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**RECYCLING
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MIDDLESEX COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

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Dear County Residents:

As Freeholder Chairperson of the Division of Solid Waste, I'm delighted to present the 23rd edition of Middlesex County's Recycling and Solid Waste Guide. Last year was a landmark year for our recycling programs, and we're planning to continue and expand our efforts in 2020 and beyond.

For six years in a row Middlesex County has been named the No. 1 county in New Jersey for high quality recycling services. I'm extremely proud of the great work done by our residents, businesses, and municipalities for this honor, but I want to single out the cooperative efforts of 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) for special praise and thanks.

We strive to provide the best of all possible programs for Middlesex County residents and our many local recycling and solid waste disposal services continue to run strong. We've broadened our reach when it comes to recyclables and are currently able to accept many items that residents have that their towns do not handle. Please visit the website at www.middlesexcountynj.gov/recycle to explore the weekly schedule and drop-off locations for the processing of specific materials, or download our free and easy app for more information.

If you have any questions, the friendly staff at the Solid Waste Management Division are available to assist you at any time. Please call 732-745-4170 or email us at solidwaste@co.middlesex.nj.us with any questions or comments. And be sure to sign up for our Recycling newsletter at middlesexcountynj.gov/recycleright.

As ever, I'm honored and thrilled to serve you as Freeholder Chairperson for the Division of Solid Waste and may our recycling success continue!

Gratefully,

Shanti Narayan

Freeholder Chair, Public Safety and Health Committee

Please download our free **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. Visit www.middlesexcountynj.gov/recycleright and sign up for our monthly emails.

Email addresses will remain private and not be sold.

WHAT AM I REQUIRED TO RECYCLE?

The following materials are picked up curbside or are to be placed at a multifamily drop-off, depending on the town:

- › Aluminum cans
- › Glass bottles and jars
- › Steel cans
- › Plastic bottles with #1 code or #2 code found on the bottom
Common examples of code #1 & #2 plastics include, but are not limited to: water, soda, milk, and juice bottles, laundry detergent and most toiletry bottles. Be sure to check for the recycling symbol on the bottom of your plastic containers. The number inside of the recycling symbol indicates the type of plastic.
- › Newspaper
- › Mixed paper (magazines, office paper, junk mail, cereal boxes)
- › Corrugated cardboard

The following materials also must be recycled, but are not part of your regular curbside recycling. Your municipality may have a separate curbside program for these materials or they may accept them at a drop-off center.

- › Leaves
- › Brush
- › Motor oil
- › Textiles
- › Masonry/paving materials (asphalt, block, brick, cinder and concrete)
- › Rechargeable batteries (Nickel Cadmium (Ni-Cd), Nickel Metal Hydride (Ni-MH), Lithium Ion (Li-ion) and Small Sealed Lead (Pb))
- › Tires
- › Computers, televisions, computer monitors, printers and fax machines
- › White goods (washers, dryers, ranges, refrigerators, air conditioners)

Contact your municipal recycling coordinator for more information on recycling these materials.

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



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 (middlesexcountynj.gov/recycle) 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.

FIND OUT HOW TO RECYCLE RIGHT

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ♦ NJ

Do you know what goes IN your Recycling BIN?

DO
Recycle



Plastic
Bottles, Jars & Jugs
coded with #1 & #2 only






Cans
aluminum and steel (tin) cans



Glass
Bottles & Jars
all sizes, shapes and colors



Mixed Paper
paper, newspaper, magazines, soft cover books, cereal boxes



Cardboard
corrugated boxes

DON'T
Put IN the
Recycling BIN



Plastic Bags
i.e: grocery, ziploc, garbage bags



Pots, pans, and small appliances



Shredded Paper



Greasy or food contaminated items



Film & Other Plastic
including codes #3 - #7



Dishware, glass, and mirrors



Styrofoam



Tanglers
i.e: garden hoses, electric cords



Syringes, batteries and bulbs

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 and around 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

Freehold Cartage

825 Highway 33, Freehold
732-462-1001 x7126

Mazza and Sons, Inc.

3230 Shafto Rd, Tinton Falls
732-922-9292

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/recycle 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 and Adopt-a-Highway 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 Bring reusable bags to supermarkets and other stores. Americans use billions of plastic bags a year and each bag is typically used for an average of only 12 minutes.

Skip the straw. The average American uses 1.6 straws each day. Bring a reusable straw if you need one or just do without.

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3 Bring a reusable water bottle. You will save money and the resources used to make that single use plastic bottle.

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.

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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 five 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.

