



2022 RECYCLING AND SOLID WASTE GUIDE



Dear County Residents:

As County Commissioner of the Division of Solid Waste Management, I'm pleased to present the 25th 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 the Division of Solid Waste Management, the Solid Waste Advisory Council (SWAC), the Middlesex County Improvement Authority (MCIA), and the Middlesex County Utilities Authority (MCUA). Last year we were able to run our full slate of events, while operating under the restrictions due to COVID-19. We will be focusing and expanding our efforts toward waste reduction in 2022. The Division will be doing outreach and education on the new State law that encourages the use of reusable bags by phasing out single-use plastic carryout bags at all retail stores, food service businesses, and grocery stores, as well as paper bags at large grocery stores.

We strive to provide the best programs for Middlesex County residents. Please visit middlesexcountynj.gov/recycle to explore the various programs and education we offer. Download the free Recycle Coach app to stay up to date on the dates and times for County and municipal programs.

If you have any questions the staff at the Solid Waste Management Division is available to assist you. Please call **732-745-4170** or email us at solidwaste@co.middlesex.nj.us with any questions or comments. Be sure to sign up for our recycling newsletter at discovermiddlesex.com/recycle.

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

Gratefully,

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

Please download our free **Recycle Coach** app available for all County residents.

Get reminders of your collection days, our events, and learn how to recycle or dispose of your items.

VISIT RECYCLECOACH.COM FOR DETAILS!



Due to continued restrictions because of the ongoing COVID-19 situation, we encourage you to visit our website at middlesexcountynj.gov/recycle or call **732-745-4170** for the most up-to-date information on our drop-off programs and events.

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INTERESTED IN OUR EVENTS?

Visit middlesexcountynj.gov/recycle and sign up for our monthly emails.

Email addresses will remain private and not be sold.

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 to learn about the many programs it sponsors, including the Adopt-a-Beach and Adopt-a-Highway programs.

Beginning May 4, 2022, NJ's bag ban takes effect, prohibiting the selling or providing of single-use plastic bags at all retail stores, food service businesses, and grocery stores, as well as paper bags at larger grocery stores. Details at bagupnj.com.

WHY SHOULD YOU USE A REUSABLE GROCERY BAG?

- Conserve resources
- Avoid recycling problems
- Protect wildlife
- Reduce litter

Be ready to make the switch in 2022.



SKIP THE STRAW or bring a reusable one.



LET'S REDUCE LITTER!

NJ law mandates that plastic straws can only be provided upon request.

#njcleancommunities njclean.org

REDUCE

THE AMOUNT OF GARBAGE THAT WE GENERATE

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

REUSE

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

RECYCLE

SAVE ENERGY, MONEY, LANDFILL SPACE; CONSERVE NATURAL RESOURCES

- Using metal, glass, or bamboo straws
- Carrying a refillable water bottle
- Sharing these tips!

Learn more about source reduction at middlesexcountynj.gov/recycle.



FREE RECYCLING AND DISPOSAL PROGRAMS

Middlesex County offers its residents a number of **FREE** recycling and waste disposal programs. Our guide provides details on items that can be recycled as well as those that require proper disposal. Please contact us if you are not sure an item can be recycled.

Middlesex County residents only (proof of residency required)

Not available to commercial businesses or institutions

MIDDLESEX COUNTY RECYCLING: WHAT AM I REQUIRED TO RECYCLE?

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

- **Aluminum and steel cans**
- **Glass bottles and jars**
- **Plastic bottles 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 they may accept them at a drop-off center.

- **Leaves and brush**
- **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) 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 the Division of Solid Waste Management and/or your municipal recycling coordinator.

DO YOU KNOW WHAT GOES IN YOUR RECYCLING BIN?

