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# RECYCLING GUIDE

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# Why Recycle ?

## The Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act

1987

Act passed in New Jersey requiring all residents and businesses to recycle, establishing the statewide recycling goal of 50%.



**IT'S THE LAW!**

**It conserves raw materials and reduces environmental stress**



**To help Union County meet the 50% mandated recycling rate**



**Saves money!**

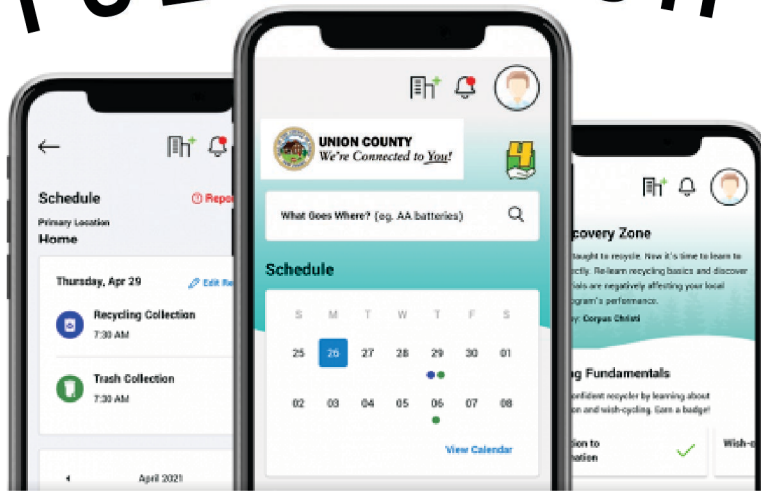
Recycling benefits municipalities by providing revenue. A town's annual recycling grant is based on the amount recycled by everyone!

Scan QR code & download the free Recycle Coach app for local recycling schedules, countywide recycling programs and more



**A SCAN ME**

# RECYCLE COACH APP



## Tailored Information Just for You, Based on Your Location

- changes in local collection due to holidays or weather
- up-to-date information and schedules for county and municipal recycling programs
- local curbside garbage and recycling schedules

### App Features:

- set up recycling reminders
- access information through a “What Goes Where?” search tool
- additional information about recycling and waste disposal

*Oh Yeah..* **IT'S FREE**



**A** SCAN ME



Search “Recycle Coach”

# WHAT GOES IN YOUR RECYCLING BIN?

## ACCEPTABLE

**Materials For Recycling in Union County**  
**What Can Go Into My Curbside Container?**

- 
**Plastic Bottles & Containers**  
**YES:** Bottles Coded with #1 & #2 on Bottom
 
- 
**Mixed Paper**  
**YES:** Paper, Newspaper, Magazines, Junk Mail, Catalogs & Phone Books
 
- 
**Cans**  
**YES:** Aluminum and Steel (tin) Cans & Lids
 
- 
**Glass Bottles & Jars**  
**YES:** All Sizes, Shapes & Colors
 
- 
**Cardboard**  
**YES:** corrugated, cereal, clean pizza boxes
 
- 
**Cartons**  
**YES:** Milk, Juice & Food Cartons
 

**PLEASE DO NOT USE PLASTIC BAGS!**

## NOT ACCEPTABLE

**What CANNOT Go Into My Curbside Container?**

- 
**Plastic Bags**  
**NO:** Please do not bag your recyclables or bags place in bin  
(visit [www.plasticfilmrecycling.org](http://www.plasticfilmrecycling.org) for drop off locations)

- 
**Styrofoam\***  
**NO:** Styrofoam cannot be recycled curbside
 
- 
**Dishware, Glass & Mirrors**  
**NO:** These items can be thrown in regular garbage
 
- 
**Dirty Pizza Boxes**  
**NO:** Leftover food or grease
 
- 
**Shredded Paper\***  
**NO:** Place shredded paper in regular garbage  
(or bring paper to be shredded at County event)

- 
**Pots, Pans & Small Appliances**

- 
**Plastic Containers & Plastic Ware**


#5 plastics by municipality (yogurt lids, straws, bottle caps, prescription bottles)

**ACCEPTS #5**



Berkeley Heights  
 Clark  
 Fanwood  
 Garwood  
 Linden  
 New Providence  
 Plainfield  
 Summit

**DOES NOT ACCEPT #5**



Cranford  
 Elizabeth  
 Hillside  
 Kenilworth  
 Mountainside  
 Rahway  
 Roselle

Roselle Park  
 Scotch Plains  
 Springfield  
 Union Township  
 Westfield  
 Winfield

# SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING

ALL RECYCLABLES GO INTO 1 BIN

**\*\*NO TRASH & NO PLASTIC BAGS\*\***

- Berkeley Heights
- Kenilworth
- Mountainside
- New Providence
- Winfield
- Westfield
- Scotch Plains
- Springfield
- Garwood
- Clark
- Cranford
- Fanwood
- Roselle



