

Monroe Township Recycling Guide 2024



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Message from Mayor Stephen Dalina

I am pleased to share with you the remarkable achievements and advancements made by our Township's Department of Public Works in enhancing our recucling initiatives and environmental stewardship efforts.

The Monroe Township Recycling Drop-off Center is one of the most frequently used points of service in the municipality. From recycling materials such as newspaper, expanded polystyrene (Styrofoam) and cardboard, to the recycling of old tv's, computers/printers, batteries and disposal of bulky residential items, our recycling center provides a convenient, clean and safe environment for all.

Our dedicated staff at the Department of Public Works has been instrumental in exploring new and improved ways to dispose of refuse and recycling in the most efficient and environmentally friendly means available. We also recently invested in resurfacing the entire drivable area of the facility to make it even more user friendly. And we have introduced a municipal bi-monthly paper shredding program that will run from May through October.

Through the unwavering commitment and innovative spirit of our DPW staff, we have not only optimized our recycling processes but also secured vital funding to support our endeavors.

I am proud to share with you some significant accomplishments from the past year:

- FoamCycle: With the acquisition of our new foam densifying technology, made possible through a generous \$73,000
 grant from the Middlesex County Division of Environmental Health and Solid Waste, we have revolutionized our foam
 recycling efforts. This technology allows for the densification of foam materials, such as expanded polystyrene
 (Styrofoam), resulting in a remarkable 90:1 waste reduction. The densified foam material finds new life in various
 products, such as picture frames and crown molding, contributing to a more sustainable future.
- Recycling Grants: Our Recycling Division's tireless efforts have yielded substantial financial support, including \$89,462.08 from the NJ Recycling Tonnage Grant and \$118,040.16 from the NJ Clean Communities Grant. These funds have been pivotal in enhancing our recycling center infrastructure, implementing community clean-up programs and supporting educational initiatives.
- Recycle Coach: In collaboration with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, we have introduced
 Recycle Coach in Monroe Township. This innovative online tool provides a personalized collection schedule, custom
 collection reminders (bulk pick-up, paper shredding, hazardous waste), a What Goes Where search tool and
 educational quizzes. You can download the FREE app from this recycling guide to have all this information right at
 your fingertips or you may check it out on our website: https://www.monroetwp.com/index.php/recycle-coach

As a result of our Township-wide environmental stewardship, the Township of Monroe has earned the Sustainable Jersey Silver Certification since 2017. We remain committed to continuing the educational initiatives, clean-up events, recycling programs and other ideas to protect and preserve Monroe Township for a sustainable future.

As we look to the future, let us remain steadfast in our commitment to protect and preserve the natural beauty of Monroe Township for generations to come. Together, through collective action and community engagement, we can build a more sustainable and resilient future. Please use this guide as a resource toward that goal and call the Department of Public Works at 732-656-4575 with any questions.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our shared vision.

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Monroe Township Recycling Center

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Monday Through Friday: 7:00 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Saturday: 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.



Acceptable Items

- CED's Computers, TV's Printer\Fax Machines
- Motor Oil & Anti-freeze
- Residential Bulky Items
- Scrap Metal & White Goods
- Bottles and Cans PETE 1 and HDPE 2
- Newspaper (tied)
- Cardboard (flattened)
- Mixed Paper
- Auto/Re-chargeable Batteries
- Propane Tanks (20 lb. only)
- Packing type Foam Blocks
- Yard Waste (Brush, Leaves, Grass)

Unacceptable Items

- Tires
- Utility Poles & Roofing Material
- Masonry Materials
- Dirt, Rocks, Bricks, Concrete Asphalt
- Food Waste (Kitchen Garbage)
- Construction Debris
- Household Hazardous Waste
- Foam Peanuts or Food Containers

Paint and Paint Products are accepted only on the third Saturday of the month

NO RECYCLABLE MATERIALS WILL BE ACCEPTED IN PLASTIC BAGS!
PROOF OF RESIDENCY REQUIRED • NO COMMERCIAL VEHICLES PERMITTED

PAINT DROP-OFF



Monroe's Recycling Center accepts paint drop-off by Monroe residents during normal operating hours. We accept latex, water and oil based paints, stains, varnishes, lacquers, thinners, paint aerosols, and cans with paint in them. If paint is dried up, please dispose in the trash

Middlesex County residents may dropoff on the 3rd Saturday of each month 8:30a.m. — 11:30a.m.



