

Middlesex County's Recycling and Solid Waste Guide



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MIDDLESEX COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

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Dear County Residents:

Welcome to the fifteenth edition of Middlesex County's Solid Waste and Recycling Guide. I am pleased to present it to you as the Freeholder Chairperson for the Division of Solid Waste Management.

The County, through the Division of Solid Waste Management, continues to update and expand existing programs to further improve upon our recycling and solid waste system.

This guide was compiled by our Division of Solid Waste Management staff. The Division works closely with the Solid Waste Advisory Council, Middlesex County Environmental Health Division, Middlesex County Improvement Authority (MCIA), and Middlesex County Utilities Authority (MCUA) to promote safe and sound solid waste and recycling practices for our citizens.

As you use this guide, please take advantage of the many County sponsored recycling and solid waste programs and services available to you. If you have any questions, you may e-mail the Division of Solid Waste Management at solidwaste@co.middlesex.nj.us, call 732-745-4170, or visit our website at www.co.middlesex.nj.us.

It is my honor to represent and serve the citizens of Middlesex County on the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

Yours sincerely,
H. James Polos
Freeholder
Chairman, Public Safety and Health

Are you interested in participating in our events but can never seem to remember when they are? Sign up for monthly email reminders for our various programs including household hazardous waste days, paint drop-offs, e-cycle events, paper shredding events and composting classes. Just send your email address to the Division at: solidwaste@co.middlesex.nj.us

Email addresses will remain private and not be sold.



GARBAGE DISPOSAL

- Call your local public works department (phone numbers on page 16) to see if they offer the service you require.
- Check the phone book under “garbage removal” to contract with a properly licensed hauler.
- See page 5 for a list of privately owned transfer stations that will allow drop-off of solid waste at their locations for a fee.

Note: The Middlesex County Landfill in East Brunswick is only open to licensed solid waste haulers and does not have the capability to handle waste deliveries from residential or other vehicles without valid NJDEP permits at this time.

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RESIDENTIAL CURBSIDE RECYCLING COLLECTION PROGRAMS



Each municipality in Middlesex County has a curbside collection program for recyclables available to residents. If you need further information on your town's program, such as the schedule or set out requirements, you may contact your municipal recycling coordinator and/or the Middlesex County Improvement Authority (MCIA), depending upon the town in which you live.

MCIA participating town residents can call 1-800-488-6242 or their local municipal recycling coordinator.

Cranbury	Old Bridge
Dunellen	Piscataway
Helmetta	Plainsboro
Jamesburg	Sayreville
Middlesex	South Amboy
Monroe	South River
New Brunswick	Spotswood

Non-MCIA participating town residents should call their local municipal recycling coordinator.

Carteret	Perth Amboy
East Brunswick	South Brunswick
Edison	South Plainfield
Highland Park	Woodbridge
Metuchen	
Milltown	
North Brunswick	

Municipal Recycling Coordinator phone numbers are listed on page 16.

GENERAL PREPARATION REQUIREMENTS FOR RECYCLABLES

Each municipality has its own requirements for placing your recyclables at the curb. Visit the MCIA's website at www.mciauth.com for their rules if your town participates in their program. If your town is a non-MCIA participant, visit your town's website or contact your Municipal Recycling Coordinator.

Some general guidelines are listed below:

- ◆ If you are required to bundle your paper, do not use tape, pantyhose or wire to tie the bundles.
- ◆ Do not include window glass, drinking glasses, light bulbs, mirrors or pyrex with your bottles and cans.
- ◆ Beverage cans should be rinsed and the excess water should be drained.
- ◆ Do not place anything such as straws or cigarette butts in any of your bottles or cans.



Transfer Stations that accept Exempt Vehicles

Do you have waste to dispose and you just cannot wait until your next pickup day? A number of transfer stations in Middlesex County accept waste from exempt vehicles (including personal vehicles). You must deliver the waste and there will be a charge per load. Please call the facility first to determine the operating days and hours and the charge.

