

# 2018 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 pickup 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 Homeowners:** 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.

## CUSTOMER SERVICE PLEDGE

The Middlesex County Improvement Authority strives to provide the best quality of services to ensure our residents and patrons have a satisfactory experience. Should you have any questions, concerns or compliments, feel free to contact the Recycling Manager at [mciarecycling@mciauth.com](mailto:mciarecycling@mciauth.com).

## 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](http://www.mciauth.com) for anyone who would like electronic access to the most up-to-date information.

## E-CYCLING

By law, most consumer electronics, including personal computers (desktops and laptops), monitors and televisions are not allowed in the trash. Check with your municipality's Department of Public Works to inquire if they maintain a recycling drop-off 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, 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 overflow 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](http://www.mciauth.com)

### MCIA ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

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Cranbury, NJ 08512

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Website: [www.mciauth.com](http://www.mciauth.com)

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**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT**

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

**CURBSIDE COLLECTION SCHEDULE**

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

January	3 • 17 • 31	July	7 • 18
February	14 • 28	August	1 • 15 • 29
March	14 • 28	September	12 • 26
April	11 • 25	October	10 • 24
May	9 • 23	November	7 • 21
June	6 • 20	December	5 • 19

\*July 4th changed to July 7.

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

January	4 • 18	July	5 • 19
February	1 • 15	August	2 • 16 • 30
March	1 • 15 • 29	September	13 • 27
April	12 • 26	October	11 • 25
May	10 • 24	November	8 • 24
June	7 • 21	December	6 • 20

\*Thanksgiving: November 22 changed to November 24.

**HOLIDAYS**

Recycling collection holidays for 2018: 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.

**WEATHER EMERGENCIES**

Check with the recycling department at (732) 656-4575 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](http://www.mciauth.com).

**FRIDAYS – ZONE 2 AND 5**

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

**Zone 5:** Bordered by Cranbury Station Road and Union Valley Road on the north; Perrineville Road on the east; Disbrow Hill Road and Millstone on the south and Windsor, Wycol Mills Road and Halsey Reed Road on the west.

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**IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS**

(732) 656-4575

Wayne D. Horbatt, CPWM, Monroe Director of Recycling

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

**LEAVES, BRUSH & GRASS**

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

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

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

\*Brown recycling bags can be picked up at the Monroe Recycling Drop-off Center, Monday – Friday, between 7 a.m. – 3 p.m. and Saturday, between 8 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

**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.

**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](http://www.nj.gov/dep).

**CUSTOMER SERVICE REQUESTS**

To determine the cause of a service interruption or missed pick-up, please note whether:

- It's your municipality's day and/or week
- Your recycling was put out by the curb no later than 6 a.m.
- Your entire street's recycling has been affected
- A container no larger than 32 gallon has been used
- Any unapproved items are mixed within your recycling
- Your recycling was placed in plastic bags, which are not permitted

If you still have a concern, comment or question regarding your recycling pick-up, please send an email to [mciaerecycling@mciauth.com](mailto:mciaerecycling@mciauth.com), making sure to leave a name, address and telephone number in the body of the message so that a representative may contact you at their earliest availability.

**SPECIAL ITEMS**

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

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

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

**CLEAN-UP PROGRAMS:** will be scheduled this year from April 2 through November 1. Bulk waste cannot be mixed with garbage and must be no larger than a large pickup truckload. Bulk should be placed curbside no sooner than one day before collection. Lumber must be cut, tied and nails must be removed or bent over. Residents should wrap mattresses in plastic bags, prior to collection. Bulk pick-ups are scheduled by appointment on Wednesdays and Thursdays only. Residents can cancel scheduled date one time only. Also, we do not book ahead of the date we are scheduling.

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

**TIRE RECYCLING:** Residents should use the East Brunswick Reclamation Center, located at 357 Dunhams Corner Road. Hours are Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Closed Sundays and holidays.

**PAINT RECYCLING:** Starting January 1, Monroe's Recycling Center is accepting paint every third Saturday from 8 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

**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 special 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 contact us within 24 hours. If you delay contacting us, your recyclables may not be picked up until your next collection date.

Keep in mind to check our website at [www.mciauth.com](http://www.mciauth.com), under the Recycling Division's Customer Notification page, for updates, instructions or information on service interruptions.

**COMMUNITY EDUCATION**

As part of our commitment to protect the environment and promote good recycling practices, the MCIA Education Department 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 a 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](mailto:ja@mciauth.com).

**COUNTY PROGRAMS**

Please refer to the MCIA website at 1-800-488-6242 (MCIA) or at [www.mciauth.com](http://www.mciauth.com) for more information on:

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