

2017 RECYCLING GUIDE AND CURBSIDE COLLECTION GUIDE

CURBSIDE COLLECTION

CONTAINERS

Containers used for single-stream collection in the MCIA's program include:

- A rectangular blue container with lid
- A round blue container

Write your name and address on the containers. Place your recyclables in the containers and put the containers out on the curb before 6 a.m. on your collection day.

Collection times are subject to change, and all materials must be ready for pick-up by 6 a.m.

NOT ACCEPTED!

- Recyclables in plastic bags
- Recyclables in containers not at the curb, such as those left near the house, garage or at the top of the driveway

Replacement Containers: If your containers are lost, stolen or broken, replacement containers can be purchased from your municipal recycling coordinator. The phone number is listed in the municipal section of this brochure. We sell these containers to your municipality at the same price we pay the manufacturer.

New 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 mciaarecycling@mciauth.com.

THE NEW REUSE-IT BOOK

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

E-CYCLING

By law, most consumer electronics, including personal computers (desktops and laptops), monitors and televisions are not allowed in the trash. Check with your municipality's Department of Public Works to inquire if they maintain a recycling drop-off and if these items are acceptable. For additional drop-off locations, please contact the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection at (866) 337-5669 or the Middlesex County Division of Solid Waste Management at (732) 745-4170.

ACCEPTED RECYCLABLE ITEMS

NEWSPAPER & MIXED PAPER

Newspaper, magazines, catalogs, junk mail, brown paper bags, nonmetallic wrapping paper, office records, computer paper, file folders, receipts, telephone books, softcover books, hardcover books, greeting cards, paperboard, such as non-wax-coated food and cereal boxes, pizza boxes, tissue boxes, shoe boxes and gift boxes.

If you have more newspaper and mixed paper than you can fit in your container, place the overflow in brown paper grocery bags (not plastic grocery bags). Additional newspaper may be bundled, tied and placed next to your container.

NOT ACCEPTED!

- Newspaper and mixed paper in plastic bags or paper leaf bags

CARDBOARD/PAPERBOARD

Corrugated cardboard, layered cardboard with a center that is shaped into ridges, folds or grooves (such as shipping boxes and the packaging for most appliances or larger household items). **Flatten, bundle and securely tie the cardboard and tie the sheets into stacks no larger than 48 inches square and 12 inches high. These items may be placed next to recycling containers.**

NOT ACCEPTED!

- Cardboard in bundles larger than 48 inches square
- Cardboard in plastic bags

NOTE: The maximum number of recycling bundles of cardboard and/or paper bags of mixed paper that the collector will pick up from individual households, each collection, is six (6).

CANS, BOTTLES AND PLASTIC

COMMINGLED RECYCLABLES

Place metal cans, glass and plastic bottles in an appropriate container. Any overflow can be placed in your own unlined plastic or metal container (no larger than 32 gallons in capacity or exceeding 50 pounds in weight). **Please do not overfill containers.**

Metal: Tin, steel, aluminum and bimetal cans (such as soda, beer, canned pet food, soup and tuna cans). Rinse the cans and crush them to maximize capacity. We take the lids too.

Glass: Glass bottles and jars of all colors (such as juice, soda, beer and liquor bottles, mayonnaise and spaghetti sauce jars). Rinse the bottles and jars. Remove and dispose of lids.

Plastic: #1 PETE and #2 HDPE containers (such as milk and juice jugs, water bottles, laundry detergent, shampoo and soda bottles). Check the bottom of the container to make sure the plastic is either #1 PETE or #2 HDPE. Rinse the containers and crush them to maximize capacity. Remove and dispose of caps.

NOT ACCEPTED!

- drinking glasses
- window glass
- mirrors
- Pyrex® glassware
- light bulbs
- plastic toys
- plastic packaging
- aluminum foil
- gardening or garage plastics
- polystyrene or Styrofoam™ (such as plastic cups or food trays)

RECYCLING SERVICE INFORMATION

(800) 488-6242 (MCIA)

Municipal recycling schedules available at

www.mciauth.com

MCIA DIVISION OF RECYCLING

55 Edgeboro Road

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Requests for assistance or materials in alternate formats should be directed to

Maria Prato by phone at (609) 655-5141, through the New Jersey Relay Service at (800) 852-7899 or by email at mp@mciauth.com.

