

2026 SOMERSET COUNTY • NJ

RECYCLING



Somerset County's Annual Recycling Newsletter is more than a schedule of your recycling pick-ups for the new year. It also provides valuable information about how to recycle effectively, and where to drop off items at our central locations.

Somerset County reminds residents that **batteries should never** be added to recycling containers for collection. Batteries, especially lithium and rechargeable batteries, have started dangerous fires in trucks, which endangers our workers and causes significant damage. When fires do occur, recycling staff must dump the contents of the truck immediately and put the fire out as quickly and safely as possible. Lithium and rechargeable batteries should be dropped off on Household Hazardous Waste Days (on back page).

Join us in helping to protect the environment by following the **three R's**, in this order of priority:

Reduce • Reuse • Recycle

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FOR INFORMATION

Contact the Recycling Center at
(732) 469-3363
recyclingdiv@somersetcountynj.gov

Here is your 2026 recycling collection schedule and calendar stickers.

Use the stickers to mark your recycling pick-up dates on your home calendar. **County-issued recycling containers must be used for your recycling. Retail containers do not work.**



Check our website for the most up-to-date information on all recycling events.

somersetcountynj.gov/recycle

All dates are subject to change.

**HELP KEEP
SOMERSET COUNTY
GREEN**



2026 DATES

JANUARY
10 *

FEBRUARY
7

MARCH
7

APRIL
4

MAY
2

JUNE
6

JULY
11 *

AUGUST
1

SEPTEMBER
12 *

OCTOBER
3

NOVEMBER
7

DECEMBER
5

*SECOND SATURDAY
Due to observed holidays

1ST SATURDAY RECYCLING

40 POLHEMUS LANE, BRIDGEWATER

8 A.M. – 2 P.M.

ACCEPTABLE RECYCLABLES

All plastic bottles and containers #1 – #7
Antifreeze*
Chipboard
Corrugated cardboard
Empty, dried-out steel paint cans

Glass bottles
Junk mail and other paper
Magazines
Metals:
Aluminum, steel and bimetal cans

Microwave ovens
Newspaper
Passenger tires**
Phone books
Scrap metal***
Shredded paper
Used motor oil & fillters*

* 5 gallon maximum. ** Limit of 8 tires with or without rims. *** NO refrigerators, air conditioners, humidifiers, or dehumidifiers.
NOTE: Continue to recycle your used textiles at any local charity donation location.

ELECTRONIC/E-WASTE RECYCLING

410 ROYCEFIELD ROAD • HILLSBOROUGH

8 A.M. – 2 P.M.

ACCEPTABLE E-WASTE RECYCLABLES

Audio Visual Equipment
Cables
Camcorders
Circuit Boards
Computers (Desktops and Laptops)
Copiers
Digital Cameras
DVD Players
E-book Readers
Fax Machines
Keyboards
Mainframe Equipment and Controllers
Mice
Modems
Monitors (Cathode-Ray Tube and Flat Panel)

MP3 Players
Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs)
Power Supplies
Printers
Scanners
Stereo and Radio Equipment
Telecommunication Equipment (Telephones, Cellular Phones)
Telephone Mainframes
Televisions (Cathode-Ray Tube and Flat Panel)
Typewriters
VCRs
Wiring

Items NOT accepted: Cassette Tapes, CDs, DVDs, VHS Tapes, Household Batteries (Household batteries may be put in the regular trash. For other batteries, see Household Hazardous Waste Days on the back page).

OR WEEKLY

MONDAY - FRIDAY
7:30 A.M. - 3 P.M.

North County Public Works
411 Chimney Rock Rd-Bldg. B
Bridgewater, NJ 08807

South County Public Works
410 Roycefield Road
Hillsborough, NJ 08844

NO COMMERCIAL VEHICLES.
You will be turned away.

REQUIRED

**SOMERSET COUNTY
PROOF OF RESIDENCY
FOR ALL EVENTS**

Current driver's license, valid lease, tax bill, or any other bill with a Somerset County address.

PROPER DISPOSAL OF RX MEDICATIONS

Medications should be dropped off in their original packages or bottles, with personal information such as name and address removed. The name of the medication should be visible. **Illegal drugs, needles, or sharps, should not be brought to the drop-offs.**

Residents can also bring medications to the Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off events (see page 4) that are held at different locations around the county for their convenience.