Importico
120 Baekeland Avenue
Middlesex
732-356-3882

Midco (New Brunswick)
5 Industrial Drive
New Brunswick
732-545-8988

South Plainfield Transfer & Recyc.
Baldwin St./2101 Roosevelt Ave.
South Plainfield
908-756-5155

Midco (Middlesex)
92 Baekeland Avenue
Middlesex
732-545-8988

Montecalvo Disposal Services
75 Crows Mill Road
Keasbey
732-738-6000



Alert



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Consumer electronics are no longer allowed to be disposed of with your garbage. This law applies to the following items:

- personal computers including both desktop and laptop
- computer monitors
- televisions

New Jersey law requires free and environmentally sound recycling programs for computers, monitors, laptops, portable computers and televisions. The recycling programs are to be funded by the manufacturers and are available to consumers and small businesses with fewer than 50 full-time employees.

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection maintains a website at www.state.nj.us/dep/dshw/ewaste/index.html with information and a list of locations that will accept your electronics.

Middlesex County will continue our E-Cycle Program (see page 7 for details). In addition, municipalities also have programs available to residents. Call your municipal recycling coordinator for more information.

Please note that the NJDEP has determined that manufacturers must provide for a convenient drop-off program for e-waste. Curbside/in-home pickup service is considered a “premium” service and there may be a charge for that service.

Nonpoint Source Pollution

Nonpoint Source Pollution, or people pollution, is a contamination of our ground water, waterways, and ocean that results from everyday activities such as fertilizing the lawn, walking pets, changing motor oil and littering.

Rain washes these materials into storm drains that flow into our waterways and ocean. They also can soak into the ground contaminating the ground water below.



What can I do to reduce nonpoint source pollution?

- ◆ Don't litter!
- ◆ Keep litter, pet wastes, leaves, and debris out of street gutters and storm drains. These outlets drain directly to lakes, streams, rivers, oceans, bays, and wetlands.
- ◆ Avoid the overuse of fertilizers.
- ◆ Dispose of used oil, gasoline, antifreeze, paints, and other household chemicals properly (see pages 8 & 9). Do not empty on the ground, in sanitary or storm sewers, drains, or septic systems.
- ◆ Participate in clean-up activities in your neighborhood.
- ◆ Encourage your municipality to stencil storm drains to help remind people not to dump any kind of litter or waste into them.

For more ideas on how you can help reduce nonpoint source pollution, visit the New Jersey DEP's website at www.njstormwater.org, the New Jersey Clean Communities Council at www.njclean.org or call your municipal Clean Communities Coordinator (see page 16 for municipal phone numbers).

Help us make Middlesex County a Cleaner and Greener place to live.

Clean Communities Program - *SLAM DUNK THE JUNK*



Slam Dunk the Junk is a statewide public education campaign, sponsored by the New Jersey Clean Communities Council that is aimed at reminding all New Jerseyans to put trash in trash cans and recyclables in recycling bins.

The New Jersey Clean Communities Council invites you to visit their website at www.njclean.org and click on the Slam Dunk the Junk logo to join their online team of people who have committed to "Slam Dunk the Junk".

The New Jersey Clean Communities Program takes a three pronged approach to solving the litter problem: Cleanups, Education, and Enforcement. Counties and municipalities receive grants each year to implement an anti-litter campaign. Middlesex County participates in this program by utilizing our funds for our highly successful program for the cleanup of roads, parks, and other public places by utilizing the services of a supervised work detail from the County's Adult Corrections Center.

For more information on the County's cleanup programs, contact the Division at 732-745-4170. To participate in a local cleanup, contact your municipal coordinator (see page 16 for municipal phone numbers).

PROGRAMS AVAILABLE TO MIDDLESEX COUNTY RESIDENTS



E-Cycle Drop-Off Program - Not available to all residents, please visit our website or call DSWM for details.

