

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% of its solid waste. Middlesex County reached that 25% recycling goal in 1989.

In November of 1990, Governor James Florio accepted a report by the N.J. Solid Waste Task Force which called for a goal of 60% to be recycled by the end of 1995. Middlesex County adopted that goal in March of 1991.

To help meet this goal, Middlesex County, the Middlesex County Improvement Authority (MCIA) and our towns are working together to educate people about recycling and to encourage compliance with the law.

This brochure should answer most of your questions, however you may also call your municipal recycling coordinator or the county for more information.

Businesses, institutions, governments, industrial or commercial establishments are also required by law to recycle and should contact the County for the Business Guide.

## WHY RECYCLE ?

There are a number of reasons including:

**First**, and most obvious, it's the law.

**Second**, recycling saves valuable landfill space, which extends the life of New Jersey's dwindling landfill space and moves us towards disposal self-sufficiency.

**Third**, recycling conserves more than:  
90 % of the energy required to produce aluminum  
50 % of the energy required to produce glass

**Fourth**, every ton of recycled paper saves 17 trees.



## MANDATED RECYCLABLES

To comply with State, County and local laws, county residents must separate the following materials from their trash:  
(includes multi-family)

- Aluminum Containers (non-foil)
- Brush (tree parts not more than 5" in diameter)
- Corrugated Cardboard
- Electronics
- Glass Containers
- Leaves
- Masonry / Paving Materials
- Mixed Paper
- Motor Oil
- Newspapers
- Plastic Containers  
SPI Code #1 & #2 (PET and HDPE)
- Rechargeable Batteries
- Steel Cans
- Textiles
- Tires
- White Goods

## OTHER MATERIALS TO BE CONCERNED WITH

Depending upon the town in which you live, there are other recyclable materials that may be collected at the curbside or accepted at the town drop-off center. These materials may include:

- Car Batteries
- Grass Clippings
- Fluorescent Bulbs
- Metal Scrap
- Oil Filters
- Propane Tanks
- Plastic Film / Bags
- Wood Scrap



Call your municipal recycling office for specific information on your local program.



## DEFINITIONS

**Mixed Paper** - glossy inserts, magazines, telephone books, junk mail, colored paper, computer paper, office paper, paperboard (chipboard and pressboard), non-metallic wrapping paper, soft cover books, hard cover books with covers removed and fine paper.

**Masonry/Paving Material** - 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).

**Textiles** - Fabric at least one square foot

**Tires** - rubber-based scrap automotive, truck, and equipment tires.

**White Goods/Appliances** - washers, dryers, ranges, refrigerators, air conditioners. Note: all devices that contain CFC's must be properly evacuated by licensed individuals and all CFC's recovered must be sent to an EPA approved reclaimer.

### **Electronics**

As of January 1, 2011, consumer electronics are no longer allowed to be disposed of with your garbage. This law only applies to the following items: personal computers including both desktop and laptop, computer monitors, and televisions.



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Municipal Recycling Coordinators

Town	Recycling Phone #
Carteret	732-541-3881
Cranbury	609-395-0900 x222
Dunellen	732-968-5455
East Brunswick	732-390-6984
Edison	732-248-7300
Helmetta	732-521-4946
Highland Park	732-514-1277
Jamesburg	732-521-3335
Metuchen	732-632-8519
Middlesex	732-356-7953
Milltown	732-828-2100 x150
Monroe	732-656-4575
New Brunswick	732-745-5059
North Brunswick	732-297-1134
Old Bridge	732-721-5600 x6107
Perth Amboy	732-826-2010
Piscataway	732-562-2390
Plainsboro	609-799-0099
Sayreville	732-390-7008
South Amboy	732-721-5793
South Brunswick	732-329-4000 x7274
South Plainfield	908-226-7621
South River	732-257-9051
Spotswood	732-251-0700 x822
Woodbridge	732-738-1311 x3049
M C I A Recycling Hotline	1-800-488-6242

Middlesex County Dept. of Public Safety & Health  
 Division of Solid Waste Management  
 711 Jersey Ave.

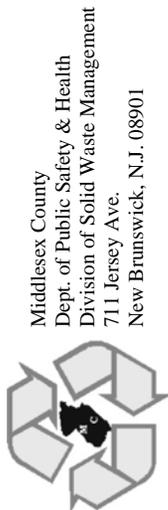
New Brunswick, NJ 08901  
 732-745-4170 (phone) 732-745-3010 (fax)  
 solidwaste@co.middlesex.nj.us

<http://co.middlesex.nj.us/planningboard/solidwaste.asp>  
 Middlesex County Environmental Health Division  
 732-745-8492

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 TO  
 PRESERVE TOMORROW

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