Somerset County Sheriff's Office
Administration Building – Drop Box on Lower Level
20 Grove Street, Somerville, NJ 08876 • (908) 231-7140

SomersetCountyNJ.gov/Medwaste • NJConsumerAffairs.gov/meddrop

NEEDLES / HOME GENERATED MEDICAL WASTE

Hospitals provide sharps containers that the home owner returns to the hospitals when the container is full. **Contact the hospitals listed below.**

NO NEEDLES should ever be put in any type of container and placed out for recycling collections. This is very dangerous to all personnel handling recycling collections.



NEW BRUNSWICK
St. Peter's Hospital
(732) 745-8600

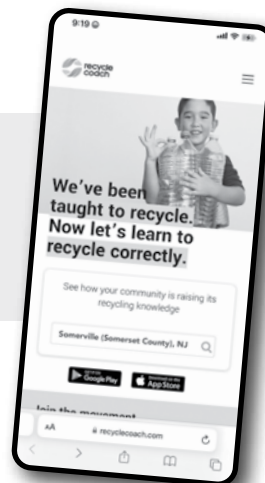
SOMERSET | MONDAY – FRIDAY 9 A.M. – 5 P.M.
Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital
(908) 685-2800

FOR MORE INFORMATION SCAN QR CODE
OR VISIT SOMERSETCOUNTYNJ.GOV/MEDWASTE



SIGN UP AND DOWNLOAD RECYCLE COACH APP TO ACCESS

Your recycling schedule
Pick up reminders
"What Goes Where" search tool
And, more!



somersetcountynj.gov/recycle-coach



DO NOT bring needles to Household Hazardous Waste collections



NO NEEDLES
in Project Medicine Drop



EMPTY NEEDLES MUST BE IN HARD PLASTIC CONTAINERS.

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING DROP-OFF



FOR INFORMATION, VISIT
somersetcountyparks.org
or call (908) 722-1200 ext. 5721

2026



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF DAYS

..... 9 A.M. – 2 P.M.

For more information on HHW days and locations, call **(908) 231-7031** or **(908) 231-7109**

Note that materials accepted at Household Hazardous Waste Days are **NOT** the same as those accepted at 1st Saturday of the Month Drop-Off Days (see page 2).

SATURDAY
MAR
14

Bernards Township Public Works Garage
277 South Maple Avenue
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

SATURDAY
APR
25

Warren Township Public Works Garage
1 Bardy Road
Warren, NJ 07059

SATURDAY
JUN
13

South County Public Works Garage
410 Roycefield Road
Hillsborough, NJ 08844

SATURDAY
SEPT
19

Branchburg Township Public Works Garage
34 Kenbury Road
Branchburg, NJ 08876

SATURDAY
OCT
17

South County Public Works Garage
410 Roycefield Road
Hillsborough, NJ 08844

WHAT CAN BE COLLECTED?

WASTES ONLY IN THEIR ORIGINAL, LABELED CONTAINERS

Ammonia-based cleaners
Auto products
(10 gallon maximum):
Motor oil, antifreeze, transmission fluids, brake fluids, wet-cell car batteries and used oil filters

BATTERIES

Rechargeable (Lithium) and button-cell batteries (*Individually bag each battery or tape each terminal end prior to transport*)
Alkaline go in garbage

Fire extinguishers
Fluorescent lights (*unbroken*), tubes and compact
Gasoline
Kerosene
Mercury and mercury switches
Oil-based paints
Pesticides banned or outdated
Pool chemicals
Propane tanks
Used cooking oil



* To dispose of latex/water-based paint, visit: somersetcountynj.gov/recycle/paint

WHAT CANNOT BE COLLECTED?

2, 4, 5-TP (*Silvex*)
55 gallon drums
Air conditioners/dehumidifiers (*any refrigerant*)
Carbon monoxide detectors
Dioxins
Electronic waste (*page 2*)
Explosives
Gas cylinders (*oxygen*)

Helium tanks
Humidifiers
Infectious waste
NEEDLES/SHARPS (*page 3*)
PCBs
Pentachlorophenol
Smoke alarms
Tires (*page 2*)
Unknown or unidentified material

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

ALL SOMERSET COUNTY HOMEOWNERS AND FARMERS

REQUIRED

PROOF OF SOMERSET COUNTY RESIDENCY

Current driver's license, valid lease, tax bill, or any other bill with a Somerset County address.

Waste will NOT be accepted from commercial vehicles.