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PISCATAWAY Recycling Guide

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IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

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

CURBSIDE COLLECTION SCHEDULE

MONDAYS - DISTRICTS 4, 5, 6 AND 7: Bordered by North Randolphville Road on the north; Overbrook Road on the east; River Road on the south; William Street and Baekeland Avenue on the west.

January	2 • 16 • 30	July	3 • 17 • 31
February	13 • 27	August	14 • 28
March	13 • 27	September	11 • 25
April	10 • 24	October	9 • 23
May	8 • 22	November	6 • 20
June	5 • 19	December	4 • 18

TUESDAYS - DISTRICTS 1, 2, 3 AND 10: Bordered by the City of Plainfield on the north; South Avenue, Center Street and West 4th Street on the east; North Randolphville Road and the RR tracks on the south; West 7th Street and New Brunswick Avenue on the west.

January	3 • 17 • 31	July	*8 • 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
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*Independence Day: July 4 changed to July 8.

WEDNESDAYS - DISTRICTS 8 AND 9: Bordered by Stelton Road and New Durham Road on the north; Hoes Lane and Centennial Avenue on the east; River Road on the south; Brotherhood Street and Ethel 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 • 22
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NOTE: Municipal Public Works holidays do NOT affect the recycling collection schedule.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

(732) 562-2390 or recycling@piscatawaynj.org
Department of Public Works, Recycling Coordinator

Website: www.piscatawaynj.org/services/recycling-and-solid-waste

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

WEATHER EMERGENCIES

Check with the DPW at (732) 562-2390 or at www.piscatawaynj.org/services/recycling-and-solid-waste for changes in collection schedules due to weather emergencies or other emergency situations. You may also check for changes on the website at www.mciauth.com or by calling (800) 488-6242 (MCIA) for specific information.

GRASS, VEGETATION, LEAVES AND BRANCHES

GRASS AND VEGETATION may be brought to the Recycling Center during posted hours with grass/vegetation coupons and the proper I.D. recycling pass.

- Vegetative yard debris includes all weeds, leaves and leafy garden trimmings.
- Plastic bags must be emptied. Please DO NOT use biodegradable leaf bags. It is recommended that residents participate in the "Cut It and Leave It" grass fertilizing program.
- Coupons are not required for the disposal of leaves at the Recycling Center during the curbside leaf collection period of mid-October through the end of December.
- One (1) coupon is required for each 35-gallon bag or container, two (2) or more for larger containers.
- Grass/Vegetation coupons can be purchased at the Tax Office in the municipal building, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 12:20 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. - 4:20 p.m. Municipal offices are closed at lunch time.
- Grass coupons will be required for disposal of grass and are available for purchase at the Tax Collector's Office in the Municipal Building from 8:30 a.m. - 12:20 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. - 4:20 p.m. Cost per coupon is \$1. Minimum purchase quantity is two (2). Each coupon is good for a 35-gallon container or bag. Larger containers will require two (2) or more coupons depending on the size. ****UNUSED COUPONS ARE NONREFUNDABLE AND ARE VALID IN 2017 ONLY****

LEAVES must be placed in biodegradable leaf bags to be collected curbside from the middle of October through the end of December. Leaves in plastic bags or loose leaves will not be picked up. No appointment is necessary. Leaves may be brought to the Recycling Center with a grass/vegetation coupon when not in the curbside leaf collection season.

BRANCHES may be brought to the Recycling Center. One curbside branch pick-up appointment may be made for branches no wider than 4-inches in diameter, cut into 5-foot lengths and tied in 1-foot bundles. Please call (732) 562-2390 to schedule a pick-up appointment from January to mid-October.

Look for details and changes regarding leaf bags, coupons and recycling/trash center regulations in the Mayor's quarterly newsletter, the Piscataway web page and on the PCTV Cable Channel.

