



# 2024 RECYCLING AND SOLID WASTE GUIDE





Dear County Residents:

As County Commissioner overseeing Solid Waste Management, I'm pleased to present the 27th edition of Middlesex County's Recycling and Solid Waste Guide.

I'm extremely proud of the great work done by our residents, businesses, and municipalities and the cooperative efforts of Solid Waste Management, the Division of Environmental Health, the Solid Waste Advisory Council (SWAC), the Middlesex County Improvement Authority (MCIA), and the Middlesex County Utilities Authority (MCUA).

In 2024, we will be continuing our efforts toward education on how to reduce food waste and recycle right. This includes focusing on our Get Food Smart campaign, which offers tips regarding how best to reduce, reuse, and recycle food items in order to decrease the amount of food waste. As a reminder, residents should download the Recycle Coach app to stay on top of their solid waste and recycling with a personalized collection schedule, custom pickup reminders, and an easy-to-use "What Goes Where?" search tool. Information on both these initiatives can be found in this Guide.

We strive to provide the best programs for Middlesex County residents. Please visit [middlesexcountynj.gov/recycle](http://middlesexcountynj.gov/recycle) to explore the various events, programs, and education we offer.

We've made improvements to this guide for 2024 and hope you will find the information valuable. If you would like additional copies, please contact the Solid Waste Management office at **732-745-4170**.

Also, if you have any questions the staff of Solid Waste Management is available to assist you. Please call **732-745-4170** or email us at [solidwaste@co.middlesex.nj.us](mailto:solidwaste@co.middlesex.nj.us) with any questions or comments. Be sure to sign up for our monthly recycling email at [discovermiddlesex.com/recycle](http://discovermiddlesex.com/recycle).

As ever, I'm honored to serve you as County Commissioner overseeing Solid Waste Management, and may our recycling success continue!

Gratefully,

*Shanti Narra*

Shanti Narra  
County Commissioner Deputy Director  
Chairperson, Public Safety & Health



Use the free **Recycle Coach** app.

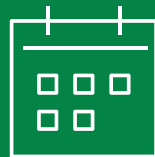
Get reminders of your collection days, County and partner organizations' events, and learn how to recycle or dispose of your items.

Download the app for your mobile device: [RecycleCoach.com](http://RecycleCoach.com)

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**VISIT:**  
[middlesexcountynj.gov/recycle](http://middlesexcountynj.gov/recycle)  
and sign up for  
our monthly emails.



# CLEAN COMMUNITIES PROGRAM

The New Jersey Clean Communities Council (NJCCC) 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.

The NJCCC program takes a three-pronged approach to solving the litter problem: Cleanups, Education, and Enforcement. Visit [njclean.org](http://njclean.org) to learn about the many programs it sponsors, including the Adopt-a-Beach and Adopt-a-Highway programs.

The Clean Communities Council has led the efforts to educate the public about the bag ban that took effect in 2022. The ban has resulted in the elimination of 1.1 million paper bags and 55 million single-use plastic bags per month.



## HAVE EXCESS REUSABLE BAGS?

Donate new or gently used bags to food pantries or the Middlesex County food bank REPLENISH. To find the closest location, **SCAN HERE:**



## LET'S REDUCE LITTER!

More info on the Recycle Coach app: [linktr.ee/recyclecoachapp](http://linktr.ee/recyclecoachapp)

## REDUCE

THE AMOUNT OF GARBAGE THAT WE GENERATE

## REUSE

GLASS JARS, PLASTIC CONTAINERS, BAGS, MUGS, WATER BOTTLES

## RECYCLE

SAVE ENERGY, MONEY, LANDFILL SPACE; CONSERVE NATURAL RESOURCES

### YOU CAN DO YOUR PART BY:

- Bringing your own bags to the grocery store
- Storing food in reusable containers
- Skipping the plastic cutlery with takeout
- Using washable travel mugs
- Using metal, glass, or bamboo straws
- Carrying a refillable water bottle
- Sharing these tips!

Learn more about source reduction at [middlesexcountynj.gov/recycle](http://middlesexcountynj.gov/recycle).

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY RECYCLING: WHAT AM I REQUIRED TO RECYCLE?

