

Middlesex County

A Guide to What and How to Recycle

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 town:

- Aluminum cans
- Glass bottles and jars
- Steel cans
- Plastic Bottles with #1 code or #2 code found on the bottom
Common examples of code #1 & #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
- Mixed paper (magazines, office paper, junk mail, cereal boxes)
- Corrugated cardboard

Residents in the following towns: Cranbury, Dunellen, Helmetta, Jamesburg, Middlesex, Milltown, Monroe, New Brunswick, North Brunswick, Old Bridge, Piscataway, Plainsboro, Sayreville, South Amboy, South Plainfield, South River, and Spotswood can call their municipal recycling coordinator or the MCIA at 1-800-488-6242 to find their local pickup schedule and setout requirements.

Residents in Carteret, East Brunswick, Edison, Highland Park, Metuchen, Perth Amboy, South Brunswick, and Woodbridge should contact their municipal recycling coordinator.

[Recycle Right!](#) Click to learn why it is important to know what can and cannot be recycled in your municipality.

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

- Motor oil
- [Textiles](#)
- Masonry/paving materials (asphalt, block, brick, cinder and concrete)
- Rechargeable batteries (Nickel Cadmium (Ni-Cd), Nickel Metal Hydride (Ni-MH), Lithium Ion (Li-ion) and Small Sealed Lead (Pb))
- Tires
- Computers, televisions, computer monitors, printers and fax machines
- White goods (washers, dryers, ranges, refrigerators, air conditioners)

Contact your municipal recycling coordinator for more information on recycling these materials.

Additional Resources

- [Plastic Bag Recycling](#)
- [Battery Management](#)
- [New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection](#)
- [Municipal Summary Guide](#)

<https://www.middlesexcountynj.gov/government/departments/department-of-public-safety-and-health/office-of-health-services/solid-waste-management-program/residential-recycling-information>