

# RECYCLING SERVICE INFORMATION

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Municipal recycling schedules available at  
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## DUNELLEN Curbside Collection Schedule Inside!



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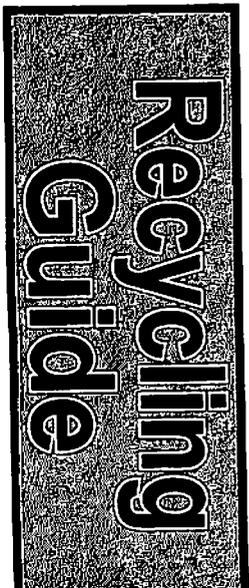
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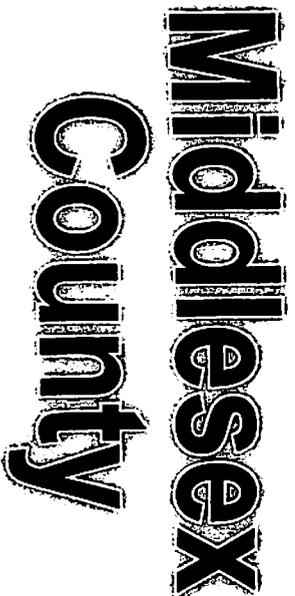
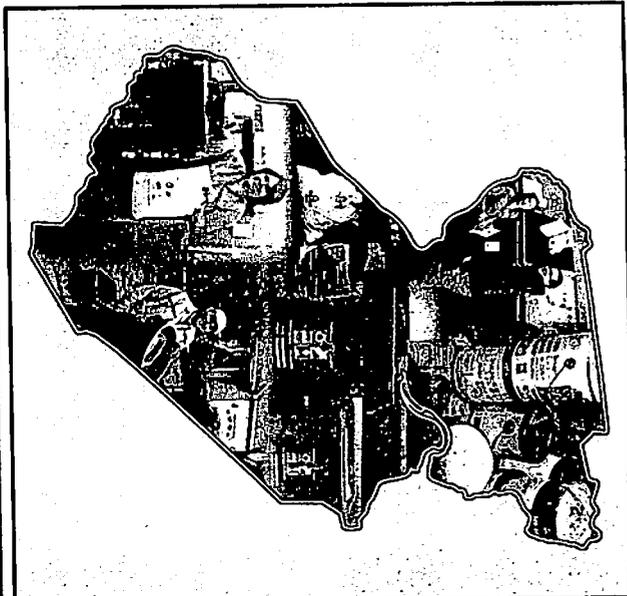
\*\*\*The 2015 pick-up schedule for January, February and March will be made available exclusively on the MCIA website [www.mciauth.com](http://www.mciauth.com).\*\*\*

PROPERTY OWNERS: PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR TENANTS RECEIVE THIS IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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# 2014



## CURBSIDE COLLECTION SCHEDULE

### WEDNESDAYS

January	4 • 15 • 29	July	2 • 16 • 30
February	12 • 26	August	13 • 27
March	12 • 26	September	10 • 24
April	9 • 23	October	8 • 22
May	7 • 21	November	5 • 19
June	4 • 18	December	3 • 17 • 31

### \*Holiday Pick-up Date Changes

New Year's Day: January 1 changed to January 4.

### HOLIDAYS

Recycling collection holidays for 2014: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas. If your collection day falls on any of these holidays, collection is rescheduled for the following Saturday.

**NOTE:** Municipal Public Works holidays do NOT affect the recycling collection schedule.

thank you  
for your commitment to  
recycling and for helping to  
make Middlesex County a  
New Jersey recycling leader.



## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

(732) 968-5455

Dunellen Recycling Coordinator & Department of Public Works

Recycling Hotline: (800) 488-MCIA (6242)

Curbside Recycling Collection, Service Matters & Information

## WEATHER EMERGENCIES

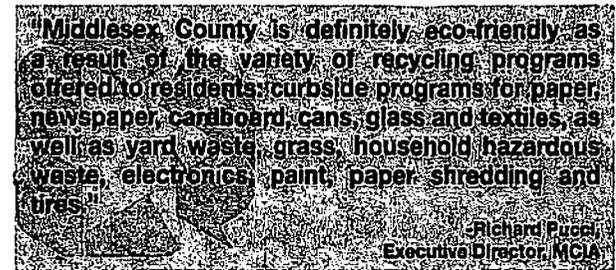
Changes in collection schedules due to weather emergencies or other emergency situations will be announced on the following radio stations: WCTC (1450 AM) and WMGQ (98.3 FM). You may also check for changes on the website at [www.mciauth.com](http://www.mciauth.com) or by calling (800) 488-MCIA (6242) for specific information.

## LEAVES, BRUSH & GRASS

**LEAVES** will be collected weekly, October – December and April – May. Leaves must be bagged in the paper leaf bags that were provided to you by the Borough and then placed curbside. No other method can be used or the leaves will not be collected. Paper leaf bags are available at the Borough Garage, Recycling Center, during normal business hours or on Wednesday evenings at the Library from October 1 – November 19 (limit: 20 bags per resident).

**TREE LIMBS** will be collected only during the months of March, April and September. Limbs should not be more than 6 inches in diameter and should be in bundles no longer than 4 feet in length. Limbs, logs and roots can be dropped off at the Recycling Drop-off Center year-round. **ROOTS MUST BE FREE OF DIRT.**

**CLIPPINGS, YARD WASTE AND GRASS** must be brought to the Recycling Drop-off Center either loose or bagged in paper or plastic. Residents must empty grass clippings that are in plastic bags into the specified Dumpster™. Residents may keep plastic bags for reuse or place them in the separate trash container.



## SPECIAL ITEMS

**DUNELLEN'S RECYCLING DROP-OFF CENTER** is located at the Department of Public Works facility on Hall Street. The hours of operation are 8 a.m. - 2 p.m., Monday through Saturday. It is closed on Sundays and holidays. All items collected curbside are accepted, as well as white goods/appliances, scrap metal, auto motor oil, hardcover books and rigid plastics. Also accepted are leaves and grass (bagged in paper bags or loose) and brush. Tires are not accepted.

**METAL/WHITE GOODS/APPLIANCES** are collected curbside by appointment only on the third Wednesday of the month. Refrigerators and air conditioners are accepted. Call (732) 968-5455 to arrange for a pick-up.

## 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 reap the rewards. The recycling processor pays for each ton recycled. This program is not for residential use.

## PAPER SHREDDING

Middlesex County residents are invited to recycle old documents and confidential files safely and securely at mobile shredding events scheduled throughout the year. Bring old files, receipts, bills, financial statements and any documents that have not been recycled due to confidentiality concerns and watch them get shredded on-site. Call the County Division of Solid Waste Management at (732) 745-4170 for dates and locations.

# 2014 RECYCLING GUIDE AND CURBSIDE COLLECTION GUIDE

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## CURBSIDE COLLECTION

### CONTAINERS

Containers used for the MCIA's program include:

- A rectangular blue container with lid for newspaper and mixed paper
- A round blue container for commingled recyclables (cans, bottles and plastic containers)

Write your name and address on the containers. Place your recyclables in the proper containers and put the containers out on the curb before 6 a.m. on your collection day.

Collection times are subject to change, and all materials must be ready for pick-up by 6 a.m.

### NOT ACCEPTED!

- Recyclables in plastic bags
- Recyclables in containers not at the curb, such as those left near the house, garage or at the top of the driveway

If you have more newspaper and mixed paper than you can fit in your rectangular container, place the overflow in brown paper grocery bags (not plastic grocery bags).

**Replacement Containers:** If your containers are lost, stolen or broken, replacement containers can be purchased from your municipal recycling coordinator. The phone number is listed in the municipal section of this brochure. We sell these containers to your municipality at the same price we pay the manufacturer.

**New Residents:** Contact your municipal recycling coordinator within three months of moving in to obtain free containers. Contact numbers can be found in the municipal section of this brochure.

## NEWSPAPER AND MIXED PAPER

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

Place newspaper and mixed paper in the blue rectangular bin. Close the lid tightly when you leave the bin at the curb.