The following materials are picked up curbside or are to be placed at a multifamily dropoff, depending on the municipality:

- **Aluminum and steel cans**
- **Glass bottles and jars**
- **Plastic bottles, jars, and jugs with #1 code or #2 code found on the bottom**

Common examples of code #1 and #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 and 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 it may accept them at a drop-off center.

- **Leaves, brush, Christmas trees**  
(not including artificial trees)
- **Motor oil**
- **Textiles**
- **Tires**
- **Masonry/paving materials**  
(asphalt, block, brick, cinder, and concrete)
- **Computers, televisions, computer monitors, printers, fax machines**
- **White goods**  
(washers, dryers, ranges, refrigerators, air conditioners)
- **Rechargeable batteries**  
(Nickel Cadmium [Ni-Cd], Nickel Metal Hydride [Ni-MH], Lithium Ion [Li-ion], and Small Sealed Lead [Pb])

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.



### BUSINESS RECYCLING INFORMATION

Contact your trash hauler to see if it provides recycling services. Most haulers will provide pickup. 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](http://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 Solid Waste Management and/or your municipal recycling coordinator.

## DO YOU KNOW WHAT GOES IN YOUR RECYCLING BIN?

<b>DO</b> Recycle	<b>Plastic</b> Bottles, Jars, and Jugs coded with #1 and #2 only	<b>Cans</b> aluminum and steel (tin) cans	
	<b>Mixed Paper</b> paper, newspaper, magazines, softcover books, cereal boxes	<b>Cardboard</b> corrugated boxes	<b>Glass</b> Bottles and Jars all sizes, shapes, and colors

<b>DON'T</b> Put in the Recycling Bin	<b>Plastic Bags</b> i.e. grocery, ziploc, garbage bags	<b>Greasy or food-contaminated items</b>	
	<b>Film and Other Plastic</b> including codes #3 through #7	<b>Shredded Paper</b>	<b>Pots, pans, and small appliances</b>
<b>Tanglers</b> i.e. garden hoses, electric cords	<b>Styrofoam</b>	<b>Syringes, batteries, and bulbs</b>	<b>Dishware, glass, and mirrors</b>



Thank you for recycling right!  
[middlesexcountynj.gov/recycle](http://middlesexcountynj.gov/recycle)  
732-745-4170



# 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 (see back cover) to see if it offers 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 the dropoff 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 personal 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.

### FREEHOLD CARTAGE

825 Highway 33, Freehold, NJ 07728  
732-462-1001 x7126

### MAZZA AND SONS, INC.

3230 Shafto Road, Tinton Falls, NJ 07753  
732-922-9292

### REPUBLIC/MIDCO (Middlesex)

92 Baekeland Avenue, Middlesex, NJ 08846  
732-469-3777

### REPUBLIC/MIDCO (New Brunswick)

5 Industrial Drive, New Brunswick, NJ 08901  
732-545-8988

### REPUBLIC (South Plainfield)

Baldwin Street/2101 Roosevelt Avenue  
South Plainfield, NJ 07080  
908-222-8310

### IWS

986 Jersey Avenue, New Brunswick, NJ 08901  
732-696-1215

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 Solid Waste Management at **732-745-4170** or visit [middlesexcountynj.gov/recycle](https://middlesexcountynj.gov/recycle) to obtain a hauler’s compliance package.

# COOKING OIL RECYCLING

Bring your used cooking oil to one of our five drop-off sites!

## EVERY Friday 8 am–12 pm

### MONROE PUBLIC WORKS

76 Gravel Hill-Spotswood Road, Monroe, NJ 08831

### SOUTH PLAINFIELD RECYCLING CENTER

882 Kenneth Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080

## EVERY Saturday 8 am–12 pm

### EAST BRUNSWICK RECYCLING CENTER

357 Dunhams Corner Road, East Brunswick, NJ 08816

### OLD BRIDGE RECYCLING CENTER

1 Old Bridge Plaza, Old Bridge, NJ 08857

### WOODBIDGE PUBLIC WORKS

225 Smith Street, Keasbey, NJ 08832

## REQUIREMENTS

Vegetable Oils Only  
NO Shortening, Coconut Oil,  
Lard, or Motor Oil  
NO BUSINESSES  
Residents must see an  
attendant before unloading  
their vehicle.