EVERY FRIDAY 8 A.M. TO NOON

MONROE PUBLIC WORKS

76 Gravel Hill-Spotswood Rd., Monroe Township, NJ 08831

SOUTH PLAINFIELD RECYCLING CENTER

Kenneth Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080

EVERY SATURDAY 8 A.M. TO NOON

EAST BRUNSWICK RECYCLING CENTER

357 Dunhams Corner Rd., East Brunswick, NJ 08816

OLD BRIDGE PUBLIC WORKS (At Municipal Complex)

1 Old Bridge Plaza, Old Bridge, NJ 08857

WOODBIDGE 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 four locations located in the County. Automobile and light truck tires only — no oversized tires.



EAST BRUNSWICK RECYCLING CENTER

357 Dunhams Corner Rd.
 Monday – Friday 7:30 am - 3:30 pm
 Saturday 8 am - 4 pm

SAYREVILLE RECYCLING CENTER—FORT GRUMPY

3775 Bordentown Ave.
 Monday & Friday 7:30 am - 2:30 pm
 Saturday 7 am - Noon

PLAINSBORO CONSERVATION RECYCLING CENTER

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

WOODBIDGE PUBLIC WORKS

225 Smith St., Keasbey
 (beneath Parkway & Rt. 9 Bridges)
 Monday – Saturday am - 4 pm

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 Recycling Center 357 Dunhams Corner Rd.
2nd Saturday	Dunellen Public Works Yard 235 Hall St.	Public Works 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)

TEXTILE RECYCLING

Every resident and business in Middlesex County is required to recycle their textiles. We define textiles as clean, dry clothing or other fabric measuring at least one foot by one foot in size.

Where can I recycle my textiles?

Textiles should not be placed in your curbside recycling bin. Rather, you can use any of the donation boxes or pickup services located in and around Middlesex County. Visit our webpage at www.middlesexcountynj.gov/recycle for a list of companies if you cannot find an outlet.

A few tips:

- 1 - Make sure you're only donating items that the organization accepts. Read the list of acceptable items on the box and do not drop off items that they do not want.
- 2 - Clothing does not always need to be in perfect condition to be recycled. Textiles that cannot be reused in the same form can be sold to make other materials such as rags and carpet padding.

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)

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 (with some exceptions)

What NOT to Bring:

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



ELECTRONICS (E-WASTE) RECYCLING

The Middlesex County Division of Solid Waste Management is reminding residents that recycling of computers, computer monitors, televisions, printers and fax machines is required by State Law.

Most municipalities have a program for residentially generated consumer electronics. Please contact your local public works department for more information.

For residents of towns that do not offer a program, the NJDEP has compiled a list of locations that will accept your consumer electronics at no charge.

Two locations that are on that NJDEP list are:

- Staples stores (for printers, computers, computer monitors and fax machines only - no televisions)
- NewTech Recycling (for all covered electronic devices) 732-564-3110

You can also visit the New Jersey E-cycle Webpage at www.nj.gov/dep/dshw/ewaste/index.html or call 866-DEP-KNOW.

Please call the location ahead to confirm this service is ongoing and applicable.

LOCATION	DATE	TIME
Middlesex County College (Edison) 2600 Woodbridge Ave. (Mill Rd entrance)	Sunday, March 15	8:00 am - 2:00 pm
Middlesex County Public Works 97 Apple Orchard Lane, North Brunswick	Saturday, May 16	8:00 am - 2:00 pm
Old Bridge Department of Public Works 1 Old Bridge Municipal Plaza	Sunday, June 14	8:00 am - 2:00 pm
Woodbridge Department of Public Works 225 Smith St., Keasbey	Saturday, August 29	8:00 am - 2:00 pm
Middlesex County Vo-Tech 21 Suttons Lane, Piscataway	Saturday, October 17	8:00 am - 2:00 pm
Middlesex County College (Edison) 2600 Woodbridge Ave. (Mill Rd entrance)	Sunday, November 15	8:00 am - 2:00 pm

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 locations listed below.

All Paper Shredding events run from 9 am - 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.

** 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.*

EVENT/PROGRAM LOCATIONS

Saturday, March 21 Old Bridge Municipal Center Parking Lot, One Old Bridge Plaza (off Rt. 516) 08857

Friday, April 3 Veterans Park, Avenue K, Monroe 08831

Saturday, April 4 Metuchen Edgar School - Rear Parking Lot, Whitman and Lake Avenue 08840

Saturday, April 25 North Brunswick Babbage Park, Laurel Place 08902

Friday, May 8 Carteret Community Center, 100 Cooke Avenue 07008

Saturday, May 9 Sayreville Senior Center Parking Lot, 423 Main Street 08872

Friday, June 12 Middlesex Municipal Complex, 1200 Mountain Avenue 08846

Saturday, June 13 Woodbridge Department of Public Works, 225 Smith Street, Keasbey 08832

Saturday, June 27 South River Department of Public Works, 9 Ivan Way 08882

Friday, July 10 New Brunswick High School Parking Lot, 1000 Somerset Street (Rt. 27) 08901

