

# OCEAN COUNTY Recycling Guide 2021



Keep Ocean County clean,  
reduce, reuse, recycle!



# Recycling News



Dear Citizen,

Recycling is an important part of our daily routines and Ocean County makes every effort to provide convenient recycling programs allowing each of us a role in the stewardship of our environment.

This guide helps you navigate Ocean County's many recycling programs. Our two County operated recycling centers and many municipal centers provide you with an opportunity to drop off a host of items like old paints, plastic lawn furniture, and electronics.

It is with great pleasure that I join with Freeholder Gary Quinn, recycling liaison and my colleagues on the Board of Chosen Freeholders in presenting to you the annual Ocean County Recycling Guide. With your help, Ocean County will continue to be a true leader in recycling.

Freeholder Director Joseph H. Vicari

Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders

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## Ocean County Department of Solid Waste Management

For questions contact us at

[ocrecycles@co.ocean.nj.us](mailto:ocrecycles@co.ocean.nj.us) or call 732-506-5047



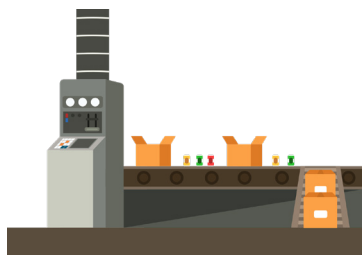
# The Journey of Your Recyclables



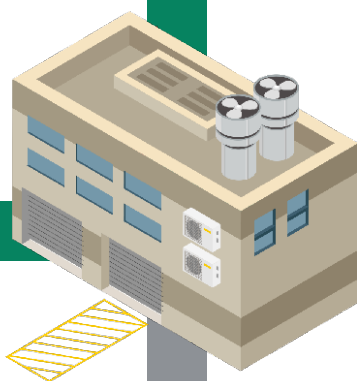
After you place your recyclables at the curb.



Your municipality provides transportation to our Recycling Centers.



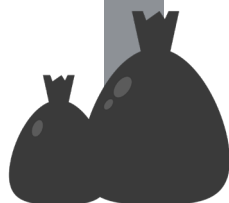
We sort your materials and market them.



Non-recyclable items are sent to the landfill, at higher costs; items may contaminate clean recyclables and damage equipment.



Manufacturers around the world transform your waste into new products.



# Curbside Recycling

Same rules apply to all municipalities in  
Ocean County



## PLASTIC

ONLY BOTTLES,  
JARS & JUGS

## GLASS

BOTTLES & JARS  
ANY COLOR

## METAL CANS

ALUMINUM & TIN

## CARDBOARD

DO NOT TIE OR BUNDLE

## PAPER

OFFICE  
JUNK MAIL  
NEWSPAPER  
MAGAZINES  
CATALOGS

**CLEAN ,  
DRY &  
LOOSE**

**CAPS, LIDS &  
PUMPS ARE  
TOO SMALL TO  
RECYCLE  
PLEASE  
REMOVE**



**Plastic bags, shredded paper , Styrofoam,  
plastic containers, phone books, chipboard  
(cereal boxes or paper tubes), paper towels.**



**Take plastic bags & film to local retailers and  
supermarkets.**

**NEVER place them in your curbside recycling.**

# Curbside pick up and municipal programs

Contact Your Town's Recycling Coordinator

Barnegat	609-698-0080
Barnegat Light	609-494-9196
Bay Head	732-899-6782
Beach Haven	609-492-2525
Beachwood	732-286-6010
Berkeley	732-341-1022
Brick	732-451-4066
Eagleswood	609-296-3040
Harvey Cedars	609-494-6905
Island Heights	732-270-6424
Jackson	732-928-1311
Lacey	609-693-1100
Lakehurst	732-657-9797
Lakewood	732-905-3405
Lavallette	732-793-7766
Little Egg Harbor	609-296-3600
Long Beach	609-361-6676
Manchester	732-350-4382
Mantoloking	732-475-6983
Ocean	609-693-3302
Ocean Gate	732-269-3166
Pine Beach	732-349-6425
Plumstead	609-758-2241
Point Pleasant	732-892-1287
Point Pleasant Beach	732-892-1118
Seaside Heights	732-793-0313
Seaside Park	732-793-5100
Ship Bottom	609-494-2171
South Toms River	732-349-0403
Stafford	609-597-1000
Surf City	609-494-2400
Toms River	732-255-1000
Tuckerton	609-296-5058

# Ocean County Recycling Centers

Our facilities welcome all residents and taxpayers of Ocean County. If you missed the recycling truck you can bring your material to our drop-off station. We also accept (during business hours) special recycling items such as TV's, paint, rechargeable batteries, plastic furniture, and more.

