Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority



The Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority "all-in-one," single-stream recycling collection program allows cans, bottles, cardboard and all other paper to be mixed together for recycling. All of these items can go into one recycling container.

Recycle office paper, file folders, junk mail, envelopes, flyers, newspapers and inserts, magazines, catalogs, paperbacks and phone books, wrapping paper, paper bags, tissue and cookie boxes, paper towel and toilet tissue cores, frozen food boxes, cartons and boxes used for milk, juice, soup, broth, etc., 6-pack and 12-pack cartons from soda, clean paper ice cream containers. Corrugated cardboard must be flattened.

Recycle plastic containers (bottles and non-bottles) codéd:

Plastic caps and lids larger than 3" in diameter are acceptable. The smallest acceptable plastic container is an 8-ounce yogurt cup. Containers must be empty.



Recycle aluminum and steel (tin) cans, loose metal jar lids, steel bottle caps, clean aluminum foil, pie plates and

Containers must be empty.

Recycle glass bottles and jars with caps and lids removed. Recycle loose metal caps and lids. Bottles and jars must be empty.



All items must be empty, dry,

No cups

No plastic items smaller than 8-ounce yogurt cups; for example, do not recycle small plastic caps or pill bottles

No VHS/VCR tapes

No hangers

No hardcover books

No flower pots or trays

No plant material or food

No window panes, mirrors, glass vases, ceramics, or Pyrex® dishware

No glass, plastics or metal other than what is listed

No electronic waste (batteries, cell phones, computers,

No paint, pesticides, oil and cleaners

No waxed paper

No waxed cardboard

No Styrofoam™ or paper to-go containers

No stickers or address label sheet waste

> No spray pumps or nozzles

No straws

No motor oil, gas or anti-freeze containers

No clothing, textiles, or

No hoses

No diapers

No garbage

Do not tie newspapers or cardboard

No pizza boxes

No aerosols or pressurized

containers

No plastic bags No shredded paper



Recyclables



Do not recycle plastics coded

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MORRIS COUNTY'S ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE

DO NOT PUT INTO THE RECYCLING RECEPTACLE



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Morris County's Environmental Resource



Reuse Opportunities

It has often been said that one person's trash is another person's treasure. Instead of discarding unwanted items, try donating or selling them. Not only will you be reducing waste, but you will be helping others. Local churches, community centers, thrift stores, schools, nonprofit organizations, and other organizations will often accept a variety of donated items. Check out the reuse opportunities below and look for additional opportunities in your area.

Appliances - *Habitat for Humanity's ReStores* accept donations of new and gently used appliances. https://www.habitat.org/restores/donate-goods

Architectural Items – *Recycling the Past, Inc.* is an architectural salvage company that specializes in architectural salvage for the home and garden. This company might be interested in architectural items that you no longer want or need. www.recyclingthepast.com

Bags (Reusable Shopping Bags) – Food pantries, soup kitchens and other food relief organizations accept donated reusable shopping bags and use them for distributing food to the needy, https://cfbnj.org/donate-reusable-shopping-bags/

Bicycles – *Pedals for Progress* accepts donations of used bicycles which are then shipped to developing countries where they are used for basic transportation, and as a resource for school and community programs. http://www.p4p.org/

Bicycles - The *Boys & Girls Clubs of Mercer County Bike Exchange* is a volunteer-led enterprise that repairs donated bicycles and sells them at modest prices at its Ewing location. All proceeds from the sales of bikes benefit the Boys & Girls Clubs of Mercer County. https://www.bgcmercer.org/bgc-bike-exchange

Binders – Many schools will accept donations of used binders. Check with your local school district.

Books – Most libraries accept donations of books. Many schools will also accept donations of books. Stores that sell used books might also be interested in the books that you no longer want or need.

