ACCEPTED RECYCLABLE ITEMS

NEWSPAPER & MIXED PAPER

Newspaper, magazines, catalogs, junk mail, brown paper bags, nonmetallic wrapping paper, plastic folders, receipts, telephone books, softcover books, hardcover books, greeting cards, paperboard, such as non-wax-coated food and cereal boxes, pizza boxes, tissue boxes, shoe boxes and gift boxes.

If you have more newspaper and mixed paper than you can fit in your container, place the overedge brown paper grocery bags (not plastic grocery bags). Additional newspaper may be bundled, tied and placed next to your container.

CANS, BOTTLES AND PLASTIC

Commingled Recyclables

Place metal cans, glass and plastic bottles in an appropriate container. Any overedge can be placed in your own unlidded plastic or metal container (no larger than 32 gallons in capacity or exceeding 50 pounds in weight). Please do not overedge containers.

Metal: Tin, steel, aluminum and bimetal cans (such as soda, beer, canned pet food, soup and tuna cans). Rinse the cans and crush them to maximize capacity. We take the lids too.

Glass: Glass bottles and jars of all colors (such as juice, soda, beer and liquor bottles, mayonnaise and spaghetti sauce jars). Rinse the bottles and jars. Remove and dispose of lids.

Plastic: #1 PETE and #2 HDPE containers (such as milk and juice jugs, water bottles, laundry detergent, shampoo and soap bottles). Check the bottom of the container to make sure the plastic is either #1 PETE or #2 HDPE. Rinse the containers and crush them to maximize capacity. Remove and dispose of caps.

CANS, BOTTLES AND PLASTIC

NOT ACCEPTED!

- drinking glasses
- window glass
- mirrors
- Pyrex® glassware
- light bulbs
- plastic toys
- plastic packaging
- aluminum foil
- gardening or garage plastics
- polystyrene or Styrofoam™ (such as plastic cups or food trays)

CARDBOARD/PAPERBOARD

Corrugated cardboard, layered cardboard with a center that is shaped into ridges, folds or grooves (such as shipping boxes and the packaging for most appliances or larger household items). Flatten, bundle and securely tie the cardboard and tie the sheets into stacks no larger than 48 inches square and 12 inches high. These items may be placed next to recycling containers.

NOT ACCEPTED!

- Cardboard in plastic bags
- Cardboard in bundles larger than 48 inches square
- Cardboard in plastic bags

E-CYCLING

By law, most consumer electronics, including personal computers (desktops and laptops), monitors and televisions are not allowed in the trash. Check with your municipality’s Department of Public Works to inquire if they maintain a recycling drop-off location. Additionally, for all items, please check your website for additional drop-off locations. Municipal recycling schedules are available at www.mciauth.com.

RECYCLING SERVICE INFORMATION

(800) 488-42 (MCIA)

Municipal recycling schedules available at www.mciauth.com

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FRIDAYS – ZONE 2 AND 5

ZONE 2: Bordered by Helmetta and Spotswood on the north; Monmouth Road on the east; Pergola and Machapuchre Avenues on the south and Old Forge Road on the west.

ZONE 5: Bordered by Cranbury Station Road and Union Valley Road on the north; Dibrow Hill Road and Millstone Road on the south and Windsor, Wyco Mills Road and Halsey Reed Road on the west.

*July 4th changed to July 7.

THURSDAYS - ZONE 1 AND 4: Bordered by Erickson Road on the north; Machapuchre Brook on the east; Manalapan and Route 33 on the south and Penninville Road on the west.

WEATHER EMERGENCIES

Check with the recycling department at (732) 656-4575 to see if changes in collection schedules due to weather emergencies or other emergency situations. You may also check for changes on the website at www.mciauth.com.

SCHOOL BOOK RECYCLING

Students throughout the County are getting hands-on recycling education with the introduction of a book recycling program, sponsored by the MCIA and the County. Outdated hardcover and softcover books that can no longer be used, sold or given away are being recycled in this program. Students remove the hardcovers from the books then return the rewards. The recycling processor pays for each ton recycled. This program is not for residential use.

MUNICIPAL PROGRAMS

Please refer to your municipal contacts for information on consumer electronics and yard waste disposal. For further details on consumer electronics drop-off sites, contact the Department of Environmental Protection at 1-866-337-6699 or at www.state.nj.us/dep.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

The Middlesex County Improvement Authority’s Program collects recyclables in single-stream fashion. Now all curbside recyclable items, such as bottles, cans, paper and small cardboard can be mixed together in a single recycling container as long as they are kept separate from trash.

CURBSIDE COLLECTION SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAYS - ZONE 3: Bordered by Helmetta, East Brunswick and South Brunswick on the north; Old Forge Road and Penninville Road on the east; Cranbury Station Road and Union Valley Road on the south and South Brunswick and Cranbury on the west.

January
3 * 7 * 11
February
14 * 28
March
14 * 28
April
11 * 25
May
9 * 23
June
6 * 20

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

(732) 656-475
Wayne D. Horbart, CPWM, Monroe Director of Recycling
Recycling Hotline: (800) 488-142 MCIA for curbside recycling collection, service matters & general information.

LEAVES, BRUSH & GRASS

LEAVES placed in brown recycling bags only will be collected curbside from April 2 through December 7.

BRUSH is collected curbside only. Tree parts must be no more than 5 inches in diameter and must be cut and tied with string or cord into lengths no longer than 4 feet. Brush will be collected from April 2 through November 2.

GRASS placed in brown recycling bags will be collected curbside from April 2 through November 2. Grass in plastic bags or containers will not be picked up.