# DUAL-STREAM RECYCLING

RECYCLABLES ARE SORTED, SEPARATING COMINGLED (ALUMINUM, GLASS, PLASTICS) AND PAPER MATERIALS

- Rahway
- Roselle Park
- Plainfield
- Elizabeth
- Hillside
- Summit
- Union Township
- Linden



# WHAT OTHER MATERIALS MUST BE RECYCLED?

The following materials must be recycled but cannot be collected through regular curbside recycling:

## Residential Waste Generators

- Wood
- Brush
- Household Batteries
- Grass
- Tires
- Motor Oil Filters
- Motor Oil
- Leaves
- Vehicle Batteries
- White Goods (air conditioners, refrigerators)

## Commercial, Institutional, and Industrial Waste Generators

- Asphalt Roofing
- Brush
- Wood
- Vehicle Batteries
- Motor Oil
- Leaves
- Motor Oil Filters
- Grass
- Tires
- Fluorescent Bulbs
- Household Batteries
- Computers and peripherals
- White Goods (air conditioners, refrigerators)
- Masonry (asphalt, brick, block, concrete)



# Mobile Paper Shredding

## HOURS OF OPERATION: 9AM-1PM

Please bring material in PAPER BAGS (if possible)

**Previously shredded paper will NOT be accepted**

For updated event schedule, refer to [www.ucnj.org/recycling/mobile-paper](http://www.ucnj.org/recycling/mobile-paper)

## RULES TO REMEMBER

**\*\*Shredding Program will end prior to 1 PM in the event the shredding truck(s) reaches capacity\*\***

- 1 Material should be brought in paper bags whenever possible (not leaf bags)
- 2 Please **DO NOT** bring shredded paper
- 3 **NO** wet or damp papers! **NO** plastic ring binders or clips
- 4 This is a garbage-free event; boxes and plastic bags will be returned
- 5 Limit papers to confidential / sensitive materials only



**\*UNION COUNTY RESIDENTS ONLY\***

**\*PLEASE NO BUSINESSES\***

**FOR UPDATED EVENT SCHEDULE, REFER TO:**

[www.ucnj.org/recycling/mobile-paper-shredding](http://www.ucnj.org/recycling/mobile-paper-shredding)



ALL EVENTS RUN FROM 9 AM - 2 PM \*LATEX PAINT IS NOT ACCEPTED\*

## ACCEPTED MATERIALS

- Aerosol Cans
- Caustics
- Thermostats
- Pesticides & herbicides
- Smoke Detectors
- Oil Based Paints/ Varnishes
- Fluorescent Bulbs (unbroken)
- Antifreeze
- Tires (automobile, motorcycle, bicycle)
- Mercury Switches
- Pool Chemicals
- Propane tanks
- Corrosives & cleaners
- Fire Extinguishers
- Motor Oil & Oil Filters
- Batteries
- Gasoline

## WHAT NOT TO BRING

- Unknown/ Unlabeled Containers
- Containers larger than 5 Gallons
- Water-Based Paints
- Alkaline Batteries
- Empty Containers

## RECYCLE TIRES

Limit 8 automobile tires per household. Please no rims. Bicycle tires are also accepted.



**FOR UPDATED EVENT SCHEDULE, REFER TO :**  
[www.ucnj.org/recycling/household-special-waste](http://www.ucnj.org/recycling/household-special-waste)

# SCRAP METAL RECYCLING



## ACCEPTED METALS

- Microwaves
- Wire Hangers
- Iron Pots & Pans
- Refrigerators\*\*
- Cabinets (metal)
- Siding (aluminum)
- Washers/Dryers
- Air Conditioners
- Aluminum Scrap/ Cans
- Dishwashers
- Humidifiers
- Appliances
- Sheds (metal)
- Freezers\*\*
- Window Frames
- Lawn Furniture
- Fencing (chain/wire)
- Railings
- Copper
- Brass
- Stoves
- Gutters
- Toasters
- Bicycles
- Tire Rims

**\*\*by law, you must remove the doors before setting refrigerators and freezers out for recycling as we cannot accept units with doors still attached**



please visit  
[www.ucnj.org/recycling/scrap-metal](http://www.ucnj.org/recycling/scrap-metal) for  
a list of dates and locations

**PLEASE DOWNLOAD THE RECYCLE COACH APP AND SET REMINDERS FOR  
UPCOMING EVENTS**



To participate in the following municipally run e-waste programs, you must be a resident of the town

..... BERKELEY HEIGHTS .....

Berkeley Heights residents can bring their e-waste to the Berkeley Heights DPW yard, located at 101 Berkeley Avenue, on the first Saturday of the month from 9 AM- noon

..... CLARK .....

Clark residents can bring their e-waste to the Clark DPW Yard, located at 430 Westfield Ave on the last Saturday of the month from 9 AM- 1 PM

..... CRANFORD .....