ITEMS ACCEPTED:

(including but not limited to)

Computers

Monitors

Televisions

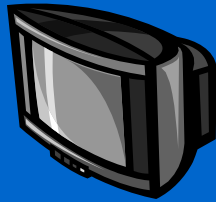
Telephones

Fluorescent Light Bulbs

Thermostats

Thermometers

Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs



When:

1st Saturday of every month 9 am - 1 pm
 3rd Monday of every month 12 pm - 4 pm
 (Except for Some Holidays- Sims will be closed on February 20 & September 1)

Location:

SIMS RECYCLING SOLUTIONS
 401 Mill Road (Heller Park Lane)
 Edison, NJ 08837 (in Heller Industrial Park)

From Route 514, turn onto Mill Road. Travel just under 1 mile going through one traffic light. Turn left after crossing the railroad tracks and just after the child care center onto Heller Park Lane. SIMS will be on your left.

No Fees!

(for Middlesex County residents only)

Paper Shredding Program

Recycle your residentially generated old documents and confidential files safely and securely! Come to our mobile **paper shredding** events.



2012 Events:

March 24 Old Bridge
 April 13 Monroe (Friday)
 April 14 Metuchen
 April 28 Woodbridge
 May 4 Highland Park (Friday)
 May 12 Sayreville
 June 9 South Brunswick
 June 16 Spotswood

June 23 East Brunswick
 July 7 Edison
 July 27 New Brunswick (Friday)
 August 11 Plainsboro
 August 25 Helmetta
 September 8 North Brunswick
 September 14 Monroe (Friday)
 October 6 South Plainfield

October 13 Piscataway
 October 27 Milltown
 November 3 South River
 November 10 South Amboy

All Paper Shred events run from 9am - 12 noon or until the truck is full, whichever occurs first. Residents may bring a maximum of 5 file boxes or up to 100 pounds (in a manageable container) to each event. Visit our website at www.co.middlesex.nj.us/planningboard/solidwaste.asp for locations and directions.

Middlesex County residents only.

SAVE THIS SECTION!

Paint Drop-off Program

RULES

Monthly Weekend Cycle	Northern Locations	Southern Locations
1st Saturday	Middlesex Recycling Drop-off Center 1200 Mountain Ave.	East Brunswick Reclamation Center 357 Dunhams Corner Rd.
2nd Saturday	Dunellen Public Works Yard 235 Hall Street	New Brunswick DPW Yard 400 Jersey Ave. <hr/> Old Bridge Public Works Yard Route 516
3rd Saturday	South Plainfield Recycling Drop-off Center Kenneth Ave.	Helmetta Behind Municipal Bldg. 51 Main Street
4th Saturday	Woodbridge (Keasbey) Public Works Yard 225 Smith Street	South Brunswick Recycling Center (behind Municipal Bldg.) Kingston Ln./ Rt. 522

ALL SITES ARE OPEN FROM 8 AM—12 NOON Free of Charge

Middlesex County Residents Only (proof of residency required)

Note: Other services at these drop-off sites are for township residents only.

Acceptable Items:

Paints, and Paint Related Items (Latex, Water, and Oil Based Paints, Stains, Varnishes, Lacquers, Thinners, Paint Aerosols). Items must be labeled.

- **No Household Hazardous Waste**
- **No Empty Containers** (they can be thrown out in the regular trash)
- **No Commercially Generated Paint**



Closed holidays and some holiday weekends—call 732-745-4170 for information.

Rechargeable and Button Cell Battery Program



Alkaline Batteries fall below Federal and State hazardous waste standards and can be disposed of in the regular trash.

Alkaline batteries include AA, AAA, C, D and 9-V and will have the word “ALKALINE” imprinted on the battery.

Rechargeable and Button Cell Batteries should still be recycled.



Rechargeable batteries can be found in cordless power tools, cellular and cordless phones, laptop computers, digital cameras, two-way radios, camcorders, and remote control toys.



Rechargeable batteries CAN be recycled at participating retail locations including the following: Radio Shack, Best Buy, Staples, Target, Office Max, Lowes, Home Depot, Sears, Wal-Mart and Verizon Wireless through the Call2Recycle program. Call2Recycle is a program funded by product manufacturers across the globe and is operated by the nonprofit organization, Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation (RBRC). To find a retail collection site use the collection site locator at www.call2recycle.org or call the consumer helpline, 1-877-2-RECYCLE.

Middlesex County will accept rechargeable and button cell batteries at our household hazardous waste (HHW) days. Some municipalities participate in the call2recycle program. They will be listed on the call2recycle website. See page 9 for more information about HHW events.