Books – *New Legacy Books* is an organization that collects used books in Morris County through a donation bin system. Books will be resold to individuals that can give the books a new home at the same time raising funds for organizations in the community. http://www.newlegacybooks.com/index.html

Books – *BookSmiles* is a non-profit organization that collects, sorts, and redistributes used children's books and provides them at no cost to teachers and children in need of books. https://www.booksmiles.org/

Boxes (Corrugated Cardboard) - To reduce waste, *U-Haul's Box Exchange* program helps customers sell, give away, or find used corrugated cardboard boxes. https://www.uhaul.com/Exchange/

Bras - The *Bra Recyclers*, based in Arizona, collect unwanted bras and donates them to women's shelters. The company receives 4,000 bras per month and supplies more than 40 shelters around the country. www.brarecycling.com

Bras – *I Support the Girls* is a nonprofit organization that accepts donations of new and gently used bras which are then distributed to girls and women experiencing homelessness. https://isupportthegirls.org/

Bricks – Old bricks that are still in good shape can be cleaned up and reused. Check with local recyclers of construction and demolition waste or architectural salvage companies to see if they would be interested in your old bricks for sale as reclaimed bricks. Companies that recycle various components of construction and demolition debris can be found on the NJDEP's database of Class B recycling centers at http://www.state.nj.us/dep/dshw/lrm/classbsch.htm.

Building Materials – *Habitat for Humanity's ReStores* are retail establishments that sell quality used and surplus building materials at reduced prices. Building materials sold at ReStores are donated by building supply stores, contractors, demolition crews and the public. https://www.habitat.org/restores/donate-goods

Clothes – *Goodwill Industries International, Inc.* and the *Salvation Army* both accept used clothing donations. https://www.goodwill.org/donare-stuff/ and https://satruck.org/.

Clothes – Consignment shops are stores that sell secondhand items (typically clothing and accessories) on behalf of the original owner, who receives a percentage of the selling price. Search online for consignment shops near you.

Clothes – *thredUP* is an online consignment and thrift store that was created to keep used clothing out of landfills and to reduce the cost of fashion. https://www.thredup.com/about

Clothes (and Textiles) – There are numerous organizations throughout New Jersey that collect old clothes for reuse via donation boxes. For information on the location of donation boxes near you, visit http://www.weardonaterecycle.org/.

Compact Discs - Most libraries will accept donations of used CDs. Check with your local library.

DVDs - Most libraries will accept donations of used DVDs. Check with your local library.

Eyeglasses – *Lions Clubs International* accepts donations of used eyeglasses and distributes them to people in need in low and middle income communities where they will have the greatest impact. Eyeglasses can be donated via Lions collection boxes or by mail. https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/explore-our-clubs/eyeglasses-and-hearing-aids-recycling

Eyeglasses – *New Eyes* is a nonprofit organization that distributes used, donated eyeglasses to the disadvantaged in developing countries. https://www.new-eyes.org/

Food (surplus) – There are numerous food banks/pantries in New Jersey that accept donations of surplus food. For a nearby food bank/pantry location, visit http://www.foodpantries.org/st/new_jersey

Food (surplus) – *Mercer Street Friends*, https://mercerstreetfriends.org/food-donations/; Community Food Bank of New Jersey, https://cfbnj.org/; Rutgers Against Hunger, https://cfbnj.org/; Food Bank of South Jersey, https://foodbanksj.org/

Food (surplus) - Farmers Against Hunger, a nonprofit organization based in Bordentown, was started in 1996 as a way to enable farmers throughout New Jersey to contribute their extra produce to those in need. For more information, visit http://www.njagsociety.org/fah.html

Food (surplus) - *Rock and Wrap It Up! (tm) Inc.* is a nonprofit organization that helps recover extra food from music and sporting events, among other places. The food is then donated to shelters. http://www.rockandwrapitup.org/

Furniture and Household Goods - *Habitat for Humanity's ReStores* accept donations of new and gently used furniture and household goods. https://www.habitat.org/restores/donate-goods

Furnishings and Household Goods - *Goodwill Industries International, Inc.*, the *Salvation Army* and other charitable organizations accept used household items and furnishings for reuse. https://www.goodwill.org/donors/donate-stuff/ and https://satruck.org/