DO
Recycle



Plastic

Bottles, Jars, and Jugs

coded with #1 and #2 only



Cans

aluminum and steel (tin) cans



Glass

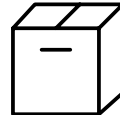
Bottles and Jars

all sizes, shapes, and colors



Mixed Paper

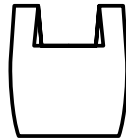
paper, newspaper, magazines, softcover books, cereal boxes



Cardboard

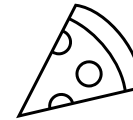
corrugated boxes

DON'T
Put in the
Recycling Bin



Plastic Bags

i.e. grocery, ziploc, garbage bags



Greasy or food-contaminated items

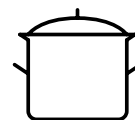


Film and Other Plastic

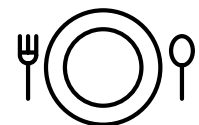
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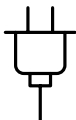
Shredded Paper



Pots, pans, and small appliances



Dishware, glass, and mirrors

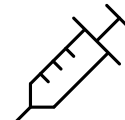


Tanglers

i.e. garden hoses, electric cords



Styrofoam



Syringes, batteries, and bulbs



Thank you for recycling right!
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 drop-off 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

SAKOUTIS BROTHERS

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

SOLTERRA

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 the Division at 732-745-4170 or visit 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

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 PUBLIC WORKS (at Municipal Complex)

1 Old Bridge Plaza, Old Bridge, NJ 08857

WOODBRIE 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

3775 Bordentown Avenue, Sayreville, NJ 08871

Monday–Saturday 8 am–2 pm

WOODBRIE 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–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 (can be thrown out in the regular trash). **NO COMMERCIALLY GENERATED PAINT.**

NOTE: Other services at these drop-off sites are for township 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

1st
SATURDAY

Middlesex Borough Recycling Drop-off Center
1200 Mountain Avenue, Middlesex, NJ 08846

East Brunswick Recycling Center
357 Dunhams Corner Road, East Brunswick, NJ 08816

2nd
SATURDAY

Dunellen Public Works
235 Hall Street, Dunellen, NJ 08812

New Brunswick Public Works
400 Jersey Avenue, New Brunswick, NJ 08901

Old Bridge Public Works
Route 516, Old Bridge, NJ 08857

3rd
SATURDAY

South Plainfield Recycling Center
Kenneth Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080

Helmetta
51 Main Street, Helmetta, NJ 08828
(Behind Municipal Building)

Monroe Public Works
76 Gravel Hill-Spotswood Road
Monroe, NJ 08831

4th
SATURDAY

Woodbridge (Keasbey) Public Works
225 Smith Street, Keasbey, NJ 08832

South Brunswick Recycling Center
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 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)

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

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

SITES ARE OPEN FROM 8 am–2 pm

Sunday, March 20

Middlesex College
2600 Woodbridge Avenue
(Mill Road entrance)
Edison, NJ 08837

Saturday, May 21

Middlesex County Public Works
97 Apple Orchard Lane
North Brunswick, NJ 08902

Sunday, June 26

Old Bridge Department of Public Works
1 Old Bridge Plaza (off Route 516)
Old Bridge, NJ 08857

Saturday, September 17

Middlesex County Public Works
750 Jernee Mill Road
Sayreville, NJ 08872

Saturday, October 15

Middlesex County Public Works
97 Apple Orchard Lane
North Brunswick, NJ 08902

Sunday, November 20

Middlesex College
2600 Woodbridge Avenue
(Mill Road entrance)
Edison, NJ 08837



HELP FEED MIDDLESEX COUNTY RESIDENTS IN NEED:

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

ELECTRONICS (E-WASTE) RECYCLING

The Middlesex County Division of 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/index.html 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! No businesses permitted. Go to our mobile 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.