Both rechargeable & button cell batteries must be properly prepared before drop off as new Federal regulations have been enacted to prevent short circuiting of batteries during transport. You must individually bag each battery or tape each terminal end prior to recycling.

All alkaline batteries should be thrown away with your regular trash.

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Program (HHW)

2012 Schedule

LOCATION (for location information, see page 10)	DATE
Middlesex County College (Edison)	Sundays, March 18
Middlesex County Highways Dept. (North Brunswick)	Saturday, May 19
Old Bridge Public Works	Sunday, July 15
Woodbridge Public Works	Saturday, September 15
Middlesex County College (Edison)	November 18

RULES:

- FREE OF CHARGE!
- **ALL DROP-OFF TIMES ARE 8:00 A.M.– 2:00 P.M.**
- Proof of Middlesex County Residency Required
- RESIDENTIAL WASTE ONLY (No Waste From Commercial or Industrial Sources)

What to Bring:

Aerosol Cans - Lighter Fluid - Antifreeze - Gas/Oil Mix - Household Batteries (No Alkaline Batteries)- Car Batteries - Pesticides/Herbicides - Gasoline - Latex Paints - Photographic Chemicals - Pool Chemicals - Propane Tanks - Oil Based Paint - Drain Cleaners - Thermometers - Paint Thinners - Driveway Sealer - Used Motor Oil - Mercury Containing Items - Stains - Varnishes - Fluorescent Light Bulbs (No Broken Bulbs, Please)

What Not to Bring:

- Tires - Explosives, Flares and Munitions - Medical/Infectious Waste - Unknowns - Empty Containers - Electronics - Appliances/Furniture - Containers over 10 gallons
 - RESIDENTS BRINGING ASBESTOS CONTAINING MATERIAL **MUST PRE-REGISTER** BY CALLING 732-745-4170.

Tire Recycling Drop-off Program

Middlesex County residents (no businesses) can recycle FREE OF CHARGE up to **four** tires/month with or without rims by bringing them to one of four locations located in the County. Automobile and light truck tires only — no oversized tires.



PLAINSBORO CONSERVATION RECYCLING CENTER Off Grovers Mill Road

April 1st – December 15th December 16th – March 31st
 Monday 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
 Thursday 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
 Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

METUCHEN RECYCLING CENTER Jersey Avenue

Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
 Saturday 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

EAST BRUNSWICK RECLAMATION CENTER 357 Dunhams Corner Road

Monday – Saturday 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

WOODBRIIDGE RECYCLING CENTER 225 Smith Street, Keasbey (beneath Parkway & Rt. 9 Bridges)

Monday – Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

EVENT/PROGRAM LOCATIONS

Dunellen, 235 Hall St. 08812 (PAINT DROP-OFF SITE)

East Brunswick, 357 Dunhams Corner Rd. 08816 (PAINT & TIRE DROP-OFF SITE)

Edison, Middlesex County College, Woodbridge Ave. And Mill Road, Edison 08837 (HHW)

Helmetta, 51 Main St. 08828 (PAINT DROP-OFF SITE)

Metuchen, Jersey Ave. 08840 (TIRE DROP-OFF SITE)

Middlesex Borough, 1200 Mountain Ave. 08846 (PAINT DROP-OFF SITE)

New Brunswick, 400 Jersey Ave 08901 (PAINT DROP-OFF SITE)

North Brunswick, Middlesex County Highways Dept. Apple Orchard Lane, North Brunswick 08902 (HHW)

Old Bridge, 1 Old Bridge Plaza (Rt. 516 & Cottrell Rd.) 08857 (HHW & PAINT SITE)

Plainsboro, Grovers Mill Road. 08536 (TIRE DROP-OFF SITE)

South Brunswick, Kingston Lane/Rt. 522 (Ridge Road) 08852 (PAINT DROP-OFF SITE)

South Plainfield, Kenneth Ave. 07080 (PAINT DROP-OFF SITE)

Woodbridge, 225 Smith St., Keasbey 08832 (PAINT, TIRE, HHW SITE)

Call (732-745-4170) or visit the Division's website (see page 16) for directions and program flyers.

