

# 2019 RECYCLING GUIDE AND CURBSIDE COLLECTION GUIDE

## Recycling simplified with RECYCLE COACH

Whether it's remembering to take out the recycling or figuring out what you can and can't recycle, Recycle Coach has you covered. Download now and let the Coachlings set you up with a personalized recycling calendar or use the *What Goes Where?* search tool to help stop the guesswork. Available on the Apple Store or Google Play.

## CURBSIDE COLLECTION

### CONTAINERS

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

- Blue containers with Middlesex County logo. Overflow can be placed in your own unlidded plastic or metal container no larger than 32 gallons in capacity or exceeding 50 lbs. in weight.

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 a free container. 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 [mcia Recycling@mciauth.com](mailto:mcia Recycling@mciauth.com).

## THE NEW REUSE-IT BOOK

The New Reuse-It Book is a guide to area locations where Middlesex County residents can freecycle or donate their unwanted goods for reuse. The MCIA has made this most recent edition available online at [www.mciauth.com](http://www.mciauth.com) for anyone who would like electronic access to the most up-to-date information.

## E-CYCLING

By law, most consumer electronics, including personal computers (desktops and laptops), printers, fax machines 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 unlidded 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](http://www.mciauth.com)

### MCIA ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

101 Interchange Plaza Ste. 202

Cranbury, NJ 08512

**Phone:** (609) 655-5141

**Fax:** (609) 655-4748

**Email:** [mciaadmin@mciauth.com](mailto:mciaadmin@mciauth.com)

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# Recycling Guide 2019

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IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY

**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT**

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

**CURBSIDE COLLECTION SCHEDULE**

**TUESDAYS:** Sayrebrook Townhomes, President Park, Patriot Hill, Oaktree North, Sherwood Forest, Horseshoe Road area, Melrose, Morgan, Appletree Village, Morgan Heights, Munns Village, Bordentown Avenue (Route 9), Upper Sayreville (Hilltop Avenue area) and Spinnaker Point.

January	8 • 22	July	9 • 23
February	5 • 19	August	6 • 20
March	5 • 19	September	3 • 17
April	2 • 16 • 30	October	1 • 15 • 29
May	14 • 28	November	12 • 26
June	11 • 25	December	10 • 24

**WEDNESDAYS:** Laurel Park, Ernston Estates, Ernston Hill Estates, Woodside Estates, Parkway Homes, Oaktree East, LaMer, Old Bridge section, Bordentown Avenue (west of the Garden State Parkway), Kenneth Avenue, Eugene Boulevard section and Sayrewoods.

January	9 • 23	July	10 • 24
February	6 • 20	August	7 • 21
March	6 • 20	September	4 • 18
April	3 • 17	October	2 • 16 • 30
May	1 • 15 • 29	November	13 • 27
June	12 • 26	December	11 • *28

**CHRISTMAS DAY:** Dec. 25th changed to Dec. 28th.

**THURSDAYS:** Lower Sayreville (from Van Loan up to and including River Road), all of Jernee Mill Road, Sayre Park, White Oaks, Pine Brook Homes, Hillcrest Homes, Deerfield Road (all areas from Deerfield Road up to and including Marchut Court), Oaktree West, Green Valley, Washington Village, Heritage Woods and Washington Road (both sides, from Burke's Park to the bridge).

January	10 • 24	July	11 • 25
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**THANKSGIVING DAY:** Nov. 28th changed to Nov. 30th.

**FRIDAYS:** Sayreville proper, Tangletown, Winding River and Towne Lake.

January	11 • 25	July	12 • 26
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Recycling collection holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas. **If your collection day falls on any of these holidays, collection is rescheduled for the following Saturday.**

**NOTE:** Municipal Public Works holidays do NOT affect the recycling collection schedule.

**WEATHER EMERGENCIES**

Check with the Borough at (732) 390-7008 or [www.sayreville.com](http://www.sayreville.com) for changes in collection schedules due to weather emergencies or other emergency situations. You may also check for changes on the website at [www.mciauth.com](http://www.mciauth.com).