The Monroe Township Recycling Center accepts:

- ANTIFREEZE
- USED MOTOR OIL
- CUUKING UII

NOTE: No contractors, landscapers or businesses are permitted to make drop-offs at the Recycling Center.
Proof of residency per vehicle is required.





Packaging foam*
Recycling Program

(*aka Styrofoam)

Acceptable

Clean Packaging Foam from:

- Televisions
- Appliances
- Computers (electronics)
- Furniture
- Fnam Conlers









Only clean & dry foam - NO dirt, labels or tape
WHEN IN DOLIRT THROW IT DILT





Packaging Foam*
Recycling Program

[*aka Sturofoam]

Not Acceptable

- Packing Peanuts
- Egg Cartons
- Foam Food Trays
- Color Foam
- Insulation Foam Panels
- Flexible or Film Fnam







NO food service foam, peanuts or egg cartons
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Foam Cycle is a foam packaging (aka Styrofoam) collection, densifying, and recycling system that we have available to residents at the Recycling Center.



PAPER SHREDDING

Monroe Township Recycling Center

Department of Public Works - Recycling Center 76 Gravel Hill Spotswood Road, Monroe, NJ

The Monroe Township Recycling Center is now offering Paper Shredding every **second Saturday** in the months of May, July, September, and November!

This is in addition to the Middlesex County Paper Shredding Program.

Recycle your old confidential files safely and securely.

Monroe residents only - No businesses

Rain or Shine • 8 am - 12 pm JULY 13 • SEPTEMBER 14 • NOVEMBER 9

Maximum of 5 file boxes per car

DO NOT BRING:

Newspapers, magazines, hardcover books, junk mail, photographs, X-rays, CDs, shredded paper or garbage.

Loads containing unacceptable items may be rejected.

Must be in manageable containers: No plastic bags.

NOTE: No need to remove paper clips or staples.

Residents must stay in their vehicles at all times. Please have your materials in your trunk, cargo area or truck bed, easily accessible to our staff, who will remove it from your vehicle.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS OFFERS A ONCE A YEAR BULKY WASTE PICK-IIP— FREE OF CHARGE!

GUIDELINES FOR CURBSIDE PICK-UP

- Limited to approximately one pick-up truck load.
- No hazardous materials-chemicals, paint, pesticides.
- No tires, utility poles, railroad ties, construction debris.



- No stumps, sod, dirt, concrete, asphalt, or stones.
- No food. Pallets are limited to three.
- Please wrap mattresses/box springs in plastic.
- Separate your piles with metal/electronics in one pile, the rest of items in another.
- Lumber must have nails removed or bent over.
- Refrigerators and freezers must have the doors removed (State Law 2C:43-1).
- No recyclables such as cardboard, newspaper, bottles/cans, etc.

Call **732-656-4575** to schedule appointment starting in April through the end of October (subject to availability)

WHITE GOODS APPLIANCE PICK-IIP

Appliance pick-up is available throughout the year, subject to weather conditions. Appliances include refrigerator, oven, dishwasher, washer, and/or dryer.

Schedule your appointment with the **Department of Public Works** at **732-656-4575.** Once scheduled, you will place your appliance at the curb the night before your scheduled date.



MIDDLESEX

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF DAYS

This event Is offered free of charge and Is for County residents only TIMES: 8 am - 2 om (Rain or Shine)

DATE	LOCATION	TOWN	ADDRESS	ZIP
Sun, March 17	Middlesex College	Edison	2600 Woodbridge Avenue	08837
Sat, May 11	Middlesex County Public Works	North Brunswick	97 Apple Orchard Lane	08902
Sun, June 23	Old Bridge Recycling Center	Old Bridge	1 Old Bridge Plaza	08857
Sat, Sept 21	Middlesex County Public Works	Sayreville	750 Jernee Mill Road	08872
Sun, Nov 17	Middlesex College	Edison	2600 Woodbridge Avenue	08837

WHAT TO BRING:

Adhesives	Fire Extinguishers	Lighter Fluid	Photographic Chemicals
Aerosol Cans	Flares (Road Only)	Mercury	Pool Chemicals
Antifreeze	Fluorescent Bulbs	Motor Oil/Filters	Propane Tanks
Brake Fluid	Gasoline	Paints (Latex/Oil)	Stains/Varnishes
Car Battery Cleaners	Gas/Oil Mix	Paint Thinner	Thermometers
Drain Cleaners	Kerosene	Pesticides/Herbicides	Thermostats

Rechargeable & Button Cell Batteries (individually bag each battery or tape each terminal end prior to transport) Alkaline batteries can be disposed of in regular trash.