### NOT ACCEPTED!

- Newspaper and mixed paper in plastic bags or paper leaf bags

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### WHAT IF 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 Saturday. 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. Collections will take place on those days.

### WHAT DO THE BRIGHT ORANGE OR BRIGHT GREEN 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 sorted and prepared will be collected.

### WHAT IF MY RECYCLABLES WERE NOT COLLECTED?

Your recyclables should be placed 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, call us within 24 hours. If you delay calling, your recyclables may not be picked up until your next collection date.

### WILL BAD WEATHER AFFECT MY PICK-UP?

Collections are rarely canceled due to weather conditions. However, if extremely severe weather conditions exist, please refer to our website at [www.mciauth.com](http://www.mciauth.com) or call 800-488-MCIA (6242) to find out if collections will take place as scheduled. For safety purposes, if snow or ice conditions exist and collections are made, please ensure your collection containers are visible and easily accessible.

On windy and rainy days, make sure the lid on the mixed-paper (rectangular) container is secure. In your commingled recyclables (round) container, place the heavier items, such as glass bottles and jars, on the top of the pile so that the aluminum cans and plastic bottles won't blow away.

## PAINT DROP-OFF

Middlesex County has established permanent paint drop-off sites, where paint and paint-related products are collected and disposed of. The program was created by the MCIA, the County Division of Solid Waste Management, the Solid Waste Advisory Council and the Board of Chosen Freeholders. Proof of County residency is requested during drop-offs, which run from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. (noon) at each site.

**Items Accepted:** Latex, water and oil-based paint, stains, varnishes, lacquers, thinners, paint in aerosol spray cans.

### PAINT DROP-OFF SITES are listed below:

Please contact the Middlesex County Division of Solid Waste Management at 732-745-4170 or visit their web site <http://co.middlesex.nj.us/planningboard/solidwaste.asp> for information and directions.

**1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the Month**  
Middlesex Borough Recycling Center  
1200 Mountain Avenue

East Brunswick Reclamation Center  
357 Dunhams Corner Road

**2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the Month**  
Dunellen Public Works  
235 Hall Street

New Brunswick Public Works  
400 Jersey Avenue

Old Bridge Public Works  
1 Old Bridge Plaza, Municipal Center

**3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the Month**  
South Plainfield Recycling Center  
Kenneth Avenue

Helmetta Borough Hall  
51 Main Street

**4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the Month**  
Woodbridge Public Works Department  
225 Smith Street, Keasbey

South Brunswick Recycling Center  
540 Ridge Road, Monmouth Junction

## CARDBOARD/PAPER BAGS

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 the cardboard and tie the sheets into stacks no larger than 24 inches square and 24 inches high.

### ⊙ NOT ACCEPTED!

- Cardboard in bundles larger than 24 inches square
- Cardboard in plastic bags

*NOTE: The maximum number of recycling bundles of cardboard and/or paper bags of mixed paper that the collector will pick up from individual households, each collection, is six (6).*

## CANS, BOTTLES AND PLASTIC

### COMMINGLED RECYCLABLES

Place metal cans, glass and plastic bottles in the round, blue container provided by the MCIA. Any overflow can be placed in your own unlidded plastic or metal container (no larger than 32 gallons in capacity). Please do not overfill 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 soda 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.

### ⊙ 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)

## TEXTILES

Clean, dry clothing or fabric larger than 12 square inches and other recyclable textiles such as shoes, belts and handbags.

Place the clothing or fabric in the textile bag. Close the bag securely and leave it at the curb with your other recyclables. Call or e-mail us if you need an additional bag.

### ⊙ NOT ACCEPTED!

- comforters
- pillows
- rugs

## KEEP IN MIND!

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

We now have the latest version of M.C. Blue, the nation'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.

