2016 RECYCLING GUIDE AND CURBSIDE COLLECTION GUIDE

CURBSIDE COLLECTION

CONTAINERS
Containers used for single-stream collection in the MCIA's program include:
- A rectangular blue container with lid
- A round blue container

Write your name and address on the containers. Place your recyclables in the 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

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.

THE NEW REUSE-IT BOOK

The New Reuse-It Book is a guide to area locations where Middlesex County residents can freecycle or donate their unwanted goods for reuse. The MCIA has made this most recent edition available online at www.mciauth.com for anyone who would like electronic access to the most up-to-date information. If interested in a free printed copy or possible inclusion in the next edition, contact MCIA Public Information Officer Maria Prato by emailing mp@mciauth.com.

E-CYCLING

By law, most consumer electronics, including personal computers (desktops and laptops), monitors, keyboards, scanners, modems, printers, cables 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 and if these items are acceptable. For additional drop off locations, please contact the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection at (866) 337-5669 or the Middlesex County Division of Solid Waste Management at (732) 745-4170.

ACCEPTED RECYCLABLE ITEMS

NEWSPAPER & 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, 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 overflow in brown paper grocery bags (not plastic grocery bags). Additional newspaper may be bundled, tied and placed next to your container.

⊘NOT ACCEPTED!
- Newspaper and mixed paper in plastic bags or paper leaf bags

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 bundles larger than 48 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 an appropriate container. Any overflow 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 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)

RECYCLING SERVICE INFORMATION

(800) 488-6242 (MCIA)
Municipal recycling schedules available at
www.mciauth.com

MCIA DIVISION OF RECYCLING
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East Brunswick, NJ 08816
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Requests for assistance or materials in alternate formats should be directed to
Maria Prato by phone at **(609) 655-5141,**
through the New Jersey Relay Service at
(800) 852-7899 or by email at **mp@mciauth.com.**

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SINGLE-STREAM COLLECTION INFORMATION INSIDE

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SOUTH RIVER

2016

Middlesex County Improvement Authority

Recycling Guide

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

As of March 30, 2015, the Middlesex County Improvement Authority has transitioned to single-stream recycling collection. Now all curbside recyclable items, such as bottles, cans, paper and small flat cardboard can be mixed together in a single recycling container as they are kept separate from trash.

CURBSIDE COLLECTION SCHEDULE

THURSDAYS – NORTH SECTION

Bordered by East Brunswick Township: the South River on the east; the Raritan River RR on the south and East Brunswick Township on the west.

January	14 • 28	July	14 • 28
February	11 • 25	August	11 • 25
March	10 • 24	September	8 • 22
April	7 • 21	October	6 • 20
May	5 • 19	November	3 • 17
June	2 • 16 • 30	December	1 • 15 • 29

FRIDAYS – SOUTH SECTION

Bordered on the north by the Raritan River RR; the South River on the east; East Brunswick Township to the south and East Brunswick Township on the west.

January	*2 • 15 • 29	July	1 • 15 • 29
February	12 • 26	August	12 • 26
March	11 • 25	September	9 • 23
April	8 • 22	October	7 • 21
May	6 • 20	November	4 • 18
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***New Year's Day:** January 1 changed to January 2.

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

"The success of Middlesex County's recycling performance is due to the partnership of the Middlesex County Improvement Authority with the County's Solid Waste Management Division and the dedication of our County residents to recycling."

-Carol Bellante
Freeholder & MCIA Liaison

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

(732) 257-9051
Department of Public Works

Recycling Hotline: (800) 488-6242 (MCIA) for curbside recycling collection, service matters & general information.

WEATHER EMERGENCIES

Check with DPW at (732) 257-9051 for 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 or by calling (800) 488-6242 (MCIA) for specific information.

LEAVES, BRUSH & GRASS

LEAVES are collected every Monday except holidays. Place leaves in open containers or biodegradable bags and place at the curb. No plastic bags.

BRUSH must be tied with string or cord in bundles no more than 4 feet in length and 1 foot in height. Place the brush at curbside for Monday collection (except holidays).

GRASS CLIPPINGS are collected every Monday, except holidays. Place clippings in open containers and place at the curb. No plastic bags will be accepted. However, it is recommended that residents participate in the "Cut It and Leave It!" grass fertilizing program. Leave grass clippings on the lawn for natural fertilization. Avoid time-consuming raking and the expense of bagging your grass clippings. Call the MCIA Recycling Hotline for more information.

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 1-866-337-5669 or at www.nj.gov/dep.

COUNTY PROGRAMS

Please refer to the MCIA staff at 1-800-488-6242 (MCIA) or at www.mciauth.com for more information on:

- Household Hazardouse Waste
- Compost Bins
- Tire Disposal
- Paint Drop Off
- Paper Shredding

M.C. Blue has counted more than 100,000 Middlesex County residents and visitors among his audience-goers since 1995.

SPECIAL ITEMS

SOUTH RIVER'S RECYCLING DROP-OFF CENTER is located at 9 Ivan Way. The hours of operation are Saturday, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. All items collected curbside (newspapers, mixed paper, corrugated cardboard, commingled glass, #1 and #2 plastics and metal/tin/aluminum cans), as well as used motor oil (5-gallon limit per visit) and electronics are accepted.

WHITE GOODS/APPLIANCES are collected on Fridays by appointment only. Call (732) 257-9051 to arrange an appointment.

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 is not a program for residential use.

thank you...

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

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. 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?

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, leave the recycling at the curb and call us within 24 hours. If you delay calling, your recyclables may not be picked up until your next collection date.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

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 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.

Offerings:

"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 email ja@mciauth.com.