Asbestos containing materials: call to pre-register, must be double bagged.

WHAT NOT TO BRING:

Appliances	Electronics	Explosives/Munitions	Smoke Detectors
Furniture	Empty Containers	Infectious/Medical Waste	Tires

RESIDENTIAL MATERIAL AND RESIDENTIAL LICENSE PLATES ONLY • NO COMMERCIAL VEHICLES!

No commercial or Industrial waste. No containers over 10 gallons.

Residents must stay In their vehicles at all times. Please have your materials In your trunk, cargo area or truck bed, easily accessible to our staff, who will remove It from your vehicle.



Please help us feed Middlesex County residents In need: Bring a non-perishable food Item when you come to one of our household hazardous waste events.

Donated items will be delivered to REPLENISH, the Middlesex County foodbank.

QUESTIONS? Call 732-745-4170 or E-mail solidwaste@co.middlesex.nj.us

This service is sponsored by the Middlesex County Board of County Commissioners with the host location.

MIDDLESEX

RESIDENTIAL 2024 PAPER SHREDDING

Recycle your old confidential files safely and securely! Rain or shine • 9 am - 12 pm (or until the shredding truck is filled) County residents only - No businesses

DATE	TOWN	LOCATION	ADDRESS	ZIP
Sunday, March 24	Old Bridge	Recycling Center	One Old Bridge Plaza	08857
Friday, April 19	Monroe	Veterans Park	Avenue K	08831
Saturday, April 27	Sayreville	Fort Grumpy	3750 Bordentown Avenue	08872
Saturday, May 4	North Brunswick	Babbage Park	Laurel Place	08902
Friday, May 17	Piscataway	Health Services Parking Lot	444 Hoes Lane	08854
Sunday, June 2	Edison	Pappaiannl Park	100 Municipal Boulevard	08817
Saturday, June 8	Spotswood	High School Parking Lot	105 Summerhill Road	08884
Sunday, September 8	South Brunswick	Beech Woods Park	137 Beekman Road	08852
Sunday, September 22	Woodbridge	Department of Public Works	225 Smith Street	07095
Friday, October 11	Highland Park	Donaldson Park	South Second Avenue	08904
Saturday, October 19	Cranbury	Cranbury School	23 North Main Street	08512
Friday, November 1	Monroe	Thompson Park	Manalapan Lake Lot	08831

Maximum of 5 file boxes or 100 pounds per car.

Loads containing unacceptable items may be rejected.

Must be in manageable containers: no plastic bags.

NO BUSINESSES, NO BATTERIES, NO METAL

DO NOT BRING:

Newspapers, magazines, hardcover books, junk mail, photographs, X-rays, CDs, shredded paper or garbage.

NOTE: No need to remove paper clips or staples.

For more information on this and other programs, please contact:

Middlesex County
Solid Waste Management
732-745-4170

solidwaste@co.middlesex.ni.us

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PREVENT FIRES, KEEP PEOPLE AND PROPERTY SAFE

DO NOT throw rechargeable batteries in the trash or curbside recycling bin!

Please bring rechargeable batteries to the Township of Monroe Recycling Center to dispose of them SAFELY.



RECHARGEABLE batteries must be RECYCLED properly.

Household batteries such as AA's, C's, D's etc. can be thrown in the trash.

Learn more at Monroe Township/Recycling AvoidTheSpark.com / Recycle Coach app





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Rechargeable = Recyclable

NEVER PUT BATTERIES IN CURBSIDE RECYCLING BINS. THEY ARE CAUSING FIRES AT RECYCLING FACILITIES.





The effort to stop the abuse and diversion of prescription drugs begins at home and must include the opportunity for New Jersey consumers to dispose of their unused medications safely and securely at any time throughout the year.

With New Jersey's Project Medicine Drop (NJPMD), we are placing secured drop boxes in the Monroe Township Police Department. Consumers from anywhere in New Jersey can visit the boxes seven days a week, to drop off unneeded and expired medications and keep them away from those at risk of abusing them.

The drop boxes accept solid pharmaceuticals such as pills, capsules, patches, inhalers, and pet medications. They cannot accept syringes or liquids.

for the hours of availability and other information, contact the police department or call the New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs at (800) 242-5846.

SOFF SYRINGF PROGROM

Many hospitals in and around the County participate in the New Jersey Hospital Association's Safe Syringe Program. Hospitals provide sharps containers to the home generator that the generator returns to the hospital when full. Contact the hospitals listed below for further information.