Cranford residents can bring electronic waste to the Cranford Conservation Center, 210 Birchwood Avenue

..... ELIZABETH .....

Elizabeth residents can bring electronic waste to the Elizabeth Recycling Center, 523 Trenton Avenue, 7 Days a week. Monday - Friday 8 AM- 5 PM; Saturday and Sunday 8 AM - 4 PM

..... FANWOOD .....

Fanwood residents ONLY can drop off covered electronics at the Recycling Center located at 536 North Avenue, on the first Saturday of each month from 8 AM - 11 AM

..... HILLSIDE .....

Hillside residents can drop off e-waste at the Hillside Public Works Yard located at 274 Hillside Avenue (rear building of the Community Center/ William H. Buie Center) Monday - Friday 8 AM- 3:30 PM



..... KENILWORTH .....

Kenilworth residents can drop off e-waste at the Kenilworth DPW, located at 401 Sheridan Avenue Monday-Friday 8AM- 2 PM

..... LINDEN .....

Linden residents can drop off e- waste at the Recycling Center located at 2 Donaldson Place Monday- Friday 7 AM- 3 PM & Saturdays from 9AM- 2PM

..... PLAINFIELD .....

Plainfield residents can drop off e-waste at the PMUA Transfer Station, located at 95 Rock Avenue Monday- Friday 7 AM- 3 PM; Saturdays 8 AM- 2 PM

..... RAHWAY .....

Rahway has curbside collection for electronics. Residents must call 732- 827-2159 to schedule and appointment

..... ROSELLE .....

Roselle residents can drop off e-waste at the Roselle DPW yard, located at 1121 Chandler Avenue. Monday- Friday between 7:30 and 3 PM

..... ROSELLE PARK .....

Roselle Park residents can bring their e-waste to the Roselle Park DPW yard located at 180 West Webster Avenue, Monday-Friday between 8 AM & 3 PM

..... SCOTCH PLAINS .....

Scotch Plains residents can drop off e-waste at the Scotch Plains DPW, located at 2445 Plainfield Avenue, Thursdays between 7 AM & 2 PM



.....SPRINGFIELD.....

Springfield residents can drop off e-waste on the first Saturday of every month at the municipal pool parking lot, located at 44 Morrison Road in Springfield. Monday- Wednesday - Friday 7:30 AM - 11:30 AM at at the municipal pool parking lot, located at 44 Morrison Rd in Springfield

..... SUMMIT .....

Summit has a curbside collection program for electronics. Call Summit DPW for more information

..... UNION .....

Union residents can drop off e-waste at the Union DPW yard, located at 1 Swanstrom Place Monday- Friday 8:30 AM- 4 PM. For weekend hours or large TV pick up, please call 908-686-1922

.....NEW PROVIDENCE.....

New Providence residents can drop off e-waste at the DPW located at 10 Park Place on the first and third Saturday from 9 AM - 1 PM.

..... WESTFIELD .....

Westfield residents can bring electronic waste to the Westfield Conservation Center, 1300 Lamberts Mill Road, anytime the center is open. Check [www.westfieldnj.gov](http://www.westfieldnj.gov) for exact days and hours of operation. Permits are not required to drop off recyclable materials

# STYROFOAM

Clean, White, Block-Type Foam Only. Wet or dirty foam will be rejected. Examples of acceptable foam include furniture and appliance packaging, with or without the #6 recycling stamp

**YES!**

- White Clean Foam** 
- Furniture & Appliance Packaging Foam** 
- Block Form Foam** 

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**NO!**

-  **Egg Cartons** 
-  **Food Service Foam** 
-  **Packing Peanuts & Cardboard** 
-  **Dirty or Wet Foam** 
-  **Dark Colored Foam** 

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..... BERKELEY HEIGHTS .....

Residents can bring their Styrofoam to the Berkeley Heights DPW yard, located at 101 Berkeley Avenue, on the first Saturday of the month from 9 AM to noon

# **STYROFOAM**

..... CRANFORD .....

Residents can bring Styrofoam to the Cranford Conservation Center, 210 Birchwood Avenue on Wednesdays 9:30 AM- 3:20 PM; Saturday & Sunday 9:30 AM- 3:50 PM

..... ELIZABETH .....

Recycling center at 523 Trenton Avenue. 908-820-4150

..... KENILWORTH .....

Residents can bring Styrofoam to the Kenilworth DPW yard, located at 401 Sheridan Ave, Monday- Friday 7AM- 2:30 PM & on the first Saturday of each month 8 AM - noon.

.....NEW PROVIDENCE.....

Residents can drop off Styrofoam at the DPW located at 10 Park Place on the first and third Saturday of each month from 9AM- 1PM

.....PLAINFIELD.....

Residents can drop off the Styrofoam at the Plainfield Transfer Station, located at 95 Rock Avenue Monday- Friday 7 AM- 3PM; Saturdays 8 AM- 1:45 PM

# **STYROFOAM**

..... SCOTCH PLAINS .....