**Northern (NRC)** 601 New Hampshire Ave. Lakewood 732-367-0802

**Southern (SRC)** 379 Haywood Rd. Stafford 609-978-0913

**Services Available Mon-Sat 7:30 am to 3:00 pm**

## Drop-Off Services



**Recyclables**



**Special Waste**



**Brush & Leaves**

## Free Products

We transform all brush & leaves into free products for our residents



**Compost**



**Mulch**



**Woodchips**

For the NRC pickup use 535 South Oberlin Avenue



# Special Waste Drop-off

Northern Recycling Center, building 68  
Southern Recycling Center, building 105



Antifreeze

Boat Shrink Wrap



Batteries (Auto, Boat, Button & Rechargeable)



Books

Clothing (Donation Bins)

Brush & Leaves



Cooking Oil & Grease



Electronics (Cell Phones, Computers & TVs)



Fluorescent Bulbs



Inkjet/Laser Cartridges

Mixed Rigid Plastic

Oil Filters & Waste Oil



Paint Cans (Steel)

Paint (latex, oil, boat and, spray)



Shredded Paper

Telephone Books

Thermostats



Tires (Fee May Apply)



**NEVER in Curbside Recycling**

Contact your local DPW, some accept these items.

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# Paint Disposal Program

Latex, Oil, Boat & Aerosol/Spray Paint

Accepted Daily Mon-Sat 7:30 am to 3 pm



Northern Recycling Center, building 68  
Southern Recycling Center, building 105

20 gallons per day per person.

NO stains, polyurethanes or varnishes (take these items to a Household Hazardous Waste event).

**The following towns provide this service for their residents**

Berkeley	732-349-4616
Brick	732-451-4060
Lacey	609-693-1100 x2301
Little Egg Harbor	609-296-5760
Pt. Pleasant Beach	732-892-1118
Seaside Park	732-793-5100 x303
Toms River	732-255-1100 x8108
Tuckerton	609-296-5058



**Aerosol/Spray Paint ONLY at the  
County's Recycling Centers**

**No businesses or contractors!**



# Document Shredding

## Events Spring/Fall

ALL EVENTS OPEN TO **ALL**  
COUNTY RESIDENTS & TAXPAYERS

Safely shred your confidential documents. Events remain open for allotted time or until truck fills.

**Paper ONLY** - 5 File boxes/clear bags max. **NO BLACK PLASTIC BAGS!**



NO Newspapers, Magazines, Books, Junk Mail, Hanging File Folders, Greeting Cards, Photos, X-Rays, CDs, Shredded Paper, or Garbage.

# Household Hazardous Waste



Registration Required

## DO BRING

AEROSOLS  
AUTO PRODUCTS  
CLEANING PRODUCTS  
CHEMICALS/ POOL  
FIRE EXTINGUISHERS  
GASOLINE  
HERBICIDES/PESTICIDES  
MERCURY-CONTAINING DEVICES  
PAINT THINNERS  
POLYURETHANES/POLISHES  
PROPANE TANKS  
STAINS/VARNISHES

## DO NOT BRING

ASBESTOS  
BATTERIES\*  
CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS  
ELECTRONICS\*  
EXPLOSIVES (INCLUDES BOAT FLARES)  
INFECTIOUS WASTE ("RED BAG")  
MEDICATIONS/NEEDLES/ SYRINGES  
OXYGEN TANKS  
PAINT & PAINT CANS\*  
RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS  
SMOKE DETECTORS  
UNIDENTIFIABLE CHEMICALS  
WASTE OIL\*



Limit 20 gallons liquid & 200 lbs. dry materials.  
Proof of residency required: Driver's license or tax bill.

\* Materials accepted in our special waste program see page 5.

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# Medical Waste

## Needle & Syringe Disposal

Never toss them into the trash or toilet.

### Community Medical Center

99 Route 37 West, Toms River

732-557-8000 ext-18005

### Ocean Medical Center

425 Jack Martin Blvd. Brick 732-836-4297

### Southern Ocean Medical Center

700 Rt. 9 South, West Creek 609-978-3559



For more information contact:  
**OCEAN COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH**

Call 732-341-9700

[ochd.org/needle-disposal-in-ocean-county](http://ochd.org/needle-disposal-in-ocean-county)

## Medication Expired or Unused



### 24/7 DROP-OFF BOXES

Bring them to approved collection sites. Help prevent poisoning, and misuse in your community.



### Locations



**DO NOT DEPOSIT ANY  
SHARPS, SYRINGES, NEEDLES  
IN DROP-OFF BOXES.**

Disposing of medications down the drain or toilet  
can potentially contaminate the water supply.




