

MIDDLESEX COUNTY MEANS RECYCLE

MAINTAIN OUR LEADERSHIP AS THE TOP RECYCLING COUNTY



IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU KNOW WHAT CAN AND CANNOT BE RECYCLED IN YOUR MUNICIPALITY

- **PLASTIC BOTTLES WITH #1 CODE OR #2 CODE FOUND ON THE BOTTOM**
- ALUMINUM CANS
- GLASS BOTTLES AND JARS
- STEEL CANS
- NEWSPAPER
- MIXED PAPER (MAGAZINES, OFFICE PAPER, JUNK MAIL, CEREAL BOXES)
- CORRUGATED CARDBOARD (FLATTENED)



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Be a Better Recycler with Recycle Coach™

Personalized Calendar Reminders
Stop the Guessing
Help WHe You Need It

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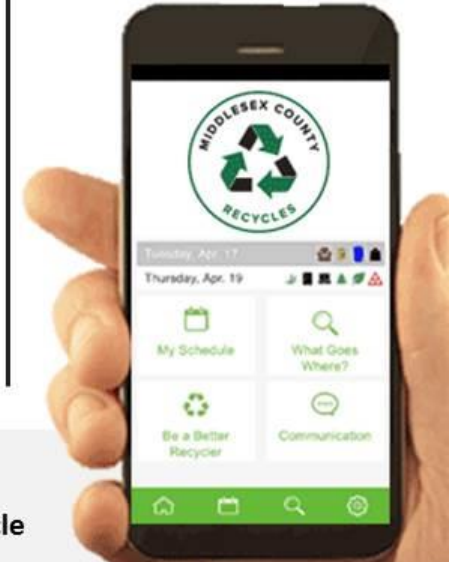
RECYCLING RATE
(NJDEP, 2015)

Highest County in
New Jersey for 8th Time

These common items are
considered **CONTAMINATION**

Remember to Rinse & Empty
All Containers

- NO GROCERY BAGS
- NO STYROFORM
- NO DIRTY PIZZA BOXES
- NO SHREDDED PAPER
- NO MIRRORS, LIGHTBULBS
- NO WAXED CUPS OR TAKEOUT CONTAINERS



www.mciauth.com - www.middlesexcountynj.gov/recycle

MCIA **ACCEPTABLE** RECYCLING



**PLASTICS
#1 OR #2 ONLY**



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CHECK THE BOTTOM OF THE PLASTIC FOR THE RECYCLING NUMBER TO CONFIRM

RINSED & EMPTIED

**DO NOT USE
PLASTIC BAGS!**

**ALUMINUM/STEEL CANS &
GLASS BOTTLE**



RINSED & EMPTIED

MIXED PAPER



PAPER, NEWSPAPER, MAGAZINE,
JUNK MAIL, CATALOGS

CORRUGATED CARDBOARD



CLEAN

CEREAL BOXES, CLEAN PIZZA BOXES

FLATTEN & BUNDLE CARBOARD
SIZE LIMIT: 48" X 48" X 12"

**"WHEN IN DOUBT,
THROW IT OUT!"**

MCIA **NOT ACCEPTABLE** RECYCLING



Consolidated list of contaminated items provided by Solterra.
Placing these items in recycling will cause all of the resident's recycling to be **SKIPPED**.

CONTAMINATION LIST

EMPTY & RINSE ALL CONTAINERS – OR IT WILL NOT BE PICKED UP

- PLASTIC GROCERY BAGS
- PLASTIC LIDS OR CAPS
- HARDBACK BOOKS
- SCRAP METAL
- PLASTIC 6-PACK HOLDER
- SHREDDED PAPER
- PAPER REAM WRAPPER
- FROZEN FOOD OR ICE CREAM CONTAINER
- MIRRORS, CERAMICS OR PYREX®
- LIGHT BULBS, PLATES, OR VASES
- ELECTRICAL WIRES



- DRINKING GLASSES OR WINDOW GLASS
- HAZARDOUS OR BIOHAZARDOUS WASTE
- TISSUES, PAPER TOWELS OR NAPKINS
- WAXED PAPER OR CARDBOARD
- STICKERS OR ADDRESS LABEL SHEETS
- STYROFOAM® OR PAPER TO-GO CONTAINERS
- GARDEN HOSES
- NO WAXED CARDBOARD CONTAINERS

MCIA **BEST PRACTICES** FOR RECYCLING



RECYCLE RIGHT...

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

RECYCLE PLASTIC BAG 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.

E-WASTE REFERS TO ITEMS SUCH AS PRINTERS, LAPTOPS, MONITORS, COMPUTERS & TELEVISIONS



Locate your nearest drop-off site on our website and remember to call ahead to confirm this service is ongoing and applicable.

DONATE CLOTHING AT ONE OF THE MANY CLOTHING DROP-OFF LOCATIONS IN YOUR COMMUNITY



Clothing will not be accepted in your regular curbside pickup. Consider donating clothing to a community drop-off bin for reuse.

Recycle Coach™

Whether it's remembering to take out the recycling or figuring out what you can and can't recycle, Recycle Coach has you covered. Recycle Coach worries about your recycling so you don't have to.

No More Missed Recycling Days
Stop the Guessing
Help When You Need It

Can be accessed through the Smartphone App
or the Middlesex County Website



Stop the Guessing
Enter in the description of the item
and determine if it's recyclable
within Middlesex County



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