Residents can drop off Styrofoam at the Scotch Plains DPW, located at 2445 Plainfield Avenue, 7 AM- 2 PM on Thursdays

..... SPRINGFIELD .....

Residents can drop off Styrofoam at the municipal pool parking lot, located at 44 Morrison Rd in Springfield Monday-Friday 7:30 AM- 11:30 AM

..... SUMMIT .....

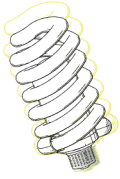
Residents can drop off Styrofoam at the Summit Transfer station located at 40 New Providence Avenue. Tuesday- Friday 7:30 AM- 3:45 PM, Saturday 7:30 AM- 4:445 PM

..... UNION .....

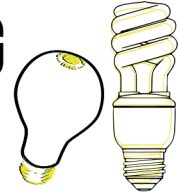
Residents can drop off Styrofoam at the Union DPW yard, located at 1 Swanstrom Place, Monday- Friday 8:30 AM- 4 PM

..... WESTFIELD .....

Residents can bring Styrofoam to the Westfield Conservation Center, 1300 Lamberts Mill Road, anytime the center is open. Check [www.westfieldnj.gov](http://www.westfieldnj.gov) for exact days and hours of operation. No permit required



# FLUORESCENT BULB RECYCLING



Fluorescent lights can be brought to Union County’s Household Hazardous Waste events for safe recycling. All shapes are accepted, including tubes, U-shapes, and compact fluorescent lights. A maximum of 12 items applies, and no broken lights are accepted.

*\*Note: these events are for residential use only\**

Home Depot, Lowes, and other local businesses may also accept fluorescent lights for recycling. Call ahead to find out

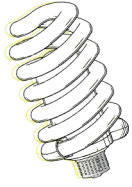
The following municipalities offers recycling for 4' and 8' tube-shaped fluorescent lights and U-shaped lights

..... BERKELEY HEIGHTS .....

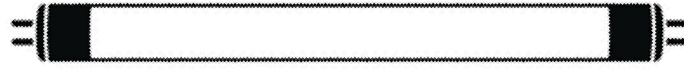
Residents can bring their fluorescent tubes to the Berkeley Heights DPW located 101 Berkeley Avenue, Monday- Friday 8AM- 2PM

..... CLARK .....

Residents can bring their fluorescent tubes to the Clark DPW yard located at 430 Westfield Ave on the last Saturday of the month from 9 AM to 1 PM



# FLUORESCENT BULB RECYCLING



## ..... CRANFORD .....

Residents can drop off fluorescent bulbs at the Cranford Conservation Center located at 210 Birchwood Avenue anytime the center is open. Please check [www.cranfordnj.org/recycling](http://www.cranfordnj.org/recycling) for exact days and hours of operation. Permits not required to drop off bulbs.

## ..... ELIZABETH .....

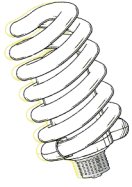
Residents can bring fluorescent bulbs to the Elizabeth Recycling Center, 523 Trenton Avenue, 7 days a week. Monday- Friday 8 AM- 5 PM; Saturday and Sunday 8 AM- 4 PM

## ..... FANWOOD .....

Residents can drop off covered fluorescent bulbs at the Fanwood DPW located at 1 Manfra Way, on the 1st Saturday of each month from 8 AM- 11 AM

## ..... KENILWORTH .....

Residents can drop off fluorescent bulbs at the Kenilworth DPW located at 401 Sheridan Avenue, Monday- Friday 7 AM- 2:30 PM & the first Saturday of each month from 8 AM- noon



# FLUORESCENT BULB RECYCLING



## ..... LINDEN .....

Residents can drop off fluorescent bulbs at the Recycling Center located at 2 Donaldson Place. Monday- Friday 7 AM- 2:30 PM; Saturdays from 8 AM- 2 PM. Linden only accepts 4- feet and shorter at their location

## .....NEW PROVIDENCE.....

Residents can drop off fluorescent bulbs at the DPW located at 10 Park Place on the first and third Saturday from 9 AM- 1 PM

## ..... RAHWAY .....

Rahway has curbside collection of fluorescent bulbs. Residents must call 732-827-2159 to schedule an appointment. Schedule can be downloaded from [www.nj-rahway.civicplus.com](http://www.nj-rahway.civicplus.com)

## ..... ROSELLE .....

Residents can drop off fluorescent bulbs at the Roselle DPW Yard, located at 1121 Chandler Avenue. Hours of operation are Monday- Friday 7:20 AM- 2 PM