**LEAVES, BRUSH & GRASS**

**LEAVES** are collected in biodegradable paper bags. Leaves in plastic bags will NOT be collected. Leaves can be taken to Fort Grumpy in biodegradable bags on a seasonal basis. The Borough also provides leaf bags to residents on a seasonal basis at Fort Grumpy or at the Department of Public Works. Collection schedules will appear on the local cable television community bulletin board on Channel 15.

**BRUSH** is collected curbside. Brush material must not be greater than 5 inches in diameter, must be tied in bundles and cannot exceed 4 feet in length (weight limit is 30 pounds per bundle). For more detailed schedule information, please refer to our Sayreville Sanitation Guide, [www.sayreville.com](http://www.sayreville.com), or call (732) 390-7042.

**GRASS** will be collected curbside. Use clearly marked, 32-gallon containers that are covered, have two handles and do not exceed 30 pounds in weight. **NO PLASTIC BAGS or BIODEGRADABLE BAGS.** Grass can also be recycled at Fort Grumpy in the designated container. View collection schedules on the Borough's website at [www.sayreville.com](http://www.sayreville.com) or call (732) 390-7042.

**COUNTY PROGRAMS**

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

- Household Hazardous Waste
- Paint Drop Off
- Compost Bins
- Paper Shredding
- Tire Disposal
- \* Cooking Oil Recycling

**MUNICIPAL PROGRAMS**

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

**CUSTOMER SERVICE REQUESTS**

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

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

If you still have a concern, comment or question regarding your recycling pick-up, please send an email to [mcia Recycling@mciauth.com](mailto:mcia Recycling@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.

**IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS**

**(732) 390-7008** Borough of Sayreville Recycling

**(732) 390-7042**

Bernard Bailey, Director, Department of Public Works

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

**Emergency Notification System:** For information and current safety and community event information, in conjunction with the Sayreville Police Department, residents are urged to subscribe to the Emergency Notification System for information via text, email and/or web messages at [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com).

**SPECIAL ITEMS**

**SAYREVILLE'S FORT GRUMPY RECYCLING DROP-OFF CENTER** is located at 3775 Bordentown Avenue. The hours of operation for recyclable items are Monday and Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The hours of operation for bulk-trash items are Monday AND Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fort Grumpy is also open every Saturday from 7 a.m. to 12 p.m. (noon) for both bulk trash and recyclable items. Further information is available by calling (732) 390-7042 or by tuning in to Cable Access Channel 15. **Motor oil is NOT accepted.** **TEXTILES** (clothing or fabric larger than 1-foot square) may be deposited for recycling in specially marked containers at the Sayreville Library, Fort Grumpy, the Sayreville Senior Center, the Sayreville ShopRite Shopping Center and the Sayreville Recreation building and Police Complex.

**HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES** (rechargeable and button cell only) may be deposited for recycling in specially-marked containers during regular operating hours at the Fort Grumpy Recycling Drop-Off Center, the Borough Public Works office, the Borough Hall Water Department, the Sayreville Public Library and the Sayreville Senior Center.

**WHITE GOODS/APPLIANCES** containing refrigerants, such as refrigerators, freezers and air conditioners, will be collected by appointment only on the fourth Thursday of each month from January to September. Call (732) 390-7042 for more information. All other appliances will be collected by appointment only on the fourth Friday of each month from January through September. Call (732) 390-7042. There is no pick-up in April or July.

**PROPANE TANKS** are only accepted at Fort Grumpy at scheduled propane drop-off events. Please refer to our Sayreville sanitation guide, cable access channel 15, [www.sayreville.com](http://www.sayreville.com) or call (732) 390-7042.

**BULKY TRASH PICK-UP** is collected three times per year by appointment only. Please refer to our Sayreville Sanitation Guide, cable access channel 45, [www.sayreville.com](http://www.sayreville.com) or call (732) 390-7042.

**NOTE: RECYCLING IN ANY TYPE OF PLASTIC BAGS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

**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](http://www.mciauth.com), under the Recycling Division's Customer Notification page, for updates, instructions or information on service interruptions.

**COMMUNITY EDUCATION**

As part of our commitment to protect the environment and promote good recycling practices, the MCIA Recycling Department offers free presentations to schools, civic and business organizations, senior groups and more.

M.C. Blue, the County's fully recyclable robot, is currently under construction. The robot will have new features and the programming will be updated with new content covering a broader range of information.

Look for an announcement in Spring 2019!