Note: Under no circumstances should needles ever be put in any type of container and placed out for recycling collection. This is very hazardous to recycling center employees.

St. Peter's University Hospital

New Brunswick 732-745-8600 ext. 6010

University Medical Center at Princeton

Plainsboro 609-853-6140

STORMWATER POLLUTION

Pollution on streets, parking lots and lawns is washed by rain into storm drains, then directly to our drinking water supplies and the ocean and lakes our children play in. Fertilizer, oil, pesticides, detergents, pet waste, grass clippings, etc. all end up in our water.

Stormwater pollution is one of New Jersey's greatest threats to clean and plentiful water, and that's why we are all doing something about it.



By sharing the responsibility and making small, easy changes in our daily lives, we can keep common pollutants out of stormwater. It all adds up to cleaner water, and it saves the high cost of cleaning up once it's dirty.



CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR PET

- Pet owners are required to pick up and properly dispose of the pet waste.
- Use newspaper, bags or pooper-scoopers to pick up wastes.
- Dispose of the wrapped pet waste in the trash or unwrapped in a toilet.
- Never discard pet waste in a storm drain.





CLEAN COMMUNITIES





New Jersey Clean Communities is a statewide, comprehensive litter abatement program created by the passage of the Clean Communities Act in 1986. The Act Provides a funding source for the program by placing a tax on fifteen categories of businesses that may produce litter-generated products.





NJ Clean communities has programs aimed at cleaning up our environment. For information about any of the programs or how you can get involved contact:

NJ Clean Communities at: **609-989-5900** or **niccc**@niclean.org







OUR COMMUNITY - LET'S MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Monroe uses an annual grant from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection for litter abatement programs such as volunteer cleanups and education program in local schools. Each year participating community groups collect discarded material in open space and along local roadways. The Township salutes all residents who participate in the Clean Communities Program.

Learn how you can help prevent and remove litter in our community. For more information, or to register, please contact the Recycling Coordinator at 732-656-4575.

Take pride in our parks and in our Community
Please Use Recycling And Trash Receptacles



CURBSIDE RECYCLING — MCIA



MCIA Acceptable Curbside Collection

All curbside recyclable items, such as bottles, cans, paper, and small flat cardboard can be mixed in a single recycling container. Do not put recycling in bags. WE DO NOT ACCEPT PLASTIC BAGS.

Missed pick-up?

Contact MCIA: 1-800-488-6242

RECYCLABLES THAT ARE NOT PROPERLY PREPARED FOR COLLECTION MAY BE REJECTED

CURBSIDE RECYCLING BINS

Recycling bins may be picked up by new residents for free with a copy of your closing document. Pick-up is at the Recycling Center/DPW Yard.

Replacement/extra recycling bins are \$12.90 by check payable to Monroe Township.





BI-WEEKLY COLLECTION

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.

THURSDAYS - Zone 1 & 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.

FRIDAYS - Zone 2 & 5

Bordered by Cranbury Station Road and the Union Valley Road on the North; Perrineville Road on the east; Disbrow Hill Road and Millstone on the south; and Windsor, Wycoff's Mills Road and Halsey Reed Road on the west.

All cardboard boxes should be flattened, hundled and tied into stacks.



2024 RECYCLING - Does not pertain to Adult Communities and some HOA communities

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 10, 24	February 7, 21	March 6, 20
April 3, 17	May 1, 15, 29	June 12, 26
July 10, 24	August 7, 21	September 4, 18
October 2, 16, 30	November 13, 27	December 11, 25* (* pick-up Saturday 12/28)

THURSDAYS

ZONE 1 & 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 11, 25	february 8, 22	March 7, 21
April 4, 18	May 2, 16, 30	June 13, 27
July 11, 25	August 8, 22	September 5, 19
October 3, 17, 31	November 14, 28* (* nick-un Saturdau11/30)	December 12, 26

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ZONE 2 & 5: Bordered by Cranbury Station Road and the Union Valley Road on the North; Perrineville Road on the east; Disbrow Hill Road and Millstone on the south; and Windsor, Wycoff's Mills Road and Halsey Reed Road on the west.

January 12, 26	February 9, 23	March 8, 22
April 5, 19	May 3, 17, 31	June 14, 28
July 12, 26	August 9, 23	September 6, 20
October 4. 18	November 1, 15, 29	December 13, 27

PLEASE HELP US HELP YOU WITH YARD WASTE...