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

Saturday, March 26

**Old Bridge Municipal Center
Parking Lot One**

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

Friday, April 8

Veterans Park

61 Avenue K, Monroe, NJ 08831

Saturday, April 9

Edgar School Rear Parking Lot

Whitman and Lake Avenues
Metuchen, NJ 08840

Friday, April 22

East Brunswick Community Arts Center

721 Cranbury Road, Cranbury, NJ 08816

Saturday, April 23

North Brunswick Babbage Park

Laurel Place, North Brunswick, NJ 08902

Saturday, May 7

Carteret Community Center

100 Cooke Avenue, Carteret, NJ 07008

Saturday, May 14

Sayreville Senior Center Parking Lot

423 Main Street, Sayreville, NJ 08872

Friday, May 20

Piscataway Little League Complex

491 Sidney Road, Piscataway, NJ 08854

Friday, June 10

Middlesex Municipal Complex

1200 Mountain Avenue
Middlesex, NJ 08846

Saturday, June 11

Woodbridge Department of Public Works

225 Smith Street, Keasbey, NJ 08832

Saturday, June 25

South River Department of Public Works

9 Ivan Way, South River, NJ 08882

Friday, July 8

New Brunswick High School Parking Lot

1000 Somerset Street (Route 27)
New Brunswick, NJ 08901

Saturday, July 9

Edison Papianni Park in Municipal Complex

100 Municipal Boulevard, Edison, NJ 08817

Saturday, July 23

Spotswood High School Parking Lot

105 Summerhill Road, Spotswood, NJ 08884

Saturday, August 13

Cranbury School

23 North Main Street, Cranbury, NJ 08512

Friday, August 26

Donaldson Park

526 South Second Avenue
Highland Park, NJ 08904

Saturday, August 27

South Amboy Middle/HS Parking Lot

200 Governor G. Hoffman Plaza
South Amboy, NJ 08879

Saturday, September 10

South Brunswick Beech Woods Park

137 Beekman Road
South Brunswick, NJ 08852

Saturday, September 24

South Plainfield Elementary School

2900 Norwood Avenue
South Plainfield, NJ 07080

Saturday, October 8

Milltown American Legion Post 25

Parking Lot

4 JF Kennedy Drive, Milltown, NJ 08850

Friday, October 21

DSWM Event: Johnson Park

Violet Drive off River Road
Piscataway, NJ 08854

Saturday, October 22

Plainsboro Municipal Center

641 Plainsboro Road
Plainsboro, NJ 08536

Friday, November 4

DSWM Event: Thompson Park

Parking Lot near Manalapan Lake
Monroe/Jamesburg, 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 BATTERIES RECYCLING

Prevent fires and keep people and property safe.

DO NOT throw rechargeable batteries in the trash or 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](https://www.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.



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

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 from that municipality to use the drop-off bin. Visit njconsumeraffairs.gov/meddrop/Pages/Locations.aspx for more information and to find the drop-off closest to you.
- [disposemy meds.org](https://www.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](https://www.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.

BACKYARD COMPOSTING HELPS THE ENVIRONMENT while creating a wonderful nutrient for your soil!

10 REASONS TO COMPOST

- 1) Improve plant growth
- 2) Reduce soil erosion
- 3) Allow soil to retain more water
- 4) Enhance soil fertility
- 5) Reduce waste landfilled and burned
- 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.

Free kitchen pail and composting guide included.
Call the Division at 732-745-4170 for more information.



Vermicomposter
indoor use

\$50.00



Soil Saver
32" high x
28" wide x 28" long

\$40.00



Geobin
30" high x
36" wide at base

\$20.00

FREE COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS

Learn more about backyard composting:

Saturday, April 2 at 10 am

Saturday, October 29 at 10 am

Workshop will run approximately 2 hours.

**Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Middlesex
County's 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.**

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.



RUTGERS COOPERATIVE EXTENSION PROGRAMS IN MIDDLESEX COUNTY

Earth Day, Every Day Webinar Series

Mondays at 6:30 pm

Learn from environmental experts at Rutgers Cooperative Extension. Each 1-hour, live interactive session will cover small actions that together reduce negative impacts on the environment. For more information, visit envirostewards.rutgers.edu/Earth-Day.html.

RU Ready 2 Garden Webcast Series

Thursdays at 6:30 pm

Each week university experts will discuss new technology related to horticulture and food production, plus we'll take you on virtual visits to local farms. E-mail your name to mastergardeners@co.middlesex.nj.us with "RU Ready" as the subject to receive a webcast invite.

You can view existing **RU Ready 2 Garden seminars** by visiting tinyurl.com/rcevids.

Do you want to take your gardening efforts to the next level? Join the Rutgers Beginner Farmer program. Online and in-person activities will be offered. Learn more at rubeginnerfarmer.rutgers.edu and by contacting hlubik@njaes.rutgers.edu or brendon.pearsall@rutgers.edu.

