

LET'S GET FOOD SMART!

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!



2023 RECYCLING AND SOLID WASTE GUIDE

 **MIDDLESEX**
COUNTY • NJ



Dear County Residents:

As County Commissioner of the Division of Solid Waste Management, I'm pleased to present the 26th 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 Improvement Authority (MCIA), and the Middlesex County Utilities Authority (MCUA).

In 2023, we will be continuing – and expanding – our efforts toward waste reduction. This includes focusing on our Get Food Smart campaign, which offers tips regarding how best to reduce, reuse, and recycle food items in order to decrease the amount of food waste. Additionally, our Recycle Coach app helps residents stay on top of their solid waste and recycling with a personalized collection schedule, custom pick-up reminders, and an easy-to-use “What Goes Where?” search tool. Information on both these initiatives can be found on our County website.

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.

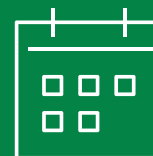
VISIT RECYCLECOACH.COM FOR DETAILS!



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INTERESTED IN OUR EVENTS?



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

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.

The Clean Communities Council has led the efforts to educate the public about the bag ban that took effect in 2022. The ban has resulted in the elimination of 1.1 million paper bags and 55 million single-use plastic bags per month.



HAVE EXCESS REUSABLE BAGS?

Donate new or gently used bags to food pantries or the Middlesex County food bank REPLENISH. To find the closest location, SCAN HERE:



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, jars, and jugs 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, brush, Christmas trees (not including artificial trees)**
- **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 Solid Waste Management and/or your municipal recycling coordinator.

DO YOU KNOW WHAT GOES IN YOUR RECYCLING BIN?

	 Plastic Bottles, Jars, and Jugs coded with #1 and #2 only  	 Cans aluminum and steel (tin) cans	
	 Mixed Paper paper, newspaper, magazines, softcover books, cereal boxes	 Cardboard corrugated boxes	Glass Bottles and Jars all sizes, shapes, and colors

	 Plastic Bags i.e. grocery, ziploc, garbage bags	 Greasy or food-contaminated items
	 Film and Other Plastic including codes #3 through #7	 Shredded Paper
 Tanglers i.e. garden hoses, electric cords	 Styrofoam	 Syringes, batteries, and bulbs
		 Dishware, glass, and mirrors



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 the 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

REPUBLIC (SOUTH PLAINFIELD)

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

IWS

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 Solid Waste Management 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

882 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

1 Old Bridge Plaza, Old Bridge, NJ 08857

WOODBIDGE 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

WOODBIDGE 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 1–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 the municipality's 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 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
882 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 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 19

Middlesex College

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

Saturday, May 20

Middlesex County Public Works

97 Apple Orchard Lane
North Brunswick, NJ 08902

Sunday, June 25

Old Bridge Public Works

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

Saturday, September 30

Middlesex County Public Works

750 Jernee Mill Road
Sayreville, NJ 08872

Sunday, November 19

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

Middlesex County 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/ 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! Go to our regional 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. **No Businesses, No Batteries, No Metal.**

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

Sunday, March 26

Old Bridge Public Works

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

Friday, April 21

Veterans Park

61 Avenue K, Monroe, NJ 08831

Saturday, April 29

Sayreville War Memorial High School

820 Washington Road
Sayreville, NJ 08817

Saturday, May 6

Babbage Park

Laurel Place
North Brunswick, NJ 08902

Friday, May 19

Health Services Parking Lot

444 Hoes Lane / Ericsson Drive
Piscataway, NJ 08854

Sunday, June 4

Middlesex College

2600 Woodbridge Avenue
Edison, NJ 08837

Saturday, June 10

High School Parking Lot

105 Summerhill Road
Spotswood, NJ 08884

Sunday, September 10

Beech Woods Park

137 Beekman Road
South Brunswick, NJ 08852

Sunday, September 24

Woodbridge Center

Lot near Dick's Sporting Goods
Woodbridge Center Drive
Woodbridge, NJ 07095

Friday, October 13

Donaldson Park

South Second Avenue
Highland Park, NJ 08904

Saturday, October 14

Cranbury School

23 North Main Street
Cranbury, NJ 08512

Friday, November 3

Thompson Park

Lot Near Manalapan Lake
Monroe, NJ 08831



HELP FEED MIDDLESEX COUNTY RESIDENTS IN NEED:

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RECHARGEABLE BATTERY RECYCLING

Prevent fires and keep people and property safe.