# PLASTIC FILM RECYCLING

## NO PLASTIC BAGS IN THE RECYCLING BIN/CART

Plastic bags will clog the recycler’s sorting systems as they are not compatible with the machines that sort recyclables at the processing facility. Never put plastic bags in recycling bins. Union County residents can bring plastic bags, bubble wrap and many other kinds of plastic film to drop-off recycling sites throughout the county. A list of locations can be found below or at [www.ucnj.org/recycling/plastic-film](http://www.ucnj.org/recycling/plastic-film)



## DROP-OFF SITES

### ..... Berkeley Heights .....

DPW Yard - 101 Berkeley Avenue

- First Saturday of every month 9 AM - noon

### ..... Cranford .....

Conservation Center - 210 Birchwood Avenue

- Wednesday 9:30 AM- 3:20 PM
- Saturdays & Sundays 9:30 AM-3:50 PM



# PLASTIC FILM RECYCLING

## DROP-OFF SITES

### ..... Springfield .....

Municipal Pool Parking lot- 44 Morrison Road

- Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 7:30 AM - 11:30 AM during e-waste, vegetative waste, and Styrofoam drop- off

### ..... Summit .....

Municipal Transfer Station - 40 New Providence Avenue

- Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays 7:30 AM - 3:45 PM
- Saturdays 7:30 AM - 4:45 PM
- Residents need City of Summit resident permit to utilize facility
- No other county residents can drop off at this location without permission from the County or City of Summit
- If you have any questions, please call the Summit Community Service phone number : 908-273-6404

### ..... Union .....

Recycling Convenience Center - 1 Swanstrom Place

- Monday - Friday 8:30 AM - 4 PM

### ..... Westfield .....

Conservation Center- 1300 Lamberts Mill Road

- January- Saturdays only 9 AM - 3 PM
- February & March- Mon- Fri 9 AM- 12 PM, Saturdays 9 AM - 3 PM
- March 24 - October 23 - Thursdays & Fridays 9 AM - 2:30 PM, Saturdays & Sundays from 9 AM - 3 PM
- October 24 - December 18 - Monday through Friday 9 AM - 2:30 PM, Saturdays & Sundays 9 AM - 3 PM



# PLASTIC FILM RECYCLING

## DROP-OFF SITES

### ..... Elizabeth .....

523 Trenton Avenue

- Monday-Friday 8 AM- 6 PM
- Saturdays 8 AM- 4 PM
- Sundays 8 AM- 4 PM

### ..... Fanwood .....

536 North Avenue

- 8 AM- 11 AM on specified dates that can be found at [fanwoodnj.org](http://fanwoodnj.org)
- This facility is open to Fanwood residents only

### ..... Garwood .....

DPW Building located at 15 South Avenue (at the end of Willow Avenue)

- 10 AM - 2 PM
  - January 14th
  - March 11th
  - May 13th
  - July 8th
  - September 9th
  - November 14th
- This facility is open to Garwood residents only

### ..... Hillside .....

274 Hillside Avenue (rear building of the Community Center/ William H. Buie Center)

- Monday - Friday 8 AM- 3:30 PM



# PLASTIC FILM RECYCLING

## DROP-OFF SITES

### ..... Kenilworth .....

DPW yard- 401 Sheridan Avenue

- Monday - Friday 7 AM - 2:30 PM
- First Saturday of each month 8 AM- noon

### ..... New Providence .....

DPW Yard- 10 Park Place

- First & Third Saturday of each month 9 AM - 1 PM

### ..... Roselle Park .....

Multiple Locations

- Borough Hall
  - 110 East Westfield Avenue
  - Monday - Friday 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM
- Casano Community Center
  - 314 Chestnut Street
  - Monday - Friday 10 AM- 9 PM
- Roselle Park Veterans Memorial Library
  - 404 Chestnut Street
  - Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 10 AM - 8 PM
  - Wednesday and Friday 10 AM - 5 PM

### ..... Scotch Plains .....

DPW Yard, 2445 Plainfield Avenue

- Thursdays 7 AM - 2 PM

# LATEX VS OIL-BASED PAINT



## How to tell the difference:

For latex paint, look on the label for words such as “Latex”, “Acrylic Latex”, or “Cleans up with soap and water”. If looking at the contents box or ingredients on the side of the label, look for the key word “water”



ACRYLIC LATEX

SOAP AND WATER CLEANUP

For oil-based paint, look on the label for words such as “Alkyd”, “oil-based”, or “Caution: Combustible”. If looking at the contents box or ingredients on the side of the label, look for key words such as “flammable” or “mineral spirits”

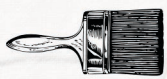


Exterior **Alkyd** | Gloss

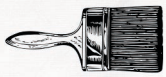
DANGER! HARMFUL OR FATAL IF SWALLOWED. **COMBUSTIBLE!** VAPORES HARMFUL IRRITATES EYES, SKIN AND RESPIRATORY TRACT. Before using, carefully read...  
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# How to Manage Leftover Latex Paint

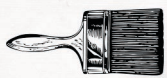
**To safely dispose of leftover latex paint, please follow the instructions below. Keep in mind that discarding any remaining paint in drains or yards is NOT recommended**



