Hospital Association's Safe Syringe Program. Contact the participating hospitals below for more details.

St. Peter's University Hospital
New Brunswick
732-745-8600 ext. 6010

University Medical Center at
Princeton (Plainsboro)
609-853-6140

JFK Medical Center
Edison
732-321-7539

Somerset Medical Center
Somerville
908-685-2200

Ask for the Safe Syringe Program.



BACKYARD COMPOSTING

Help the environment while creating a wonderful nutrient for your soil!

RESIDENTS CAN BUY COMPOST BINS

Wednesdays 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Fridays 9 a.m. - Noon

13-15 Kennedy Blvd, East Brunswick, 08816

Free kitchen pail and composting guide included.

Call the Division at 732-745-4170 for more information.



Vermicomposter
for indoor use
\$50.00



Soil Saver
32" high X 28"
wide X 28" long
\$40.00



Geobin
30" high X 36"
wide at base
\$20.00

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT COMPOSTING, COME TO ONE OF OUR FREE WORKSHOPS:

Backyard Composting
Saturday, April 21 @ 10 a.m.

Vermi(worm)composting
Wednesday, April 25 @ 6:30 p.m.

Both workshops will be held at the Rutgers Cooperative Extension Service's EARTH Center in Davidson's Mill Pond Park, 42 Riva Ave., South Brunswick (use North Brunswick, 08902 for GPS directions) Workshops will run approx. 2 hours.

Fall workshops:
October 20 (backyard)
October 24 (vermi)

Sign up now! Space is limited and pre-registration is required.

WORKSHOP REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____

Address _____

Town _____

Phone _____

Backyard Composting _____

Vermicomposting _____

If you are interested in purchasing a compost bin, please enclose the appropriate fee by check made payable to Treasurer, County of Middlesex.

Pre-purchased bins can be picked up at the workshop. No purchase necessary to attend the workshops!

Please indicate the type and quantity of bin(s) you are purchasing:

Geobin \$20 each ____
Soil Saver \$40 each ____
Vermicomposters \$50 each ____

Mail registration form to: Middlesex County Division of Solid Waste Management, 13-15 Kennedy Blvd., East Brunswick, NJ 08816 or e-mail to solidwaste@co.middlesex.nj.us

RECYCLE THE NATURAL WAY: CUT AND LEAVE GRASS CLIPPINGS ON YOUR LAWN

Lawn experts have found that:

- › Short grass clippings left on your lawn act as a natural fertilizer, producing a healthier lawn that greens earlier in the spring and stays green later into the fall.
- › The grass clippings shelter the tender grass roots from the sun and conserve moisture.
- › Grass clippings help to create a thicker, healthier lawn that is more resistant to weeds and certain lawn diseases.
- › Grasscycling does not cause thatch. Short grass clippings decompose within a few days.

SAVE TIME AND MONEY – CUT IT AND LEAVE IT!



RUTGERS COOPERATIVE EXTENSION OF MIDDLESEX COUNTY SAVE THE DATES!

Wednesday, April 11 › 6:30 p.m.

Raising Chickens in the Suburban Backyard

A presentation by Rutgers Soils Expert, Dr. Joseph Heckman

June, July & August:

Saturdays & Sundays › 10 a.m. - Noon

Master Gardener's Butterfly House

Filled with butterflies and attracting plants. Educational and fun for the family.

Saturday, June 9 › 10 a.m.

Deer Resistant Gardens, with Native Plants

Master Gardener led seminar.

Celebrate Native Plant Appreciation Month in New Jersey.

Saturday, August 18 › 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

EARTH Center Garden Field Day and Music Festival

Garden Tours, Demonstrations, Taste Tests, Music & Family Fun! Join us for our biggest event all year.