DO NOT throw rechargeable batteries in the trash or curbside 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 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 location closest to you.
- 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: 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) Reduce food waste
- 2) Reduce soil erosion
- 3) Allow soil to retain more water
- 4) Enhance soil fertility
- 5) Improve plant growth
- 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 Solid Waste Management at 732-745-4170 for more information.



Vermicomposter
indoor use

\$50



Home Composter
30" high x 32" base
17 cu. ft/125 gal

\$40



Geobin
30" high x
36" wide at base

\$20

FREE COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS

Learn more about backyard composting:

Saturday, April 15 at 10 am

Saturday, October 21 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

New Jersey Agricultural
Experiment Station

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION
MIDDLESEX COUNTY

RU Ready to Farm Program Beginner Farmer Training

Register in April, Starts in May

New Jersey needs new farmers; are you up to the challenge? For details, visit rubeginnerfarmer.rutgers.edu or email bp415@njaes.rutgers.edu.

4-H Explorations Week Summer Day Program

July 10–14

Youth currently in grades 2–7 can register as campers for this program. 4-H Youth Center, East Brunswick. Register and get details at [732-398-5261](tel:732-398-5261).

EARTH Center Garden, Arts & Music Festival

August 26

Garden Tours, Demonstrations, Crafts, Music, and Family Fun! Join us for our biggest event all year. Call [732-398-5268](tel:732-398-5268) for details.

Rutgers Master Gardener Class Orientation September 7, Thursday Evening September 8, Friday Morning

Join us to learn if the program is right for you. A year-long commitment includes classroom and hands-on experience. For details, call [732-398-5278](tel:732-398-5278) or email mastergardeners@co.middlesex.nj.us.

4-H Open House Sunday, October 1

Call [732-398-5261](tel:732-398-5261) for details. Get your child involved in 4-H. Nurture a leader!

Consult year round with the County's Master Gardener Helpline

Call [732-398-5220](tel:732-398-5220) or email mastergardeners@co.middlesex.nj.us with your garden or backyard environmental questions.

RU Ready 2 Garden Webcast Series

Learn time-tested and new techniques from university experts and Master Gardeners. View these in-depth webinars at www.tinyurl.com/rcevids.

For webinars on environmental concerns, check out the Rutgers series

Earth Day, Every Day:

envirostewards.rutgers.edu/earth-day-every-day/.

SAVE THE DATES!

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

Support Local Agriculture

Visit www.tinyurl.com/midcogrows and buy local!

In Middlesex County, Rutgers Cooperative Extension offices reside at the **EARTH Center in Davidson's Mill Pond Park**: 42 Riva Avenue, South Brunswick.

For more information, call [732-398-5262](tel:732-398-5262).

Learn more about the services and our upcoming programs by scanning this code:



or visit middlesexcountynj.gov/extension

NEED HELP DISPOSING OF AN ITEM?

Have polystyrene (Styrofoam) peanuts?

Try theupstore.com or recycletechno.com.

Have a bicycle or sewing machine?

Try 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'd like to recycle or donate listed above, 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
mciauth.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
how to reduce
food waste.

Submit an 8 ½" x 11"
design — with a picture
and slogan — and
YOU MAY WIN A PRIZE!

Designs must be
submitted by April 21.

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 setting up a recycling program at your school, you may call your municipal recycling coordinator (see back cover) or Middlesex County Solid Waste Management at **732-745-4170**.

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

LET'S GET FOOD SMART



THE PROBLEM 22% of solid waste in New Jersey is **Food Waste**.

THE SOLUTION **Tips to Reduce Food Waste**
Learn what food date labels mean.

WHAT IS A FOOD DATE?

A calendar date on a perishable or shelf-stable food product that communicates to the consumer the timeline for a product's freshness.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Foods required by law to be labeled in New Jersey are baby formula, dairy, and shellfish. Baby formula should not be fed to infants past the expiration date listed, but the other products may be consumed past the date printed on the package. We encourage you to examine and smell an item to decide if it should be used.

On all other products, date labels should be viewed as **food quality guidelines**. A product can be safely eaten weeks, months, or years after the date, if stored properly in a cool, dry, clean space like your home or local food pantry!

YOUR FOOD'S REAL SHELF LIFE:

- moremealslesswaste.com
- USDA's free **Foodkeeper App** or webpage: foodsafety.gov/foodkeeper



middlesexcountynj.gov/replenish



middlesexcountynj.gov/getfoodsmart

#getfoodsmart



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Cranbury	609-664-3123	609-664-3130
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 x110	732-521-4946 x110
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 x136	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	732-727-4600
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
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