Let paint dry thoroughly in the can with the lid open. Kitty litter or commercial paint hardener can be used to speed up the drying process



Dispose of lid in regular household trash



Once the paint in the can has dried thoroughly, dispose in regular household trash

\*The Bureau of Recycling and Planning can provide residents with paint hardener upon request, by contacting 908-654-9890. Commercial paint hardener can also be purchased from hardware and home improvement stores such as The Home Depot\*

# Reduce Paint in the Waste Stream



## **BUY ONLY THE PAINT YOU NEED**

Measure the project and calculate the amount of paint needed



## **STORE PAINT SO IT LASTS FOR YEARS**

To prevent paint from leaking and keep it fresh for future use, cover the opening with plastic wrap and securely replace the lid. An extra tip: store the paint upside down to create an airtight seal around the lid



## **USE LEFTOVER PAINT**

Label leftover paint can clearly to easily find the right color and finish for touch-ups and other projects



## **DONATE OR EXCHANGE PAINT**

Donate leftover paint to community groups, schools, churches, other organizations, or share with friends, family, and neighbors



## **RECYCLE EMPTY PAINT CAN**

Contact local recycling coordinator for information about any local recycling opportunities

\*paint cans NOT accepted at scrap metal recycling events\*

# NEW JERSEY CLEAN COMMUNITIES



is a program that focuses on litter cleanups with support from the statewide Clean Communities Program



Union County Clean Communities can help you to combat litter by...

*SUPPLYING WORK GLOVES, LITTER GRABBERS AND BAGS, ALL PROVIDED FREE OF CHARGE*



Organizers only need to bring themselves and their volunteers



For more information on New Jersey Clean Communities and how you can help, please contact the Union County Clean Communities Coordinator :  
Stuart Newman | 908-654-9892 |  
[stuart.newman@ucnj.org](mailto:stuart.newman@ucnj.org)

# RECYCLING GUIDELINES IN UNION COUNTY PARKS



**Recycle Empty  
and clean:**



**Metal Cans**

**Cardboard &  
Paper Bags**



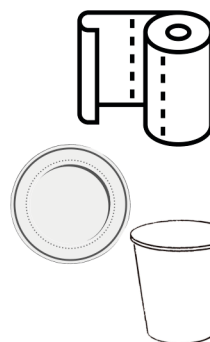
**Glass Bottles  
& Jars**

**#1/#2 Plastic  
Containers  
(Bottles & Jugs)**



**Anything  
Contaminated  
with Food**

**Plastic Bags, Wrap,  
Film, Utensils, or  
Straws**



**Paper Plates,  
Paper Towels or  
Napkins, Plastic or  
Paper Cups**

**Styrofoam**



# PAUTAS DE RECICLAJE PARA LOS PARQUES DEL CONDADO DE UNION



**Debe reciclar esto si está vacío y limpio:**



**Latas de Metal**

**Bolsas de Cartón y Papel**



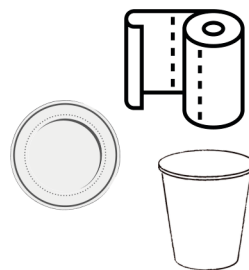
**Botellas y Frascos de Cristal**

**#1/#2 Envases de Plástico (Botellas y jarras)**



**Productos Contaminados de Alimentos**

**Envoltura de Plástico, Bolsas Rollos de Fotografías, Utensilos o Absorbentes**



**Platos de papel, Toallas de Papel, Servilletas y Vasos de Papel**

**Espuma de Poliestireno**



# The Union County Markets Directory

Contact information for recycling companies in and around Union County at which businesses and residents can dispose of recyclable waste

- it is recommended that you call the facility for additional up-to-date information before bringing waste to any of the locations provided
- each vendor may differ in fees, regulations, and/or disposal instructions
- the businesses listed are **not** owned or operated by Union County

## **ASPHALT / CONCRETE**

Bayshore Recycling | 732-738-6000 | Keasbey

Tilcon | 201-997-0220 | Kearny

Freehold Cartage Inc | 732-462-1001 | Freehold

Rockrete Recycling Corp (concrete only) | 908-352-2009

Weldon Materials, Inc | 908-233-4444 | Watchung

## **CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS**

Joseph Smentkowski Inc / Galaxy Carting | 201-420-4321 | Jersey City

IWS Transfer Systems of NJ, Inc. | 973-242-3030 | Newark

Waste Management | 908-787-1100 | Elizabeth  
PMUA Transfer Station | 908-226-2578 | Plainfield