Monday - Friday, August 20-24 › 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Eco-Ventures at the EARTH Center Environmental Summer Day Program

Open to Grades 3-6

Register at 732-398-5261

Thursday Evening, September 6

Friday Morning, September 7

Rutgers Master Gardener Class Orientation

For more information contact

Angela Monaghan, 732-398-5278

angela.monaghan@co.middlesex.nj.us

Year-Round consult with the

County's Master Gardener Helpline 732-398-5220

Monday to Friday

October - March 10 a.m. - Noon

April - September 9 a.m. - Noon



Unless otherwise noted, all events are held at the Middlesex County EARTH Center in Davidson's Mill Pond Park, 42 Riva Ave., South Brunswick (Use North Brunswick, 08902 for GPS Directions), Phone 732-398-5260

For more information on Rutgers Cooperative Extension programs in Middlesex County visit www.middlesexcountynj.gov and search "extension" or call 732-398-5260.

NEED HELP GETTING RID OF AN ITEM? HERE ARE SOME GREAT RESOURCES TO HELP YOU:

Do you have a Fire Extinguisher or old Flare that no longer works?

- › These are accepted at our Household Hazardous Waste Days (see page 9).

Have household hazardous waste to dispose of and you cannot get to one of our events?

- › Burlington County (609-499-5200) and Morris County (973-631-5109) have permanent facilities and may accept your waste for a fee. Or give our office a call (732-745-4170), and we'll see if another County is having an event that you can attend.

Have paper to shred in between our regularly scheduled (see page 8) events?

- › There are a few private companies that accept paper for shredding for a fee. Call the Division (732-745-4170) for a copy of our markets directory.

Have Polystyrene “Styrofoam” Peanuts?

- › Try www.theupsstore.com or www.recycle techno.com.

Have a Bicycle?

- › Try visiting the Pedals for Progress website - www.p4p.org.

Are you a business with surplus items to trade or give away?

- › Try the Reuse Marketplace - www.reusemarketplace.org/

Do you have an old television you need to recycle?

- › Visit the NJDEP's website <http://www.nj.gov/dep/dshw/ewaste/index.html> to find the nearest drop-off site.

Are you a non-profit organization or resident with an item that needs a new home?

- › Try the Freecycle Network www.freecycle.org

Have an Old Cell Phone?

- › Try www.911cellphonebank.org, www.call2recycle.org or call 1-877-2-RECYCLE

Have construction materials that your town will not pick up?

- › See bulky waste on Page 5 for a list of transfer stations that will accept the waste (for a fee).

Were your residential recyclables not picked up?

- › If you are in the following towns: Cranbury, Dunellen, Helmetta, Jamesburg, Middlesex, Milltown, Monroe, New Brunswick, Old Bridge, Piscataway, Plainsboro, Sayreville, South Amboy, South River, South Plainfield or Spotswood, please call the Middlesex County Improvement Authority at 1-800-488-6242. If not, call your municipal recycling coordinator (see page 16).

NOTE: If you do not see the item you have listed above, the Division of Solid Waste Management has a Markets Directory listing businesses that provide recycling services. Visit the County's website listed below for a free copy.

Need information? Try these websites

www.middlesexcountynj.gov (Middlesex County's web site)

www.njhazwaste.com (Association of NJ Household Hazardous Waste Coordinators)

www.anjr.com (Association of NJ Recyclers)

www.njclean.org (New Jersey Clean Communities Council)

www.mciauth.com (Middlesex County Improvement Authority)

www.state.nj.us/dep/dshw (NJ DEP Division of Solid and Hazardous Waste)

www.ifplantscouldtalk.rutgers.edu (Rutgers Cooperative Extension Service)

www.epa.gov/region02/ (US EPA Region 2 Homepage)

www.epa.gov/superfund (USEPA Superfund sites)

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS COLORING CONTEST

Students in grades 3-5 are invited to design a **poster illustrating the 3Rs** (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle).

Submit an **8 ½" x 11"** design - with a picture and slogan - and **YOU MAY WIN A PRIZE!**

Designs must be submitted by April 24th.