# TIRE RECYCLING

Middlesex County residents (**not businesses**) can recycle up to four tires per month with or without rims by bringing them to one of four locations in the County. Automobile and light truck tires only — no oversized tires.

## Monday–Saturday 7:30 am–3:30 pm

### EAST BRUNSWICK RECYCLING CENTER

357 Dunhams Corner Road  
East Brunswick, NJ 08816

## Monday and Friday: 7:30 am–1 pm

## 1st and 3rd Saturday: 7 am–12 pm

### SAYREVILLE RECYCLING CENTER - FORT GRUMPY

3750 Bordentown Avenue, Sayreville, NJ 08872

## Monday–Saturday 8 am–2 pm

### WOODBIDGE PUBLIC WORKS

225 Smith Street, Keasbey, NJ 08832  
(beneath Parkway and Route 9 Bridges)

### PLAINSBORO CONSERVATION CENTER

Grovers Mill Road, Plainsboro, NJ 08536

Seasonal Hours:

**April 1–November 30**

**Monday and Thursday: 5:30–7:30 pm**

**Saturday: 10 am–5 pm**

**December 1–March 31**

**Saturday: 10 am–2 pm**





# PAINT RECYCLING/DISPOSAL

## WHAT TO BRING:

Paint and paint-related items (latex-, water-, and oil-based paints, stains, varnishes, lacquers, thinners, and paint aerosols)  
Items must be labeled.

## WHAT NOT TO BRING:

Household hazardous waste, empty containers, or dried paint (Dried paint can be thrown out in the regular trash.)  
**NO COMMERCIALLY GENERATED PAINT.**

**NOTE:** Other services at these drop-off sites are for the municipality's residents only. May be closed holidays and some holiday weekends. Call **732-745-4170** for more details.



## MONTHLY SATURDAY CYCLE | SITES ARE OPEN FROM 8 am–12 pm

### NORTHERN LOCATIONS

### SOUTHERN LOCATIONS

<b>1st SATURDAY</b>	<b>Middlesex Borough Recycling Center</b> 1200 Mountain Avenue, Middlesex, NJ 08846	<b>East Brunswick Recycling Center</b> 357 Dunhams Corner Road, East Brunswick, NJ 08816	
<b>2nd SATURDAY</b>	<b>Dunellen Public Works</b> 235 Hall Street, Dunellen, NJ 08812	<b>New Brunswick Public Works</b> 400 Jersey Avenue, New Brunswick, NJ 08901	<b>Old Bridge Recycling Center</b> Route 516, Old Bridge, NJ 08857
<b>3rd SATURDAY</b>	<b>South Plainfield Recycling Center</b> 882 Kenneth Avenue South Plainfield, NJ 07080	<b>Helmetta</b> 51 Main Street, Helmetta, NJ 08828 (Behind Municipal Building)	<b>Monroe Public Works</b> 76 Gravel Hill-Spotswood Road Monroe, NJ 08831
<b>4th SATURDAY</b>	<b>Woodbridge Public Works</b> 225 Smith Street, Keasbey, NJ 08832	<b>South Brunswick Recycling Center</b> 540 Ridge Road, Monmouth Junction, NJ 08852	

# 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 [middlesexcountynj.gov/recycle](https://middlesexcountynj.gov/recycle) for a list of companies if you cannot find an outlet.

## TIPS

**Read the list of acceptable items** and only donate items that the organization accepts. **DO NOT** drop off items that it does not want.

**Keep in mind that 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 (HHW) DISPOSAL

You must stay in your vehicle and have materials in the trunk, cargo area, or truck bed, easily accessible to our staff, who will remove it from your vehicle. **NO COMMERCIAL VEHICLES.**

## 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

**NOTE:** Residents bringing asbestos-containing material must pre-register by calling **732-745-4170**.

## SITES ARE OPEN FROM 8 am–2 pm

**Sunday, March 17**  
**Middlesex College**  
2600 Woodbridge Avenue  
(Mill Road entrance)  
Edison, NJ 08837

**Sunday, June 23**  
**Old Bridge Recycling Center**  
1 Old Bridge Plaza (off Route 516)  
Old Bridge, NJ 08857

**Sunday, November 17**  
**Middlesex College**  
2600 Woodbridge Avenue  
(Mill Road entrance)  
Edison, NJ 08837

**Saturday, May 11**  
**Middlesex County Public Works**  
97 Apple Orchard Lane  
North Brunswick, NJ 08902

**Saturday, September 21**  
**Middlesex County Public Works**  
750 Jernee Mill Road  
Sayreville, NJ 08872

# ELECTRONICS (E-WASTE) RECYCLING

Middlesex County 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. Contact your local public works department for more information.