## **PAPER / FIBER**

Colgate Paper Stock | 732-246-8446 | New Brunswick

Freehold Cartage Inc | 732-462-1001 | Freehold

Joseph Smentkowski Inc / Galaxy Carting | 201-420-4321  
| Jersey City

Regional Industries, LLC. | 908-436-1966 | Elizabeth

Pratt Industries | 718-370-1114 | Staten Island, NY

WM Recycle America | 973-344-3003 | Newark

WM Recycle America | 855-497-8364 | Port Newark

## **BRUSH**

Mercer Group International | 609-393-4834 | Ewing

Freehold Cartage Inc | 732-462-1001 | Freehold

J.H. Reid | 732-752-4050 | Middlesex

## **CLOTHING / TEXTILES**

Helpsy | 800-244-6350 | [www.helpsy.co](http://www.helpsy.co)

Big Brothers Big Sisters (clothing only) | 973-642-2447 |  
Newark

Planet Aid | 410-746-1510 | Drop off boxes

Salvation Army | 908-352-7057 | Elizabeth

Goodwill Industries International, Inc |

[www.goodwill.org/donors/donate-stuff](http://www.goodwill.org/donors/donate-stuff)

## **BOOKS**

New Legacy Books | [www.newlegacybooks.com](http://www.newlegacybooks.com)

BookSmiles | 856-661-7480 | Pennsauken

## **STUMPS / LOGS**

Freehold Cartage Inc | 732-462-1001

IWS Transfer Systems of NJ, Inc | 973-242-3030 |  
Newark

## **SOIL**

Bedrock Stone, Inc | 201-997-0220 | Kearny

Bayshore Soil Management | 732-738-6000 | Keasbey

## **HAZARDOUS WASTE**

ACV Enviro | 800-777-4557 | Elizabeth  
MXI Maumee Express | 267-590-0043 | Langhorne, PA  
Radiac Research Corporation | 718-963-2233 | Brooklyn,  
NY

Safety-Kleen | 908-791-9600 | Linden  
Joseph Smentkowski Inc / Galaxy Carting | 201-420-  
4321 | Jersey City

## **MATTRESSES**

Homeless / Battered Women Shelter Directory |  
[www.homelessshelterdirectory.org](http://www.homelessshelterdirectory.org)

## **LEAVES**

IWS Transfer Systems of NJ, Inc | 973-242-3030 |  
Newark

Yannuzzi Group Inc | 908-218-0880 | Edison

## **WHITE GOODS**

Sims Metal Management | 973-344-4570 | Newark  
Joseph Smentkowski Inc / Galaxy Carting | 201-420-  
4321 | Jersey City

## **SCRAP METAL**

All American Alloy & Recycling | 908-289-1005 |  
Elizabeth

Central Jersey Recycling | 732-985-7086 | Edison

C & K Scrap Metal | 973-589-5445 | Newark

Freehold Cartage Inc. | 732-462-1001 | Freehold

Klein Recycling | 908-722-2288 | Hillsborough

Sims Metal Management | 973-344-4570 | Newark

Fortune Metal Recycling | 732-388-0709 | Rahway

## **MOTOR OIL / OIL FILTERS**

Lorco Petroleum Services | 800-734-0910

Private Inspection Facility (call ahead)

Safety-Kleen (call ahead) | 908-791-9600 | Linden

ACV Enviro | 800-777-4557 | Elizabeth

**\*\*Please visit the Union County Recycling website for a list of  
Public Works Departments that accept used motor oil:  
[www.ucnj.org/recycling/used-motor-oil-spent-filter-disposal/](http://www.ucnj.org/recycling/used-motor-oil-spent-filter-disposal/) \*\***

**PLASTICS: #1 (PET OR PETE), #2 (HDPE), #3 (PVC), #4 (LDPE), #5 (PP), #6 (PS OR EPS), #7**

Joseph Smentkowski Inc / Galaxy Carting | 201-420-4321 | Jersey City

Colgate Paper Stock | 732-246-8446 | New Brunswick

Freehold Cartage Inc | 732-462-1001 | Freehold

Pratt Industries | 718-370-1114 | Staten Island, NY

WM Recycle America | 973-344-3003 | Newark

Plastic Services Inc. | 732-560-0700 | Middlesex

**TIRES**

IWS Transfer Systems of NJ, Inc | 973-242-3030 |

Newark

Freehold Cartage Inc | 732-462-1001 | Freehold

Casings of NJ | 908-851-7766 | Hillside

Bayshore Recycling | 732-738-6000 | Keasbey

# **SMOKE & CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS**

First Alert/ BRK | 800-323-9005 | Aurora, IL  
American Sensors | 412-242-5903 | Pittsburgh, PA

*Many detectors can be returned to the manufacturer. Others may be returnable to one of the following two companies. Send detectors by surface mail so they don't end up in an airplane.*

## **WOOD WASTE / PALLETS**

Bayshore Recycling | 732-738-6000 | Keasbey  
Freehold Cartage Inc | 732-462-1001 | Freehold  
Yannuzzi Group Inc | 908-218-0880 | Edison

**Many wood pallet recycling companies repair and reuse old pallets, and can be found on the NJDEP's database of Class B recycling centers:**