Visit middlesexcountynj.gov for more details.

RECYCLING IN SCHOOLS:

All schools must recycle! There should be bins for recycling paper in every class and a bin for bottles and cans in the cafeteria, lunchroom, or other appropriate locations.

Also, all schools must provide written notice to all students, teachers, and other staff on the recycling requirements at the beginning of each new school year.

If you need assistance in setting up a recycling program at your school, you may call your municipal recycling coordinator (see page 16), or the Division at 732-745-4170.

The Division has limited quantities of recycling bins available on a first come, first served basis. Call the Division at 732-745-4170 if you are interested in obtaining free recycling bins.

MIDDLE SCHOOL - ESSAY CONTEST

Middlesex County is sponsoring an Environmental Essay Contest. Students in grades 6-8 from both public and private schools throughout Middlesex County are invited to participate. Nine winners will be chosen, three from each grade. Below are the topics:

- **Sixth grade:** What are some common sources of marine debris? How can we prevent marine debris?
- **Seventh grade:** We all create a lot of garbage. What are some ways you and your family can reduce the amount of waste we make?
- **Eighth grade:** Discuss the problems plastic bags cause when they are put out with curbside recycling and the proper way to recycle them. How can we teach other residents about those proper recycling methods?

All entries are due by April 24th and will be judged by the Division of Solid Waste Management staff.

More details can be found at middlesexcountynj.gov.

SCHOOL LAB WASTE - GRANTS AVAILABLE!

Middlesex County is conducting a voluntary school chemical abatement and inspection initiative. This program affords all public and private Middlesex County high schools a free opportunity to have their chemistry labs inspected by trained staff to identify the storing, safeguarding and safekeeping of all chemicals utilized for educational purposes.

If chemicals are identified to be in need of disposal by the inspecting technician, the County, through grant funding, will provide up to \$625 per 9-12 grade level for disposal. Interested schools should contact the Bureau of Hazardous Materials at 732-316-7147.

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Municipal Contact Information

Town	Public Works Phone #	Recycling Phone #
Carteret	732-541-3881	732-541-3881
Cranbury	609-395-0900 x222	609-395-0900 x229
Dunellen	732-968-5455	732-968-5455
East Brunswick	732-390-6984	732-432-6011
Edison	732-248-7288	732-248-7288
Helmetta	732-521-4946	732-521-4946
Highland Park	732-247-9379	732-514-1277
Jamesburg	732-521-3335	732-521-3335
Metuchen	732-632-8519	732-632-8519
Middlesex	732-968-1603	732-356-7953
Milltown	732-828-2100 x182	732-828-2100 x135
Monroe	732-656-4575	732-656-4575
New Brunswick	732-745-5104	732-745-5059
North Brunswick	732-297-1134	732-297-1134
Old Bridge	732-721-5600 x6140	732-721-5600 x6107
Perth Amboy	732-826-2010	732-826-2010 x4204
Piscataway	732-562-2390	732-562-2390
Plainsboro	609-799-0099	609-799-0099
Sayreville	732-390-7042	732-390-7008
South Amboy	732-721-8100	732-721-8100
South Brunswick	732-329-4000 x7260	732-329-4000 x7274
South Plainfield	908-755-2187	908-226-7621
South River	732-257-9051	732-257-9051
Spotswood	732-251-0700 x822	732-251-0700 x822
Woodbridge	732-738-1311	732-738-1311 x3035

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Other Agencies' Contact Information:

Middlesex County Improvement Authority 1-609-655-5141 (Cranbury), 1-800-488-6242 (Recycling) www.mciauth.com

Middlesex County Utilities Authority 732-721-3800 (Main Office), 732-246-4313 (Landfill) www.mcua.com

Rutgers Cooperative Extension Service of Middlesex County 732-398-5260

Middlesex County Environmental Health Division 732-745-8480