EARTH Center Garden and Music Festival August date to be determined.

Garden Tours, Demonstrations, Taste Tests, Music, and Family Fun! Join us for our biggest event all year. Text "Extension" to 56512 for event invite and updates.

Rutgers Master Gardener Class Orientation

September 8, Thursday evening
September 9, Friday morning

For details, call **732-398-5278**.

4-H Open House

October date to be determined.

645 Cranbury Road, East Brunswick
Call 732-398-5261 for details. Get your child involved in 4-H. Nurture a leader. Join a Club!

Consult year-round with the County's Master Gardener Helpline: 732-398-5220

Monday through Friday
October–March: 10 am–12 pm
April–September: 9 am–12 pm
or e-mail
mastergardeners@co.middlesex.nj.us.

**SAVE
THE DATES!**

Many more Rutgers Cooperative Extension resources on your home, lawn, and garden can be found on njaes.rutgers.edu/home-lawn-garden.

Your local Extension office hopes you will support local agriculture, visit tinyurl.com/midcogrown, and buy local!

Unless otherwise noted, all events are held at:

Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Middlesex County's EARTH Center in Davidson's Mill Pond Park
42 Riva Avenue, South Brunswick
(use North Brunswick, NJ 08902 for GPS directions)
732-398-5262

For more information, visit middlesexcountynj.gov and search "extension" or call **732-398-5260**.

NEED HELP DISPOSING AN ITEM?

Have polystyrene (Styrofoam) peanuts?

Try theupsstore.com or recycle techno.com.

Have a bicycle or sewing machine?

Try visiting the Pedals for Progress website: p4p.org.

Are you a nonprofit organization or resident with an item that needs a new home? Try the Freecycle Network: 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.

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 have listed above, the Division of 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

Association of NJ Household
Hazardous Waste Coordinators
njhazwaste.com

Association of NJ Recyclers
anjr.com

New Jersey Clean
Communities Council
njclean.org

Middlesex County
Improvement Authority
mciath.com

NJ DEP Division of Solid
and Hazardous Waste
state.nj.us/dep/dshw

Rutgers Cooperative Extension
njaes.rutgers.edu/extension

New Jersey Plastic Ban Information
nj.gov/dep/plastic-ban-law

New Jersey Food Waste Information
nj.gov/dep/dshw/food-waste

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS COLORING CONTEST



Students in
grades 4–5 are
invited to design
a poster showing
why reusable
bags are the
best choice.

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
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 in setting up a recycling program at your school, you may call your municipal recycling coordinator (see back cover) or the Division at **732-745-4170**.

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

LET'S GET FOOD SMART



THE PROBLEM **30–40%** of the entire US food supply is wasted. In Middlesex County, each resident throws away almost **500 pounds** of food each year.

THE SOLUTION **REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE — for FOOD**

FOOD REDUCTION

- Best by, use by and sell by labels are an indicator of food quality, not food safety: examine and smell it before tossing it.
- Know before you go! Inventory your refrigerator, shelves, and pantry before shopping.
- Plan meals and buy only what you need – avoid bulk buying.
- Learn new tips and tricks to store your foods longer, safely.

FOOD REUSE

- Enjoy planned leftover nights.
- Start a share table at your school or workplace.
- Donate excess food to local food pantries, including **REPLENISH**.

FOOD RECYCLING

- Establish a backyard compost bin.



middlesexcountynj.gov/replenish



middlesexcountynj.gov/getfoodsmart

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Other Agencies' Contact Information:
Middlesex County Improvement Authority
609-655-5141 (Cranbury)
mciauth.com

Middlesex County Utilities Authority
732-721-3800 (Main Office), 732-246-4313 (Landfill)
mcua.com

Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Middlesex County
732-398-5260

Middlesex County Environmental Health Division
732-745-8480

Municipal Contact Information:

Municipality	Public Works Phone #	Recycling Phone #
Carteret	732-541-3881	732-541-3835
Cranbury	609-664-3123	609-664-3129
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	732-521-4946
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 x182	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	732-721-4600
South Brunswick	732-329-4000 x7260	732-329-4000 x7274
South Plainfield	908-755-2187	908-226-7621
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