Glasses (see "Eyeglasses" above)

Hearing Aids - The *Hearing Aid Project* accepts all types of used hearing aids – any age, any brand, and any model. No matter how old or what brand your hearing aid is, it can be used to help someone in need. https://hearingaiddonations.org/give-an-aid/donate/

Industrial Items – *repurposedMATERIALS, Inc.* accepts industrial byproducts and waste streams and "repurposes" these items, giving them a second life with a new use. Examples: retired street sweeping brushes are repurposed as backscratchers for horses or cattle; billboard vinyls are repurposed as tarps, covers and liners; and rubber conveyor belts are repurposed as fencing and industrial flooring. http://www.repurposedmaterialsinc.com/index.php?p=home

Kitchens (Luxury) – *Renovation Angel* is an organization that will help you donate your old luxury kitchen for reuse purposes as you undergo a renovation on your kitchen. http://renovationangel.org/

Medical Equipment – *Goodwill Home Medical Equipment* collects, sanitizes, refurbishes, and sells gently-used, durable medical equipment and unopened medical supplies at affordable prices. https://www.goodwillhomemedical.org/

Miscellaneous Items – Charitable organizations may be interested in miscellaneous items that you no longer want or need (for example, toys). Check with local charitable organizations before putting usable items in the trash.

Miscellaneous Items – *Freecycle* is a grassroots and nonprofit movement of people who are giving (and getting) stuff for free in their own towns and neighborhoods via an online exchange. It's all about reuse and keeping good stuff out of landfills. Each local group is moderated by local volunteers. Membership is free. https://www.freecycle.org/

Office Furniture – Office furniture (desks, chairs, filing cabinets, etc.) that is old and no longer wanted, but still usable, can be donated to and reused by other organizations in need of such items. Check with local nonprofit organizations to see if there is any interest in your old office furniture.

Paint – Leftover paint that is in good condition can be donated to: friends and relatives who admire the color schemes of your home; community groups, such as churches, schools and non-profit organizations that are involved with community housing projects; and artist groups that create murals or do painting projects. You can also sell or donate your leftover paint through a garage sale or on free online sites.

Pallets (Wood) – Wood pallets that are broken can be repaired and reused. Check with local pallet companies about reuse opportunities. Many wood pallet recycling companies also repair and reuse old pallets. Such companies can be found on the NJDEP's database of Class B recycling centers at http://www.state.nj.us/dep/dshw/lrm/classbsch.htm.

Polystyrene Packing "Peanuts" and Packaging – Many shipping/mail centers accept used plastic (polystyrene) packing peanuts and packaging for reuse. Check with local shipping/mail centers to see if they provide this service.

Sewing Machines - *Pedals for Progress* accepts donations of used sewing machines which are then shipped to developing countries where they become productive assets for the poor. The sewing machines are provided to non-profit vocational education programs, small businesses, community service programs and individuals. http://www.p4p.org/

Shoes (Footwear) - There are numerous organizations throughout New Jersey that collect old footwear for reuse via donation boxes. For information on the location of donation boxes near you, visit http://www.weardonaterecycle.org/

Shoes (Footwear) - *Soles4Souls* collects used shoes and distributes them to those in need free of charge. Over 10 million pairs of shoes have been reused and thus kept out of landfills. https://soles4souls.org/give-shoes/

Sports Equipment – There are many organizations that are eagerly looking for donations of new or used sporting equipment. These organizations then distribute the donated sporting equipment to needy communities in the United States, as well as to developing countries in need of assistance.