*S Hurt recycling bags can be picked up at the Monroe Recycling Dep. on the day of your scheduled collection. These bags can be collected curbside from April 2 through November 2.

SPECIAL ITEMS

MULTICITY RECYCLING GROUP PAPER CENTER, located at 76 Gravel Hill-Spotswood Road, accepts newspapers tied in bundles, mixed paper, cardboard, glass bottles, aluminum cans, plastic beverage cans, #1 PET and #2 HDPE, plastic containers, motor oil, antifreeze, auto batteries, scrap metal and broken outboard consumer electronic items, which are limited to televisions, computers and monitors. The hours of operation are Monday – Friday, 7 a.m. – 3 p.m. and Saturday, 8 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. It is closed Sundays and holidays. Please note recyclables must be separated prior to drop-off.

BULK WASTE ITEMS: such as appliances and furniture, propane tanks (barbecue type), freezers and refrigerators (doors must be removed per state law) may be brought to the Department of Public Works yard, located at 76 Gravel Hill-Spotswood Road. Residents are entitled to one bulk pickup per year. The hours of operation are Monday – Friday, 7 a.m. – 3 p.m. and Saturday, 8 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED: hazardous materials, chemicals, paint, paint-related materials, driveway sealers, pesticides, tires, utility poles, railroad ties, construction materials, tree stumps, soil, dirt, stones, food, concrete, asphalt, bricks, pallets, asbestos, cardboard or computers. Unsuitable items are in violation of Chapter 63 of the Monroe Township Code.

CLEAN-UP PROGRAMS: will be scheduled this year from April 2 through November 2. Bulk waste cannot be mixed with garbage and must be no larger than a large pickup truckload. Bulk should be placed curbside no sooner than one day before collection. Lumber must be cut, tied and nails must be removed or bent over. Residents should wrap mattresses in plastic bags prior to collection. Bulk pick-ups are scheduled by appointment on Wednesdays and Thursdays only. Residents can cancel scheduled pickup only once. Additionally, we do not book ahead of the date we are scheduling.

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED: cardboard, corrugated recyclables, hazardous materials, chemicals, paint, paint-related materials, driveway sealers, pesticides, tires, utility poles, railroad ties, construction materials, tree stumps, soil, dirt, stones, food, concrete, asphalt, bricks, pallets or asbestos. Banned items are in violation of Chapter 63 of the Monroe Township Code.

TIRE RECYCLING: Residents should use the East Brunswick Recycling Center, located at 307 Dunhams Corner Road, Hours are Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Closed Sundays and Holidays.

PAINT RECYCLING: Starting January 1, Monroe’s Recycling Center is accepting paint every third Saturday from 9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

CUSTOMER SERVICE REQUESTS

To determine the cause of a service interruption or missed pick-up, please note whether:
• It’s your municipality’s day and/or week
• Your entire street’s recycling has been collected
• A container no longer than 32 gallon has been used
• Any unsupplied items are mixed within your recycling
• Your recycling was placed in plastic bags, which are not permitted
• If you still have a concern, comment or question regarding your recycling pick-up, please send an email to mcricycling@mciauth.com, making sure to leave a name, address and telephone number in the body of the message so that a representative may contact you at their earliest availability.

WHAT IS MY COLLECTION DAY FALLS ON A HOLIDAY?

If your collection day falls on any of these holidays - New Year’s Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving or Christmas - collection is rescheduled for the following day. Check your municipal collection schedule in this brochure for specific dates.

Recycling collection is not affected by municipal public works holidays such as Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Lincoln’s Birthday, Presidents’ Day, Good Friday, Columbus Day, Election Day or Veterans Day. Recycling collections will take place on those days.

WHAT DO THE STICKERS ON MY RECYCLABLE ITEMS MEAN?

These are rejection stickers. The most common reasons for rejection are:
• Trash mixed in with recyclables
• Containers larger than 32 gallons
• Recyclables in plastic bags
• Cardboard not properly prepared

Only recyclables that are properly prepared will be collected.

WHAT IF MY RECYCLABLES WERE NOT COLLECTED?

If your recyclables were should curbside the night before your scheduled pick-up or by 6 a.m. on the day of the pick-up. Collection times are subject to change, and all material must be ready for pick-up by 6 a.m.

If your recyclables were out at the curb on time and were not collected, leave the recycling at the curb and contact us within 24 hours. If you delay contacting us, your recyclables may not be picked up until your next collection date.

Keep in mind to check our website at www.mciauth.com, under the Recycling Division’s Customer Notification page, for updates, instructions or information on service interruptions.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

As part of our commitment to protect the environment and promote good recycling practices, the MCIA Education Department is offering recycling presentations to schools, civic and business organizations, senior groups and more.

We now have the latest version of M.C. Blue, the County’s fully recyclable robot. Accompanied by an MCIA representative, M.C. Blue is the star of the recycling programs. He has both audio and video capabilities and his presentations are entertaining, as well as educational.

**Planet Beauty**
pre-K to grade 2

*Recycle It* or *Not* pre-K to grade 2 or grades 3-6

*Recycling Trivia Challenge* grades 3-6 or adult

*Scribble Show & Tell* grade 3 - adult

*Energy: Less is More* high school and adult

Bookings are on a first-come, first-served basis. For information and reservations, call the MCIA Education Office at 609-409-5033 or email jaj@mciauth.com.

COUNTY PROGRAMS

Please refer to the MCIA brochure at 1-866-337-6699 or visit the website at www.mciauth.com for more information on:

* Household Hazardous Waste* - Recycle Drop C

* Compost Bins* - Compost Bin C

* Tire Disposal* - Tire Disposal C