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 mciaurecycling@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

PISCATAWAY'S RECYCLING CENTER is located at the Municipal Complex: 505 Sidney Road, between the Department of Public Works and Police Headquarters.

HOURS OF OPERATION:
Tues. and Thurs. 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. (gates close at 7:45 p.m.)
Sat. 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (gates close at 4:15 p.m.)

2017 Holiday Closings: Tues. 11/7/17 and Thurs. 11/23/17, Recycling/Trash Center is closed Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, Friday and all holiday hours. ****Hours and days of operation may be subject to change during the year.****

RECYCLING CENTER I.D. PASS - PLEASE NOTE: Piscataway residential homeowners are mailed an Identification Pass that must be presented for entry to the Recycling/Trash Center. The recycling I.D. pass entitles residents to bring curbside recycling in addition to motor oil, tires, metal, batteries (rechargeable and button-cell household batteries only), antifreeze and branches.

TRASH CENTER COUPONS/HOUSEHOLD ITEMS: Residents are mailed four (4) Trash Center Coupons per calendar year. Coupons are required for each automobile trip of household bulk trash disposal, carpeting, furniture, lumber and other non-recyclable material. **Pickup trucks are required to surrender two (2) coupons per trip. No trucks larger than a half-ton pickup or with built-up sideboards are allowed. No commercial vehicles.**

CURBSIDE TRASH PICK-UP BY APPOINTMENT PROGRAM: Items collected curbside include furniture, appliances, lumber, metal items and miscellaneous household debris. Residents are entitled to two appointments per year.

- No kitchen garbage is accepted.
- No concrete, rocks or dirt are accepted.
- No hazardous material or toxic waste are allowed.
- No consumer electronics are accepted.

Appointments are assigned based on availability. To schedule fall appointments, please call 732-562-2390 no later than September 8, 2017 to avoid scheduling conflicts. Keep in mind that the date assigned may be four-to-six weeks from the date of your original call.

All rules and ordinance regulations must be followed. Call (732) 562-2390 for information or to arrange for a curbside pick-up. Information, changes and updates are on the www.piscatawaynj.org web page, in the Mayor's quarterly newsletter and on PCTV Cable Channel.

If you reside in a townhouse, condominium or multi-family unit, please check with your management association for additional recycling facilities and procedures in your area. If you rent your house out, passes must be provided to all tenants.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT IF MY COLLECTION DAY FALLS ON A HOLIDAY?

If your collection day falls on any of these holidays - New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving or Christmas - collection is rescheduled for the following Saturday. Check your municipal collection schedule in this brochure for specific dates.

Recycling collection is not affected by municipal public works holidays such as Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Lincoln's Birthday, Presidents' Day, Good Friday, Columbus Day, Election Day or Veterans Day. Recycling collections will take place on those days.

WHAT DO THE STICKERS ON MY RECYCLABLE ITEMS MEAN?

These are rejection stickers. The most common reasons for rejection are:

- Trash mixed in with recyclables
- Containers larger than 32 gallons
- Recyclables in plastic bags
- Cardboard not properly prepared

Only recyclables that are properly prepared will be collected.

WHAT IF MY RECYCLABLES WERE NOT COLLECTED?

Your recyclables should be placed curbside the night before your scheduled pick-up or by 6 a.m. on the day of the pick-up. Collection times are subject to change, and all material must be ready for pick-up by 6 a.m.

If your recyclables were out at the curb on time and were not collected, leave the recycling at the curb and 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, under the Recycling Division's [Customer Notification](http://www.mciauth.com) page, for updates, instructions or information on service interruptions.

MUNICIPAL PROGRAMS

Please refer to your municipal contacts for information on consumer electronics and yard-waste disposal. For further details on consumer electronics drop-off sites, contact the Department of Environmental Protection at 1-866-337-5669 or at www.nj.gov/dep.

COUNTY PROGRAMS

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

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

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

-Carol Bellante,
Freeholder & MCIA Liaison