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

**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 [nj.gov/dep/dshw/ewaste](https://nj.gov/dep/dshw/ewaste) or call **866-DEP-KNOW**.

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

# RESIDENTIAL PAPER SHREDDING RECYCLING

Recycle your residentially generated old documents and confidential files safely and securely! Go to our regional paper shredding events at the locations listed below. 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. Residents must stay in their vehicles and have materials in the trunk, cargo area, or truck bed, easily accessible to our staff, who will remove it from the vehicle.

**No Businesses, No Batteries, No Metal.**

**All paper shredding events run from 9 am–12 pm or until the truck is filled, whichever occurs first.**

**Sunday, March 24**

**Old Bridge Recycling Center**  
1 Old Bridge Plaza (off Route 516)  
Old Bridge, NJ 08857

**Friday, April 19**

**Veterans Park**  
61 Avenue K, Monroe, NJ 08831

**Saturday, April 27**

**Sayreville Fort Grumpy**  
3750 Bordentown Avenue  
Sayreville, NJ 08872

**Saturday, May 4**

**Babbage Park**  
Laurel Place  
North Brunswick, NJ 08902

**Friday, May 17**

**Health Services Parking Lot**  
444 Hoes Lane / Ericsson Drive  
Piscataway, NJ 08854

**Sunday, June 2**

**Papaiani Park**  
100 Municipal Boulevard  
Edison, NJ 08817

**Saturday, June 8**

**High School Parking Lot**  
105 Summerhill Road  
Spotswood, NJ 08884

**Sunday, September 8**

**Beech Woods Park**  
137 Beekman Road  
South Brunswick, NJ 08852

**Sunday, September 22**

**Woodbridge Public Works**  
225 Smith Street  
Keasbey, NJ 08832

**Friday, October 11**

**Donaldson Park**  
South Second Avenue  
Highland Park, NJ 08904

**Saturday, October 19**

**Cranbury School**  
23 North Main Street  
Cranbury, NJ 08512

**Friday, November 1**

**Thompson Park**  
Lot Near Manalapan Lake  
Monroe, NJ 08831



## HELP FEED MIDDLESEX COUNTY RESIDENTS IN NEED:

Bring a non-perishable food item to one of our paper shredding events. **Donated items will be delivered to REPLENISH, the Middlesex County food bank.**

# RECHARGEABLE BATTERY RECYCLING



**Prevent fires and keep people and property safe. DO NOT throw rechargeable batteries in the trash or curbside recycling bin.**

Rechargeable batteries can be found in cordless power tools, cell phones, laptop computers, and remote-control toys. Rechargeable and button cell batteries should be recycled, but only at a drop-off location or household hazardous waste (HHW) event, not in your curbside bin. For drop-off locations, visit [call2recycle.org](http://call2recycle.org) or call the consumer helpline, **1-877-2-RECYCLE**.

Bag each rechargeable and button cell battery or tape terminal ends to prevent fires prior to recycling. Alkaline batteries fall below federal and State hazardous waste standards and can be disposed of in the regular trash.

For more information, visit [avoidthespark.com/nj](http://avoidthespark.com/nj).

# MEDICINE 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 of that municipality to use the drop-off bin. Visit [njconsumeraffairs.gov/meddrop/Pages/Locations.aspx](http://njconsumeraffairs.gov/meddrop/Pages/Locations.aspx) for more information and to find the drop-off location closest to you.
- [disposemy meds.org](http://disposemy meds.org): This is an online resource to help you find medication disposal programs at an independent community pharmacy in your neighborhood.
- [americanmedicinechest.com](http://americanmedicinechest.com): AMCC is a subsidiary of the Partnership for a Drug-Free New Jersey. It partners 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. Ask for the Safe Syringe Program.