Medication Disposal

According to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), keeping medicines after they expire or are no longer needed creates an unnecessary health risk in the home, especially if children are present. You can safeguard your family and others by removing and disposing of unwanted or expired medications from the home.

Do not dispose of prescriptions and over the counter medications down the drain or toilet! Wastewater treatment facilities cannot remove harmful pharmaceutical compounds and these may end up in your drinking water.

Two unused medicine collection/disposal days will be held in 2012. The first is on **April 28th** (www.dea.gov). A second collection will be held on **November 10** (www.americanmedicinechest.com). Visit the websites for location information. In addition, certain pharmacies will accept unused medications. Visit www.disposemy meds.org for information and restrictions.

If you cannot wait for a collection event to dispose of your medications, please follow these 4 steps.

4 STEPS FOR PROPER DISPOSAL

1. Keep medicine in original container. Mark out personal information on prescription bottles.
2. Mix liquid medicine with undesirable substances like coffee grinds, cat litter, or dirt. Dilute pills with water, then add coffee grinds, cat litter, or dirt.
3. Place bottles in an opaque container, like a yogurt container, and secure lid; or wrap in a dark colored plastic bag.
4. Place the container in the trash. Do NOT recycle.



RECYCLING PLASTIC FILM

Plastic film is recyclable! Contact these markets to learn how easy it is for your business to begin recycling stretch/shrink wrap and plastic shopping bags.



MCC Services
Cranbury
732-226-3900

Giordano's Recycling
Vineland
856-696-2068

Kirch Plastics Sales
Oceanport
732-222-2542

GDB International
Edison
732-248-8700

Colgate Paper Stock
New Brunswick
732-246-8446

Recycling of plastic film by warehouses, retail establishments and supermarkets with 25 or more employees is now mandatory.

Markets Directory Available

Do you need information on where to recycle concrete, asphalt, wood, fluorescent bulbs or other items? The Division of Solid Waste Management has prepared a Markets Directory listing businesses that provide recycling services. There are over 30 different items in the directory. Visit the Division's website listed on page 16 or call 732-745-4170 for a free copy.

ATTENTION CONTRACTORS/ CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES



It is now mandatory that you fill out a Notification of Construction/Demolition Activity Form when you receive a permit to perform any construction and demolition related work in Middlesex County.

At the time of issuance of your building permit, the municipal building code official will provide you with written instruction on proper disposal or recycling of construction and demolition waste and furnish the Notification Form. You must fill out the Form and fax it to the Division of Solid Waste Management (fax 732-745-3010) within 48 hours of the issuance of the municipal permit.

If you have not received the form, please call the Division at 732-745-4170 to obtain a copy.

Commercially Generated Electronics and Bulbs

Certain electronics and fluorescent bulbs contain heavy metals and materials that are considered hazardous. These items must be properly recycled according to Hazardous Waste or Universal Waste regulations.

Below is a list of a few of the markets that accept these materials.

AERC Recycling Solutions
Flanders, NJ
(866) 447-5177
www.aercrecycling.com/greenzone
computers and bulbs

Clean Harbors Env. Services
Edison, NJ
(800) 782-8805
www.cleanharbors.com
fluorescent bulbs

Hesstech, LLC
Edison, NJ
(732) 287-2442
www.hesstech.com
computers and bulbs

Safety Kleen
South Plainfield, NJ
(908) 791-9600
www.safety-kleen.com
fluorescent bulbs

Bethlehem Apparatus Co., Inc.
Hellertown, PA
(610) 838-7034
www.bethlehemlamprecycling.com
fluorescent bulbs

Disposal Consultant Services
Piscataway, NJ
(732) 424-1998
www.labpack.net
computers and bulbs

Newtech Recycling Inc.
Somerset, NJ
(732) 564-3110
www.newtechrecycling.com
computers

Sims Recycling Solutions
Edison, NJ
(732) 650-9190
www.simsrecycling.com
computers and bulbs

The NJDEP maintains a list of approved facilities. Contact the NJDEP at 609-984-6650 or visit their website at www.nj.gov/dep/dshw/lrm/uwaste for the names of additional approved facilities. Through the new State E-Cycle Law there may be other retail/collection centers that accept computers from small businesses.