Miscellaneous Sports Equipment: Leveling the Playing Field, https://www.levelingtheplayingfield.org/locations/philadelphia-pa/

Baseball/Softball Equipment Donations: Pitch in For Baseball and Softball, https://pifbs.org/for-donors/donate-equipment/

Soccer Equipment Donations. Cleat for Feet (soccer cleats and soccer equipment), https://www.cleatforfeet.org/donate; Cleats for Camden (soccer cleats and soccer goalie gloves), https://www.cleatsforcamden.com/

Ice Hockey Equipment Donations. *Hockey in New Jersey* accepts gently worn and/or fairly new hockey equipment, including sticks, bags, and socks - no jerseys please, https://www.hockeyinnj.com; *Ed Snider Youth Hockey & Education*, https://sniderhockey.org/support-snider/

Tennis Balls – *reBounces, LLC*, is in the business of recharging "dead" tennis balls. The company uses a patented re-pressurization system that puts the bounce back into the tennis balls, thereby extending their lives as practice balls. reBounces sells the re-pressurized practice tennis balls at a reduced price to consumers. https://www.tennisballrecycling.com/

Tennis Balls – *Recycle Balls*, a nonprofit organization dedicated to recycling old tennis balls, has kept almost 12 million old tennis balls out of landfills through their reuse and recycling program. www.recycleballs.org

Toner Cartridges – Toner cartridges can be refurbished and then reused. Contact local companies that sell toner cartridges about reuse opportunities.

Toys - The non-profit organization *Second Chance Toys* keeps rigid plastic toys out of landfills by promoting their collection and then arranging for the toys to be donated to local organizations serving disadvantaged children. http://www.secondchancetoys.org/

Turf (Artificial) - *Artificial Grass Recyclers* buys old artificial turf fields and sells reused turf to those looking for less expensive turf for a project. For more details, visit https://artificialgrassrecyclers.com/buy-artificial-turf-direct/

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RECYCLE RESPONSIBLY

Prepare material properly

- Use a lid to prevent the wind from blowing recyclables out of your container(s). Lids will prevent rain and snow from getting into your container(s).
- If your recyclable material does not fit into one container, use more than one so that loose material is not sticking out. Never use a plastic bag.
- Flatten corrugated cardboard boxes and stack them into reusable containers or into another cardboard box.
- All recyclable materials must be empty, clean, dry, and free of food residue.
- Containers with contamination may not be collected. Remove contamination by next scheduled recycling day for pick up by the recycling crews.
- Recycling containers must be at the curb by 6:00 AM on the day of collection.
- Report missed recycling collection by 10:00 AM the day following collection.

Use properly sized containers

- The weight limit for a single container is 50 pounds when full.
- It is recommended that containers be no larger than 32 gallons each to avoid exceeding the weight limit. Use multiple containers if necessary.
- Retail stores sell recycling carts with wheels that are too big. They will exceed the 50 pound weight limit when full. Do <u>NOT</u> use large 64 and 95 gallon carts.
- Containers must have handles.

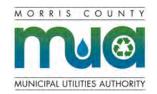
Only recycle what is acceptable

- Be careful to follow the recycling guidelines as advertised by your town and on the MCMUA's website at www.MCMUA.com. Guidelines provide specific details about the materials that are and are not acceptable.
- Unacceptable materials increase the cost of operation and lower the value of recyclables. Your cooperation with these guidelines is greatly appreciated.
- If you have questions or would like recycling decals for your container, please contact your town's recycling coordinator or the MCMUA at 973-659-3490 or visit www.mcmua.com.





RECYCLE COACH



Find your Waste and Recycling information on Morris County's Recycle Coach App.

We've partnered with Recycle Coach to help you quickly find the information you need 24/7 through Mobile or on the Web.

Your Morris County **Personalized** # P Q A What Goes Where Tool Use the search tool either by **Collection Schedule 回**Q typing in an item or taking a and Pick-Up Reminders picture of it to find out Schedule Set reminders for your disposal instructions. It pick-up schedule through includes drop-off locations, in-app notifications or email. event details, and collection requirements. We Wanted to Know... Does your local program accept corrugated cardboard boxes for recycling? Weekly poll/quiz Special add-ons include: to test your Receive Emergency () yes and non-emergency **Recycling Knowledge!** O no notifications Where does this go? Available in Spanish and English

Download the App today!

- 1. Scan the **QR Code** and download Recycle Coach from the App Store or Google Play.
- 2. Open the App, and when prompted to search location, **enter your Municipalities name**.
- 3. Click your **preferred language** and enter **your address**.