# Medication Drop-off

24/7 at the following police departments

Barnegat	609-698-5000
Beach Haven	609-492-0505
Berkeley	732-341-6600
Brick	732-262-1104
Harvey Cedars	609-494-3036
Jackson	732-928-1111
Lacey	609-693-6636
Lakewood	732-364-2500
Little Egg Harbor	609-296-3666
Long Beach	609-494-3322
Manchester	732-657-2009
OC Sheriff's Office	732-929-2044
Ocean Gate	732-269-2468
Ocean Township	609-693-4007
Plumsted	609-758-7185
Point Pleasant Borough	732-892-0060
Seaside Heights	732-793-1800
Stafford	609-597-8581
Toms River	732-349-0150
Tuckerton	609-296-0230

Drop off box also available at the  
**Ocean County Justice Complex**  
1st Floor - 120 Hooper Avenue, Toms River



# Food Waste

## Backyard Composting Workshops

Tour our Compost Demonstration Garden and learn how to compost in your own backyard. Taught by Ocean County Master Composters, workshops run approximately 2 hours. **Limit 25 people.**



## Master Composter Program

Annual class trains volunteers to promote the benefits of composting, recycling and sustainability through education and public outreach.

Learn to build a compost pile.  
12 hours of hands-on training.

Set-up your own worm bin.

*FREE composting supplies  
upon completion.*

**Limit 20 people.**



Registration Required for Workshops & Classes.

For more information visit our website or call 732-506-5057



**Our award-winning program  
celebrated 20 years in 2020!**

# Anyone can compost

It's easy and good for your garden!

Food waste comprises 30% of your garbage. Reduce your waste and improve your soil by composting at home.

Chop your materials into smaller pieces, layer green & browns; keep a 50/50 mix. Make sure the last layer is brown to avoid odors. Mix every other week, keep moist and wait.

## GREENS - Nitrogen Materials



Green Leaves



Grass Clippings



Coffee Grounds/Filters



Tea Bags (Plastic Free)



Houseplants



Fruit and Vegetable Trimmings

## BROWNS - Carbon Materials



Hay



Newspaper



Shredded Paper



Toilet Paper Rolls



Leaves

Cardboard  
Sawdust

Chipped Wood

Paper Towels / Toilet Paper Rolls

Wood Ash (Not Coal)

Dried Grass



## DO NOT COMPOST:

Bones, Meat, Oil, Dairy and Baked Goods, Diseased / Invasive Plants and Weeds

**NEVER in Curbside Recycling**



# How to Get Rid of

## Appliances

**Dispose of non-working appliances as scrap metal**

### **NJ Clean Energy Program**

Get a rebate when you recycle working refrigerators, freezers, AC Units & dehumidifiers. **FREE Pick-Up.**

Schedule an appointment at [njcleanenergy.com](http://njcleanenergy.com)



## Bulky Waste & Construction

1. Donate or sell items in good condition, Habitat for Humanity will pick up 2 or more items for free [nohfh.com/restore](http://nohfh.com/restore)
2. Some towns offer bulk pick-up.
3. Junk removal companies.
4. Ocean County Landfill.



Located at 2498 Route 70 Manchester, NJ. Call 732-323-8528

## CDs, DVDs & VHS Tapes

Monmouth Wire 732-922-3320

**[computerreclamation.com](http://computerreclamation.com)**

Back Thru The Future

Mail your CDs with or w/o cases

**[backthruthefuture.com/free-cddvd-recycling/](http://backthruthefuture.com/free-cddvd-recycling/)**



## Medical Equipment

Goodwill accepts walkers, canes, wheelchairs, bathing aides, and more

Brick - 451 Brick Blvd., 732-477-1059

Bayville - 333 Route 9 732-269-2902

Point Pleasant - 900 Arnold Ave.

**For full list visit [goodwillnj.org](http://goodwillnj.org)**





# Unwanted Items

## Propane Tanks

Most hardware stores will exchange empty propane tanks for filled tanks.

Blue Rhino accepts 20 lb tanks.

Call 1-800-258-7466 or go to

**BlueRhino.com**



## Scrap Metal

Some municipalities have collections or drop-off sites. Or call a private facility:

Brick Recycling, Brick	732-477-0880
Eastern Metal Recycling, Bayville	1-800-SCRAPIT
Price Auto Recycler's, New Egypt	609-758-8035
Sonny's Recycling, Waretown	609-971-7788
Tri-State Recycling, Toms River	732-286-6358



## Toys

Second Chance Toys run events for Earth Day & Christmas with local organizations. For drop-off locations visit **[secondchancetoys.org](http://secondchancetoys.org)**

Hasbro- Broken toys (Hasbro only) Learn more at **[terracycle.com](http://terracycle.com)**

Stuffed animals - Helpsy drop-off bins **[helpsy.co/find-a-bin](http://helpsy.co/find-a-bin)**



## Towels & Bedding

Used items are accepted at Animal Shelters.

### Northern Animal Facility

615 Freemont Ave Jackson, NJ  
732-657-8086 [nocaf@achd.org](mailto:nocaf@achd.org)

### Southern Animal Facility

360 Haywood Rd Manahawkin, NJ  
609-978-0127 [socaf@achd.org](mailto:socaf@achd.org)





# Ocean County Recycling Guide



## A message from the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

It is important to know what IS recycled in our communities.

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