Backyard Composting

Help the environment while creating a wonderful amendment for your soil!



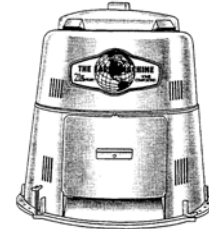
\$50.00



Soil Saver
32" high X 28" wide X 28" long

Middlesex County residents can buy
Compost Bins the first and third
Wednesdays of each month Year Round.

11am - 2pm, 55 Edgeboro Road, East Brunswick



\$40.00

Earth Machine
32" high X 32" wide at base

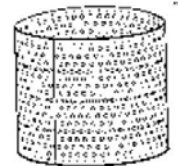


\$50.00

Vermicomposter
for indoor use

Free kitchen pail and composting guide included.
Call the Division at 732-745-4170 for more information.

\$20.00



Geobin
30" high X 36" wide at base

To learn more about Composting, come to one of our FREE workshops:

Sign up now! Space is limited and pre-registration is required.

Backyard Composting
Saturday, March 31, 2012
10 am

Vermi(worm)composting
Wednesday, April 4, 2012
6:30 pm

Both workshops will be held at the Rutgers Cooperative Research & Extension facility - EARTH Center at Davidson Mill Pond Park, 42 Riva Avenue North Brunswick.

Workshops will run approx. 2 hours.

Fall workshop dates are September 29 for Backyard Composting and October 29 for Vermicomposting.

Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____

Town _____

Phone _____

Backyard Composting _____

Vermicomposting _____

If you are interested in purchasing a compost bin, please enclose the appropriate fee by check made payable to Treasurer, County of Middlesex. Pre-purchased bins can be picked up at the workshop. No purchase necessary to attend the workshops!

Please indicate the type and quantity of bin(s) you are purchasing:

Geobin - \$20 each _____
Earth Machine - \$40 each _____
Soil Saver - \$50 each _____
Vermicomposters - \$50 each _____

Mail registration form to: Middlesex County Division of Solid Waste Management, 711 Jersey Avenue, New Brunswick, NJ 08901 or e-mail to solidwaste@co.middlesex.nj.us

CUT IT & LEAVE IT!

“The Preferable Choice”

Grasscycling:
Don't bag your grass clippings.

Grasscycle For a Healthy Lawn

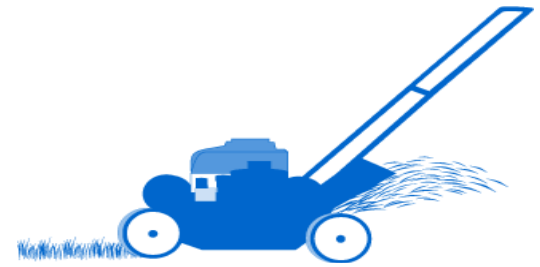
Lawn experts at Rutgers University and other research centers have found that:

- Short grass clippings left on your lawn act as a natural fertilizer, producing a healthier lawn that greens earlier in the spring and stays green later into the fall.
- The grass clippings shelter the tender grass roots from the sun and conserve moisture.
- Grass clippings help to create a thicker, healthier lawn that is more resistant to weeds and certain lawn diseases.
- Grasscycling does not cause thatch. Short grass clippings decompose within a few days.

Grasscycling Saves....

Your Time. Experts say we spend as much as 35% of our mowing time getting rid of the clippings: emptying the mower bag, raking, filling the lawn waste bags and dragging them to the curb.

Your Money. You need to water and fertilize your lawn far less frequently, because the clippings conserve moisture and act as a natural fertilizer. They add almost two pounds of valuable nitrogen to every 1,000 square feet of lawn. You will also buy fewer lawn waste bags.



Your Town's Money. An average lawn creates about one ton of clippings each year. Municipal costs for the collection and disposal or recycling of grass clippings run about \$100 per ton.