**St. Peter's University Hospital**

254 Easton Avenue, New Brunswick, NJ 08901  
732-745-8600 x6010

**Penn Medicine Princeton Health**

1 Plainsboro Road, Plainsboro, NJ 08536  
609-853-6140

**JFK Medical Center**

65 James Street, Edison, NJ 08818  
732-321-7539

**RWJ University Hospital Somerset**

110 Rehill Avenue, Somerville, NJ 08876  
908-685-2200



# BACKYARD COMPOSTING HELPS THE ENVIRONMENT

while creating a wonderful nutrient for your soil!

## 10 REASONS TO COMPOST

- 1) Reduce food waste
- 2) Reduce soil erosion
- 3) Allow soil to retain more water
- 4) Enhance soil fertility
- 5) Improve plant growth
- 6) Benefit soil structure
- 7) Allow soil to retain more nutrients
- 8) Store carbon in soil to protect the climate
- 9) Build community resilience and power
- 10) Composting is something everyone can do!



## RESIDENTS CAN BUY COMPOST BINS

Bins are available for contactless purchase and can be picked up by appointment.

Call Solid Waste Management at 732-745-4170 for more information.



**Vermicomposter**  
indoor use

**\$50**



**Home Composter**  
30" high x 32" base  
17 cu. ft/125 gal

**\$40**



**Geobin**  
30" high x  
36" wide at base

**\$20**

## FREE COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS

Learn more about backyard composting:

**Saturday, April 13 at 10 am**

**Saturday, October 26 at 10 am**

Workshop will run approximately 2 hours.

**Middlesex County Cooperative Extension Service with Rutgers' EARTH Center in Davidson's Mill Pond Park**

42 Riva Avenue, South Brunswick  
(use North Brunswick, NJ 08902 for GPS directions)

**Sign up now! Space is limited and pre-registration is required. To register: please call us at 732-745-4170 or email [solidwaste@co.middlesex.nj.us](mailto: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

New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station  
COOPERATIVE EXTENSION  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY

Middlesex County Cooperative Extension Service with Rutgers can be found at the EARTH Center, in Davidson's Mill Pond Park, 42 Riva Avenue, South Brunswick, and is part of a nationwide network that brings the research of the state land-grant universities to local people.

Check out some of the programs from our Extension Service office below! You can learn more on the webpages or by phone. For more information, call 732-398-5262.

### Consult year round with the County's Master Gardener Helpline

Call **732-398-5220** or email [mastergardeners@co.middlesex.nj.us](mailto:mastergardeners@co.middlesex.nj.us) with your garden or backyard environmental questions.

### RU Ready 2 Garden Webcast Series

Learn time-tested and new techniques from university experts and Master Gardeners. View these in-depth webinars at [tinyurl.com/rcevids](http://tinyurl.com/rcevids).

For webinars on environmental concerns, check out the Rutgers series **Earth Day, Every Day:** [envirostewards.rutgers.edu/earth-day-every-day](http://envirostewards.rutgers.edu/earth-day-every-day).

Many more Extension resources on your home, lawn, and garden can be found at [njaes.rutgers.edu/home-lawn-garden](http://njaes.rutgers.edu/home-lawn-garden).

### Support Local Agriculture

Visit [www.tinyurl.com/midcogrows](http://www.tinyurl.com/midcogrows) and buy local!

### EARTH Center Garden Arts & Music Festival

August 24, 11 am–3 pm  
Garden Tours, Demonstrations, Crafts, Music, and Family Fun!

Learn more about the services and our upcoming programs by scanning this code:



or visit [middlesexcountynj.gov/extension](http://middlesexcountynj.gov/extension)



## NEED HELP DISPOSING OF AN ITEM?

### Have a bicycle or sewing machine?

Try the Pedals for Progress website: [p4p.org](https://p4p.org).

**Are you a nonprofit organization or resident with an item that needs a new home?** Try the Freecycle Network: [freecycle.org](https://freecycle.org).

**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](https://services.betterworldbooks.com/individuals).

**Looking for ideas on where to donate or sell items for reuse?** Check out this NJDEP Guide: [nj.gov/dep/dshw/recycling](https://nj.gov/dep/dshw/recycling).