### Offerings:

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| “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            |
| “Recycling Show & Tell”      | grade 3 - adult                |
| “Energy: Less is More”       | grades 3-6                     |
| “Recycling & the Landfill”   | high school and adult          |

Bookings are on a first-come, first-serve basis. For information and reservations, call the MCIA Education Office at 609-409-5033 or e-mail ja@mciauth.com

## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

### (HHW) DROP-OFF DATES:

- Five household hazardous waste drop-off events will be held in 2014 at various locations. **HHW DROP-OFF IS FREE!**

### RULES:

- Middlesex County residents only (proof of County residency may be requested)
- Residential waste only. No waste from commercial or industrial sources
- No containers larger than 10 gallons
- Leave HHW materials in their original containers whenever possible. If materials are not in their original containers, label the container to indicate contents

### Items accepted include (but are not limited to):

adhesives, aerosol cans, antifreeze, car batteries, household batteries (rechargeable and button cell ONLY), brake fluid, drain cleaner, driveway sealer, fluorescent light bulbs (no broken bulbs, please), gas/oil mix, herbicides, kerosene, lighter fluid, mercury thermometers, motor oil, oil filters, oven cleaner, pesticides, petroleum lubricants, photographic chemicals, pool chemicals, propane tanks and transmission fluid.

### 2014 TENTATIVE HHW DROP-OFF DATES & LOCATIONS:

**Sunday, March 16, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.**  
**Sunday, November 16, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.**  
Middlesex County College • Woodbridge Avenue and Mill Road (entrance on Mill Road), Edison

**Saturday, May 17, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.**  
Middlesex County Highways Department • Apple Orchard Lane, North Brunswick

**Sunday, July 20, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.**  
Old Bridge Public Works Department • Old Bridge Municipal Complex, Rt. 516, Old Bridge

**Saturday, September 20, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.**  
Woodbridge Public Works Department • 225 Smith Street, Keasbey

### Dates are subject to change:

Contact the Middlesex County Division of Solid Waste Management at 732-745-4170 or e-mail [solidwaste@co.middlesex.nj.us](mailto:solidwaste@co.middlesex.nj.us).

## KEEP IN MIND!

The Middlesex County Division of Solid Waste Management hosts other recycling programs including:

- Tire (automotive and light-truck) drop-off sites
- Paper shredding events of old records, confidential documents and related paperwork

Call 732-745-4170, e-mail [solidwaste@co.middlesex.nj.us](mailto:solidwaste@co.middlesex.nj.us) or visit <http://co.middlesex.nj.us/planningboard/solidwaste.asp> for information.

## COMPOST BINS

Composting is a natural process by which grass clippings, yard waste and even kitchen scraps break down or decompose to form a rich soil-like substance to fertilize or condition soil.

Bins can only be purchased on the first and third Wednesday of each month, between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., at the MCIA Recycling Division, 55 Edgeboro Road, East Brunswick.

Four types of bins are available, ranging in price from \$20 to \$50. A free kitchen pail and composting guide are included with each purchase.

Please contact the Middlesex County Division of Solid Waste Management, 732-745-4170 or e-mail [solidwaste@co.middlesex.nj.us](mailto:solidwaste@co.middlesex.nj.us), for location details or additional information on the bins.

For information on composting: Call the Rutgers Cooperative Research Extension Master Gardener Helpline at 732-398-5220 or visit [www.rce.rutgers.edu](http://www.rce.rutgers.edu).

## CONSUMER ELECTRONICS

By law, most consumer electronics are not allowed in the trash. Personal computers (desktop and laptop), monitors, keyboards, scanners, modems, printers, cables and televisions are accepted for recycling at Sims Recycling Solutions, Inc., 401 Mill Road, Edison. The service is free to Middlesex County residents, and proof of residency is required.

Dates: First Saturday of each month, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Third Monday of each month, 12 p.m. (noon) - 4 p.m.

Closed some holiday weekends.

Additionally, check with your local Department of Public Works for possible municipal drop-off sites.

Call the Middlesex County Division of Solid Waste Management 732-745-4170 for more information and to confirm.

## YARD WASTE

Most Middlesex County municipalities participate in the Yard Waste program, which collects leaves, grass clippings and brush less than 5 inches in diameter. Call your municipality to ask which materials are collected and recycled and the method of collection (curbside or bringing them to a central location).