5 Tips For A Great Looking Lawn

1. Any lawn mower will work, but a mulching mower (or a conventional mower with a mulching attachment) will produce the best results.
2. Mow high. Remove only the top 1/3 of the grass blade. You may mow a little more frequently, but your overall lawn care time will decrease.
3. Keep your mower blade sharp. Dull blades tear the grass. This produces ragged, brown edges that invite lawn disease.
4. Water in the morning to a depth of one inch. Shallow watering leaves your lawn susceptible to drought stress, disease and insect problems.
5. Don't over-fertilize. Grasscycled lawns need fertilizer only once or twice per year.

SAVE THESE DATES!!!

Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Middlesex County 732-398-5262

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May 5, Saturday 10 am - 5 pm

Get Your Garden Started Day & Plant Sale

Consult with the MGs for great plant selections & care. Hundreds of varieties. Tomatoes, Peppers, Herbs, Heirlooms & More

Don't forget your plant wagon. (Rain or Shine)

Celebrate National Herb Day

June, July & August

Saturdays 10 am - Noon

Master Gardeners Butterfly House: Free

Filled with butterflies and attracting plants.

Educational and fun for the family.

June 29 Friday

Tour the EARTH Center

Experience our Demonstrations Gardens

Meet your County Master Gardeners & Extension Staff

Call for more information

July 27 Friday

Tour the EARTH Center

Experience our Demonstrations Gardens

Meet your County Master Gardeners & Extension Staff

Call for more information

August 18, Saturday 10AM - 3 pm

EARTH Center Garden Field Day/Open House

Garden Tours, Demonstrations,

Taste Tests, Live Music & Family Fun!

Join us for our biggest event all year.

August 27-31 Monday-Friday 9am - 2 pm

Eco-Ventures at the EARTH Center

Environmental Summer Day program

Open to Grades 5-8, Register Early! Limited space

Year -Round consult with the County's

Master Gardener Helpline 732-398-5220

Monday-Friday 10 am- Noon

For all of your gardening and environmental questions.

All events are held at the **EARTH Center**

Located in Davidson's Mill Pond Park

42 Riva Ave., South Brunswick

Visit us online at

www.co.middlesex.nj.us/extensionservices

and "Like" the "EARTH Center of Middlesex County" on Facebook.

REDUCE , REUSE, then RECYCLE

If we all first reduce the amount of waste that we generate, and reuse items when possible, we will save money, energy, and resources for our future generations.

Here are some ideas to help you Reduce and Reuse:

- ◆ **Go to www.freecycle.org and visit the Middlesex group. The Freecycle Network is a grassroots movement open to all communities including non-profit organizations and to all individuals who want to participate.** When you want to find a new home for something - whether it's a chair, a fax machine, piano, or an old door - you simply send an e-mail offering it to members of your local Freecycle group. Everything posted must be free, legal, and appropriate for all ages.
- ◆ **Visit www.throwplace.com which is an online market where individuals, nonprofit organizations and businesses can exchange excess goods and surplus inventory free of charge.**
- ◆ **Visit www.dmachoice.org to help manage the amount of unwanted mail and catalogs you receive.**

Note: The above websites are not affiliated with or endorsed by the Middlesex County Division of Solid Waste Management.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY:

Syringes?

Use the New Jersey Hospital Association's Safe Syringe Program. Contact the participating hospitals below for more details.

St. Peter's Univ. Hospital
New Brunswick
732-745-8600 ext 8282

University Medical Center at
Princeton
609-497-4266

JFK Medical Center
Edison
732-321-7539

Somerset Medical Center
Somerville
908-685-2200 x 3258
Mon., Wed. & Fri. 7am - 5pm

Ask for Safe Syringe Program

Old Cell Phone?

Try these programs -

www.donateaphone.com

www.collectivegood.com

www.call2recycle.org or call 1-877-2-RECYCLE.

Polystyrene "Styrofoam" Peanuts?

Try these websites -

www.upsstore.com

www.mbe.com

www.loosefillpackaging.com

www.mccrecycling.com

www.recycle techno.com

Bicycles?

Try Pedals for Progress

www.p4p.org

Is Your School Recycling?