### Were your residential recyclables not picked up?

If you are in the following towns: Cranbury, Dunellen, Helmetta, Jamesburg, Middlesex, Milltown, Monroe, New Brunswick, North Brunswick, Old Bridge, Piscataway, Plainsboro, Sayreville, South Amboy, South River, South Plainfield, or Spotswood, please call the Middlesex County Improvement Authority at **609-655-5141**. If not, call your municipal recycling coordinator (see back cover).

NOTE: If you do not see the item you'd like to recycle or donate listed above, Solid Waste Management has a Markets Directory listing businesses that provide recycling services. Visit the County's website listed below for a free copy.

Middlesex County's website  
[middlesexcountynj.gov/recycle](https://middlesexcountynj.gov/recycle)

Association of NJ Household  
Hazardous Waste Coordinators  
[njhazwaste.com](https://njhazwaste.com)

Association of NJ Recyclers  
[anjr.com](https://anjr.com)

New Jersey Clean  
Communities Council  
[njclean.org](https://njclean.org)

Middlesex County  
Improvement Authority  
[mciauth.com](https://mciauth.com)

NJ DEP Division of Solid  
and Hazardous Waste  
[state.nj.us/dep/dshw](https://state.nj.us/dep/dshw)

Rutgers Cooperative Extension  
[njaes.rutgers.edu/extension](https://njaes.rutgers.edu/extension)

New Jersey Plastic Ban Information  
[nj.gov/dep/plastic-ban-law](https://nj.gov/dep/plastic-ban-law)

New Jersey Food  
Waste Information  
[nj.gov/dep/dshw/food-waste](https://nj.gov/dep/dshw/food-waste)

REPLENISH  
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## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS COLORING CONTEST



Students in grades 4–5 are invited to design a poster showing how plastic litter harms our waterways.

Submit an 8 ½" x 11" design — with a picture and slogan — and YOU MAY WIN A PRIZE!

Designs must be submitted by April 22.

Visit [middlesexcountynj.gov/recycle](https://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 setting up a recycling program at your school, you may call your municipal recycling coordinator (see back cover) or Middlesex County Solid Waste Management at **732-745-4170**.

Solid Waste Management has limited quantities of recycling bins available on a first-come, first-served basis. Call **732-745-4170** if you are interested in obtaining free recycling bins.

## LET'S GET FOOD SMART



### THE PROBLEM

Did you know according to the USDA, the average family of four spends **\$1500 per year on food** that does not get eaten?

### THE SOLUTION

**Easy Steps to Reduce Food Waste**

### PLAN AHEAD

Check your refrigerator, shelves, and pantry to determine what you already have before shopping.

### PLAN YOUR MEALS

Have leftover nights at least once a week.

### STORE YOUR FOOD PROPERLY

Learn more about safe food storage:  
[moremealslesswaste.com/food-tips](https://moremealslesswaste.com/food-tips)

### DONATE FOOD

If you have more than you can use, donate unopened food and personal care items to local food pantries and the Middlesex County food bank, REPLENISH.



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NOURISHING NEIGHBORS

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**#getfoodsmart**



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**Middlesex County Improvement Authority**  
609-655-5141  
[mciauth.com](http://mciauth.com)

**Middlesex County Utilities Authority**  
732-721-3800 (Main Office)  
732-246-4313 (Landfill)  
[mcua.com](http://mcua.com)

**Middlesex County Cooperative  
Extension Service with Rutgers**  
732-398-5260

**Middlesex County Environmental  
Health Division**  
732-745-8480

**Municipal Contact Information:**

Municipality	Public Works Phone #	Recycling Phone #
Carteret	732-541-3881	732-541-3881
Cranbury	609-664-3123	609-664-3130
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 x110	732-521-4946 x110
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 x136	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	732-727-4600
South Brunswick	732-329-4000 x7260	732-329-4000 x7274
South Plainfield	908-755-2187	908-755-2187
South River	732-257-9051	732-257-9051
Spotswood	732-251-0700 x822	732-251-0700 x822
Woodbridge	732-738-1311	732-738-1311 x3035

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