Now you are all set-up! Welcome to Recycle Coach!







Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority Curbside Recycling Program Important Information for 2024

This information has been prepared for the municipal recycling coordinator and other personnel in your town who deal with the curbside recycling program and who may answer telephone calls from residents about this service. Please disseminate to the appropriate staff in your town.

EDUCATIONAL RECYLING INFORMATION

<u>Unacceptable Materials – Extremely Important:</u>

Due to restrictions and changing recycling market requirements, the following items are <u>not</u> acceptable, some of which were previously acceptable:

Plastic bags/plastic film Shredded Paper (new) Pizza Boxes (new)

Aerosol Cans (new) Pressurized Cans (new) Paint Cans (new)

Please see full list of unacceptable items on our website.

Plastic bags/plastic film (curbside collection):

Recyclables in plastic bags and those setouts with plastic bags/plastic film mixed with recyclables are **NOT** acceptable. Please ask residents to use reusable containers and stop using plastic bags. Plastic bags and film get tangled in the sorting equipment at the materials recovery facility (MRF) and create problems and delays.

- > Plastic bags and plastic film are <u>not</u> acceptable in the MCMUA's recycling program.
- > Please advertise this information on your municipal website and in municipal publications.

Plastic bags/plastic film (recycling depots):

At recycling depots, residents need to know that the contents of all plastic bags must be emptied into the roll-off containers and the plastic bags must go in the garbage or taken to a location that accepts them for recycling, like a supermarket. Be sure to provide a garbage can for plastic bags or collect them and deliver them to a supermarkets which accept clean plastic bags/film. We suggest that a sign be posted near the roll-off containers stating "No Plastic Bags." We can provide labels that say No Plastic Bags. Representatives from Republic Services (ReCommunity) have emphasized that plastic bags continue to be a significant problem.

Shredded paper is no longer acceptable in our curbside recycling program and at recycling depots. Please take advantage of shredding programs held periodically in many municipalities. For other options, please find a list of shredding vendors on the MCMUA's website: https://mcmua.com/materialdetail.asp?MaterialID=96

Foam, please put all foam/Styrofoam into the trash (it's coded #6 and is not acceptable for recycling). Insulation and other protective packaging used with cardboard boxes (often found in meal kits) is not acceptable; no matter what the labeling reads. Refer residents to the acceptable/unacceptable flyers.

The MCMUA has a variety of flyers (in electronic format), and decals to educate residents about the recycling program. If you need any of these materials, please call our Randolph office at (973) 285-8393. This material is available at no cost.

Flyers:

The following informational flyers are available in electronic format:

1. Single-stream All-in-one (Acceptable Items) 2. Single-stream All-in-one (Unacceptable Items) Some of the flyers are available in different formats: landscape vs portrait and low resolution (for

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Website posting) vs high resolution (for printing). We encourage you to post the appropriate flyers on your municipal Website and include them in your annual newsletters, to make this information readily accessible to your residents.

Decals:

The MCMUA has a selection of various decals available for use by residents to place on their recycling, garbage and yard waste containers. We can supply you with these decals so that you can make them available to your residents. Some decals are available in both English and Spanish. Visit: www.mcmua.com/sw_recy_decals.asp to see the available decals.

PLEASE ADVERTISE THIS IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO REINFORCE PROPER PREPARATION OF RECYCLABLE MATERIALS

- 1. Recycling containers must not exceed 50 pounds; 32-gallon containers are recommended, with lids and handles.
- 2. Do not tie cardboard or newspapers. Put them in your recycling container loose, or stack flattened cardboard boxes into one box (no larger than 36" X 36").
- 3. Label your recycling containers with free decals from your town or the MCMUA.
- 4. Put all Styrofoam into the trash; it is coded #6 and is not acceptable for recycling.
- 5. Empty and rinse all bottles, containers, foil, aluminum pie plates and aluminum trays.