Saturday, July 11 Papaiani Park, 100 Municipal Boulevard (in Municipal Complex) Edison 08817

Saturday, July 25 Spotswood High School Parking Lot, 105 Summerhill Road 08884

Saturday, August 8 Cranbury School, 23 North Main Street 08512

Friday, August 21 Highland Park Senior Center Parking Lot, 220 South 6th Avenue 08904

Saturday, August 22 South Amboy Middle/High School Parking Lot, 200 Gov. Harold G. Hoffman Plaza 08879

Friday, September 11 Thompson Park, Parking Lot near Manalapan Lake, Monroe/Jamesburg 08831

Saturday, September 12 South Brunswick Beech Woods Park, 137 Beekman Road 08852

Saturday, September 26 South Plainfield PAL Building/Recreation Center, 1250 Maple Avenue 07080

Saturday, October 10 Milltown American Legion Post 25 Parking Lot, 4 JF Kennedy Drive 08850

Saturday, October 24 Plainsboro Municipal Center, 641 Plainsboro Road 08536

Saturday, November 14 Piscataway Little League Complex, 491 Sidney Road 08854

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.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.

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

Penn Medicine Princeton Health
(Plainsboro)
609-853-6140

JFK Medical Center
Edison
732-321-7539

RWJ University Hospital Somerset
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.



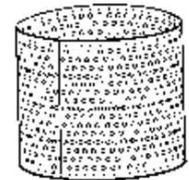
Vermicomposter
for indoor use

\$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 18 @ 10 a.m.

The workshop will be held at Rutgers
Cooperative Extension Service's
EARTH Center in Davison's Mill Pond Park
42 Riva Ave., South Brunswick
(use North Brunswick, 08902 for GPS directions)

Workshop will run approx. 2 hours

Fall Workshop:

November 7 (backyard)

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

WORKSHOP REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____

Address _____

Town _____

Phone _____

Workshop Date _____

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	_____
Vermicomposter	\$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!

Getting Ready for Spring with Low Input Perennials

Wednesday, March 18 > 6:30 pm

Before your garden center trip join us to review spring landscape chores with an emphasis on choosing the right plant for the right place.

4-H Breakfast with the Bunnies

Saturday, April 4 > 9 am or 11 am

4-H Youth Center 645 Cranbury Rd.
East Brunswick, NJ 08816
Call 732-398-5261 for reservations

Gardening in Small Spaces Workshop

Saturday, April 11 > 11 am

Featuring Square Foot and Container Gardening.

Garden workshops take place all season.
Text “Extension” to 56512 for invites.

4-H Yard Sale Fundraiser

Saturday, May 16 > (rain or shine)

4-H Center, 645 Cranbury Rd.
East Brunswick, NJ 08816
To become a vendor call 732-398-5261

Master Gardener’s Butterfly House Tours

June, July & August:

Saturdays & Sundays > 10:00 am - Noon

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

EARTH Center Garden & Music Festival

Saturday, August 15 (raindate Aug. 16)

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

Text “Extension” to 56512 for event invite
and updates.

Rutgers Master Gardener Class Orientation

Thursday, September 10 > Evening

Friday, September 11 > Morning

For more info contact
732-398-5278.

4-H Open House

Sunday, October 4 > 1-3 pm

4-H Youth Center, 645 Cranbury Rd.
East Brunswick, NJ 08816
Call 732-398-5261
Nurture a leader!
Get your child involved in 4-H.

Year-Round consult with the County’s Master Gardener Helpline 732-398-5220

Monday to Friday

October - March > 10 am - 12 Noon

April - September > 9 am - 12 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
Phone 732-398-5262

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). **To register for workshops and lectures call 732-398-5262.**

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 an expired extinguisher or old flare that no longer works?

- › These are accepted at our Household Hazardous Waste Days (see page 9) with some exceptions. Call (732) 745-4170 for details.

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 10) 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).

Have old books in good condition that you would like to donate?

- › Try your local library or if the library won't accept the books, visit services.betterworldbooks.com/individuals

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 or 1-609-655-5141. 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/recycle (Middlesex County's website)
- 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.njaes.rutgers.edu/extension (Rutgers Cooperative Extension)

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS COLORING CONTEST

Students in grades 4-5 are invited to design a poster showing how to Recycle Right.

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/recycle 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.

SKIP THE BAG

Please don't bag your recyclables.



Learn How to Recycle Right:
discovermiddlesex.com/recycleright



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Municipal Contact Information

Town	Public Works Phone #	Recycling Phone #
Carteret	732-541-3881	732-541-3835
Cranbury	609-664-3123	609-664-3129
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	732-632-8518
Middlesex	732-968-1603	732-356-7953
Milltown	732-828-2100 x182	732-828-2100 x136
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	908-226-7620
Spotswood	732-251-0700 x822	732-251-0700 x822
Woodbridge	732-738-1311 x3600	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