Please consider the Cut it and Leave it process, it saves time, money and is better for your lawn.

To help the collection process run smoothly please:

- Don't put bags out that weight more than SOIb (If you have trouble moving them around our crew will too)
- 2. Please roll the tops over for easier handling and to keep the rain out.
- 3. Only place grass and leaves in the bag. (Not Sod or Dirt Please)
- 4. Brush should be bundled and tied with on limbs more then 5 inches in diameter and no longer than 4 feet.
- Whenever possible please place the cut end of the branches in the same direction traffic flows.

Grass and leave bags are available at the Department of Public Works yard free of charge

Correct



Incorrect



 Grass should be placed in brown recycling bags, will be collected curbside from Spring through Fall.

GRASS IN PLASTIC BAGS OR CONTAINERS WILL NOT BE PICKED UP.

Any bags over 50lbs will be rejected.

• CLIPPINGS, YARD WASTE AND GRASS—must be brought to the Recycling Drop-off center either loose or bagged in paper or plastic bags.

CUT IT & LEAVE IT

Recycle grass clippings the environmentally friendly way.

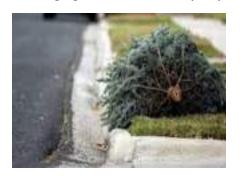
The preferred alternative for handling grass is to cut it and leave it through the mulching process. Mulching saves mowing time and provides nutrients for a healthier lawn. It also saves landfill space and reduces the cost of waste disposal. For more information, contact the Middlesex County Division of Solid Waste Management at 732-745-4170.



CHRISTMAS TREES

Discarded Christmas trees will be collected during the month of January.

Please remove all decorations, <u>DO NOT</u> place tree in any bag and leave at the curb for pick-up.



HOUSEHOLD WASTE PICK - UP

Household waste is picked up by a private hauler of your choice. You will need to contact one in your area to set up an account. Private communities have their waste haulers already in place.



TREE REMOVAL

Residents wishing to remove a tree must reach out to the Shade Tree Commission.

Please call 732-521-4400.



LEAF BAGS

Brown recycling bags can be picked up

free of charge by Monroe residents at the Monroe Township Recycling Center during normal business hours. No loose leaves will be picked up.





Your **FREE** recycling curbside collection information is just a click away.



Residents who are looking to become better recyclers can get all their answers from Recycle Coach, a free app for all mobile devices or online tool on our Township website. Recycle Coach features a user-friendly "What Goes Where" tool where you can search for how to recycle specific items. You can also access your recycling pick-up schedules and set reminders for upcoming events.

Check out our website under Recycle Coach for more information www.MonroeTwp.com







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2024 TOWNSHIP HOLIDAYS

1/1 New Year's Dau

1/15 Martin Luther King Dau

2/19 President's Dau

3/29 Good Friday

5/27 Memorial Dau

6/21 Juneteenth

7/4 Independence Day

9/2 Labor Dau

10/14 Columbus Day

11/5 Election Dau

11/11 Veteran's Dau

11/28 Thanksgiving Day

11/29 Day After Thanksgiving

12/25 Christmas Dau

ALL SCHEDULES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Zoning Officer

MONROE TOWNSHIP TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Animal Control 732-521-0222 **Parks Department** 732-656-0811 **Construction Office** 732-656-4585 Planning/Zoning Board 732-521-4400 Police (Non-emergency) 732-521-0222 Engineering 732-605-9440 **Health Department** Public Works/Recycling 732-745-3100 732-656-4575 Recreation **Human Resources** 732-521-4400 732-723-5000 Tax Assessor 732-521-5000 Libraru 732-521-4400 732-521-4400 732-521-4405 Mayor Tax Collector Municipal Building 732-521-4400 Township Clerk 732-656-4573 **Utilities Department Transportation** 609-443-0511 732-521-1700 Office of Senior Services

609-448-7140

732-521-4400







Mixed Paper

paper, newspaper, magazines, soft cover books, cereal boxes





aluminum and steel (tin) cans



Glass

Bottles & Jars all sizes, shapes and colors

Put IN the Recycling BIN



i.e: grocery, ziploc, garbage bags.



Shredded Paper



Greasy or food contaminated items



Film & Other Plastic including codes #3-#7



Styrofoam



Tanglers Le: garden

hoses. electric cords



Syringes, batteries and bulbs



Pots, pans, and small appliances



Dishware, glass, and mirrors

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