Ask residents to label their containers. Please emphasize the use of identifying labels (e.g., single-stream, trash only, yard waste), especially when lids are placed on the containers. As explained above, the MCMUA can supply labels to your municipality at no cost.

All containers/recycling bins must have handles and should weigh no more than 50 lbs. when full. It is highly recommended that all containers have lids in order to keep recyclables dry and to prevent litter. Containers should be in good condition. Broken containers may cause injuries and should not be used.

During the course of the year, the curbside crew may place "violation" stickers on residential containers that have unacceptable materials in them. The stickers are for educational purposes and to prompt residents to recycle right. MCMUA personnel will be glad to assist residents with questions.

WE WANT TO SERVE YOUR RESIDENTS IN THE MOST EFFICIENT MANNER; BE SURE TO ADVERTISE THE FOLLOWING:

Residents wanting our crews to return to collect missed material, should call before 10:00 a.m. on the morning following collection day. Please inform your residents of the 10:00 a.m. cut-off.

- Please email the addresses of missed collections to **Alex McNulty**: amcnulty@co.morris.nj.us or call her: 973-659-3490, by 10:00 a.m. of the day following collection. A crew will return to your municipality, if necessary, to take corrective action. Late setouts are not missed collections.
- When a resident calls, please take his/her telephone number (and/or email address) for the reasons listed below:
 - MCMUA staff may need to call to confirm that the resident's material is still at the curb. As often happens, we return to the address to find no material. Either the resident took the material inside or our crews got the material the prior day on the route, because the resident had called before the truck arrived at the house.
 - We may need to call back/email the resident for more information about the material missed.
- Direct other complaints or problems to the curbside supervisors at the Morris County Curbside

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Recycling Offices located in Dover at (973) 659-3490. The supervisors have requested that these calls go directly to them and not go through the MCMUA administrative offices. By calling the MCMUA administrative offices, an unnecessary layer of communication is added to the process.

MCMUA Curbside DepartmentEmail Addresses:Michael Nunnmnunn@co.morris.nj.usJavier Carvajaljcarvajal@co.morris.nj.usMichael Simmonsmsimmons@co.morris.nj.usAlex McNulty (program asst.)amcnulty@co.morris.nj.us

BE SURE TO REMEMBER!

- Please notify us when there is a <u>new house, or new development</u> that becomes occupied. If new homes are built and become occupied, we may not be aware of them. Please let us know so we make sure our crews go there and so we can add any new streets to our route maps.
- **Notify us when <u>roads are under construction or closed</u>.** In order to better serve your residents, we request your assistance in notifying our curbside supervisors in advance when road construction is scheduled on curbside collection days. With advance notice, the supervisors may be able to make the appropriate accommodations to have recyclables collected on the streets that are under construction.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS THAT SAVE RESOURCES

Recyclables must be placed at the curb the <u>night before</u> collection or by 6AM the day of collection. The MCMUA attempts to minimize the number of residents who call saying their recyclables were missed. We feel that the reason for some of the calls is that the material was placed out late. If a resident calls stating that his/her recyclables were missed, please ask when the material was placed out for collection and stress the importance of the correct set-out time. If you haven't publicized the set-out time in the past, please do so now.

HELPFUL INFORMATION

Website Information – Please include our Website address in your newsletters and municipal notifications www.MCMUA.com. We will post any collection cancellations due to inclement weather conditions on our Website. Residents will be able to access current information on days that are questionable. Here is a sample sentence to include in your newsletter:

In the event of inclement weather, for up-to-the minute information, please visit www.MCMUA.com to determine if curbside collection has been canceled. If you do not have internet access, call the town office. Please be aware that collection may begin on a particular day, but, due to safety concerns, crews may not be able to complete collections because weather conditions may change.

Recycle Coach - If your municipality has not signed up with Recycle Coach, please consider doing so. Please reach out to **Kim Stuart**, Customer Manager: 732-991-6489, or kstuart@recyclecoach.com. Kim will be happy to answer questions and update information specific to your municipality.

Thank you for your assistance and support with recycling right!