All schools must recycle newspaper, mixed paper, and cardboard, and also aluminum, glass, steel and plastic bottles and cans! At a minimum, there should be bins for recycling paper in every class and a bin for bottles and cans in the cafeteria, lunchroom, or other appropriate location(s). In addition, if generated, schools must recycle motor oil, leaves, brush, masonry/paving materials, rechargeable batteries, textiles, tires, white goods, electronics, and fluorescent bulbs.

Also, all schools must provide written notice to all students, teachers, and other staff on the recycling requirements at the beginning of each new school year.

If you need assistance in setting up a recycling program at your school, you may call your municipal recycling coordinator (phone numbers on page 16), or the Division at 732-745-4170.

Remember, Recycling is not an option. It's the Law!



Book Recycling

Does your school have a large quantity of books that need to be recycled? If so, contact the Middlesex County Improvement Authority at 732-628-0221 to learn about their Book Recycling Program. A recycling container is delivered to your school - for a limited time - and proceeds from the sale of recyclable paper are returned to the school. There is no cost for you to participate.



RAISE AWARENESS FOR RECYCLING

Would your school like to have a cool recycling container? This unique "plastic bottle" recycling container is designed to increase recycling with its eye-catching design. The unit is made from 100% post consumer plastics. Take the lead, and help boost recycling in your school.

These bins are free, one per school, for more details call 732-745-4170.



OTHER RESOURCES

The Division has a number of resources available FREE to schools including speakers and assembly/educational programs. Call 732-745-4170 or email us at solidwaste@co.middlesex.nj.us for more information.



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Other Agencies Contact Information:

Middlesex County Improvement Authority
101 Interchange Plaza, Cranbury, NJ 08512
1-609-655-5141 (Cranbury), 1-800-488-6242 (Recycling)
www.mciauth.com

Middlesex County Utilities Authority
732-721-3800 (Main Office), 732-246-4313 (Landfill)
www.mcua.com

Rutgers Cooperative Extension Service of Middlesex County
732-398-5262

Middlesex County Environmental Health Division
732-745-8480

www.co.middlesex.nj.us/planningboard/solidwaste.asp

Municipal Contact Information

Town	Public Works Phone #	Recycling Phone #
Carteret	732-541-3881	732-541-3881
Cranbury	609-395-0900 x222	609-395-0900 x229
Dunellen	732-968-5455	732-968-5455
East Brunswick	732-390-6884	732-390-6984
Edison	732-248-7288	732-248-7300
Helmetta	732-521-4946	732-521-4946
Highland Park	732-247-9379	732-514-1277
Jamesburg	732-521-3335	732-521-3335
Metuchen	732-632-8519	732-632-8519
Middlesex	732-968-1603	732-356-7953
Milltown	732-828-2100 x182	732-828-2100 x150
Monroe	732-656-4575	732-656-4575
New Brunswick	732-745-5104	732-745-5059
North Brunswick	732-297-1134	732-297-1134
Old Bridge	732-721-5600 x6140	732-721-5600 x6107
Perth Amboy	732-826-2010	732-826-2010 x4204
Piscataway	732-562-2390	732-562-2390
Plainsboro	609-799-0099	609-799-0099
Sayreville	732-390-7042	732-390-7008
South Amboy	732-525-5957	732-721-5793
South Brunswick	732-329-4000 x7260	732-329-4000 x7274
South Plainfield	908-755-2187	908-226-7621
South River	732-257-9051	732-257-9051
Spotswood	732-251-0700 x822	732-251-0700 x822
Woodbridge	732-738-1311	732-738-1311 x3049

INTERNET RESOURCES

- www.co.middlesex.nj.us (Middlesex County's official web site)
- www.njhazwaste.com (Association of NJ Household Hazardous Waste Coordinators)
- www.anjr.com (Association of NJ Recyclers)
- www.mciauth.com (Middlesex County Improvement Authority)
- www.state.nj.us/dep/dshw (NJ DEP Division of Solid and Hazardous Waste)
- www.ifplantscouldtalk.rutgers.edu/ (Rutgers Cooperative Extension Service)
- www.earth911.org (Earth's 911)
- www.epa.gov/region02/ (US EPA Region 2 Homepage)
- www.epa.gov/region02/superfund/ (USEPA Region 2 Superfund sites)