**<https://www.nj.gov/dep/dshw/lrm/classb.htm>**



## How you can start :



If you have a yard or garden, home composting is a simple, effective way to cut down on food waste while conserving valuable resources



Home-made compost is a natural soil enhancer that can help plants thrive without the need for extra fertilizers



Kitchen scraps, yard waste (leaves, grass clippings, etc.) and cardboard (including pizza boxes and cardboard egg cartons) can all go into your compost pile

# Winter Composting



## **Transform Your Backyard with Composting in Union County, NJ**

Residents of Union County can take advantage of kitchen scraps this winter by creating a backyard compost pile. Compost is an organic soil enhancer that promotes healthy growth for flower beds, vegetable gardens, and shrubs, eliminating the need for extra fertilizer

## **Reducing the Strain on Waste Disposal Operations through Composting**

Did you know that preventing food scraps from entering the waste stream can significantly alleviate the pressure on municipal waste disposal operations? Try composting your pumpkins, decorative gourds, and other plant-based home decorations along with your kitchen scraps and yard waste instead

## **The Science of Composting Made Simple**

Composting can seem like a complicated process, but it's actually quite straightforward. Combine kitchen scraps with leaves and other yard waste to create a pile. This pile creates a warm environment for microbes to thrive naturally. The end result is humus, a crumbly organic matter that can boost soil nutrients when worked into the soil

## Composting: What to Include

When it comes to composting, you can add almost any fruit or vegetable scraps, whether they're raw or cooked. This also includes coffee grounds and filters, and tea bags (just be sure to remove any staples, if present). Additionally, crushed eggshells are a great addition to your compost pile.

## Tips on What to Include and Exclude from Your Backyard Compost Bin

When it comes to composting, certain kitchen and yard scraps should be left out to avoid long decomposition times or the spread of weeds and disease. Avoid using nut shells, corn husks and other “woody” kitchen scraps, as they take longer to decompose. Yard waste should also be carefully selected, with weeds being compostable but their seeds being left out to prevent further weed growth. Additionally, any plants indicating signs of disease or infestation should be excluded from the compost pile.

## Best Practices for Home Composting

If you're into composting, it's crucial to know what to avoid. Dairy products and cooked meats can be a magnet for pests, so avoid including them in your compost pile. Additionally, experts advise against composting raw meat, used kitty litter, and other pet waste at home.



## Tips: Winter Composting

Composting during the winter months can be difficult due to the cold weather; however, with a few simple steps, you can keep the pile warm and active. Begin by collecting fallen leaves in your yard, which supply the necessary carbon for composting. Food scraps, on the other hand, provide nitrogen, and together with the leaves, make for a successful composting combination.

- place your pile where it will be sheltered from wind. Avoid a covered spot, because the pile will need rain to keep moist. A good location will also get sunlight to help keep the pile warm.
- start by heaping up a large mound of leaves. fluff them up instead of trying to compact them. The air spaces between the leaves will help insulate the pile. The extra air is also needed to help the decaying process.
- Make a hole in the middle of the pile. This is where your food scraps will go.
- Chop larger food scraps into smaller pieces to speed up the decomposition process. For foods like pumpkins that have hard rinds, you may need to chop them up even more.
- To maintain the compost pile, cover every addition of food scraps with leaves from the sides of the pile.
- Ensure that compost piles contain some moisture. If there have been several days without rain, or if cold weather freezes the top layer of leaves, add some water along with the food scraps.



### **Need More Insulation? Try These Techniques:**

- Cover the pile with burlap, or an old tarp. The loose cloth will help lock in moisture while allowing rain to seep in.
- To keep the pile from spreading out, use chicken wire or other fencing to enclose it. Consider using straw bales, as they provide insulation as well.
- To keep the pile insulated, dig a shallow pit of 1-2 feet into the ground before starting the compost pile.



### **Creating Nutrient-rich Compost: Tips for Faster Results**

A simple, "unscientific" compost pile can transform waste into humus in a few months, although it may take up to a year or more. If you're looking for a quicker turnaround, you can speed up the composting process in a matter of weeks by providing an optimal environment for microbial activity. Here are some tips to help you achieve faster results:

- Use a mixture of "green" and "brown" waste, such as two parts kitchen scraps and grass clippings to one part leaves
- Turn the pile with a pitchfork once a week to aerate it
- Consider using store-bought compost tumblers, which are designed to accommodate aeration

However, be cautious about the possibility of freezing over the winter. With these tips, you can create nutrient-rich compost at home.

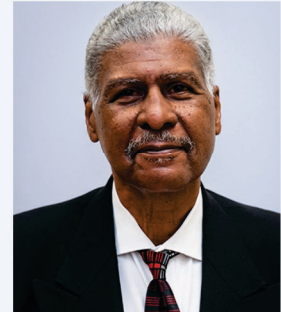
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