

# SOMERSET COUNTY CURBSIDE RECYCLING HOW-TO GUIDE

## DUAL STREAM TOTE PROGRAM

FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED TWO-WHEELED RECYCLING TOTES

The Somerset County Recycling Division is phasing in this program one area at a time. Residents will be provided with two 65-gallon wheeled recycling totes over the next few years.

Each tote has a different color lid (*yellow and lime green*). Stickers on the lids indicate what materials are to be placed in the totes.



Regular scheduled pickups with the new totes *will begin on your next scheduled recycling date* after delivery of totes.

The tote with the lime green lid is for cardboard and paper products, and the tote with the yellow lid is for commingled glass, cans, and plastic materials.

### ACCEPTED ITEMS ARE AS FOLLOWS FOR THE PAPER TOTE (LIME GREEN LID)

- Any retail boxes (*gift, shirt, shoe*)
- Books (*hard covers must be removed*)
- Catalogs
- Chipboard boxes (*including cake, cereal, cookie, cracker pasta*)
- Clean pizza boxes
- Colored paper
- Corrugated cardboard
- Detergent (*remove plastic liners*)
- Envelopes
- Inserts
- Junk mail
- Magazines
- Newspapers
- Non-metallic gift wrap
- Office and school papers
- Paper bags
- Paper egg cartons
- Paperback books
- Phone books
- Shredded paper (*loose*)



### ACCEPTED ITEMS ARE AS FOLLOWS FOR THE COMMINGLED TOTE (YELLOW LID)

- Cans (*aluminum, bimetal, steel*)
- Glass bottles (*all colors*)
- Glass jars (*all colors*)
- Plastic bottles and containers #1-#7 (*Examples: water, soda, milk, juice, soap, detergent, bleach, shampoo, and cleaning-agent bottles*)
- You may also include: Peanut butter, yogurt and diaper-wipe containers, margarine tubs, plastic trays and clear plastic clamshell containers from restaurant salad bars.

## WHAT NOT TO RECYCLE CURBSIDE...

### NO PLASTIC BAGS

DO NOT PUT RECYCLABLES IN PLASTIC BAGS

### NO GARBAGE

DO NOT MIX GARBAGE IN WITH YOUR RECYCLABLES

#### APPLIANCES

- Air Conditioners
- Dehumidifiers
- Humidifiers
- Refrigerators

#### PAPER

- Cups
- Frozen food boxes
- Metallic and plastic-coated paper
- Napkins
- Paper towels
- Paper with metal objects (*file folders, binders, etc.*)
- Tissue paper
- Waxed paper

#### PLASTIC

- 5-gallon buckets (*spackle and paint*)
- Beer balls
- Garbage cans
- Kitty litter containers
- Microwave trays
- Motor oil and antifreeze bottles
- Paper plates

#### NEEDLES / SHARPS (see page 3)

#### BATTERIES (see page 4)

- Alkaline go in garbage
- Bring rechargeable (*Lithium-causes fire hazard*) and button-cell batteries to Household Hazardous Waste Days

#### FIRE EXTINGUISHERS (see page 4)

- Bring to Household Hazardous Waste Days

#### TEXTILES

- Take clothing, linens, drapes and other textiles to any local non-profit collection bin

- Pesticide containers
- Plastic bags
- Plastic caps
- Plastic coat hangers
- Plastic cups, plates, knives, forks, spoons
- Plastic drums and crates
- Plastic flower pots
- Plastic toys
- Pool chemical containers
- Prescription bottles
- Styrofoam®
- Un-numbered plastics

## 20-GALLON BLUE BUCKET PROGRAM

FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS IF YOU ARE STILL USING THE SMALLER BLUE 20-GALLON RECYCLING BUCKETS

### CORRUGATED CARDBOARD, CHIPBOARD AND PIZZA BOXES

Corrugated cardboard must be cut into 2 ft. x 2 ft. squares and tied with string or twine. Please include clean pizza boxes and chipboard with corrugated cardboard. Place tied bundle (*clean pizza boxes, chipboard and cardboard*) next to your recycling bucket.

#### ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

- Brown bags
- Chipboard boxes including: Cake, cereal, cookie, cracker, detergent (*remove plastic liners*), gift, pasta, shoe, shirt and any retail boxes. *Poster board and backing from writing pads also accepted.*
- Corrugated cardboard
- Paper towel rolls
- Pizza boxes (*clean!*)
- Tissue boxes



### GLASS BOTTLES, ALL PLASTIC BOTTLES AND CONTAINERS (#1 - #7), STEEL, BIMETAL AND ALUMINUM CANS

These items should be rinsed thoroughly and placed inside your recycling bucket. Remove caps and crush all plastic bottles to save space.

#### ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

- Cans (*aluminum, bimetal, steel*)
- Glass bottles (*all colors*)
- Glass jars (*all colors*)
- Plastic bottles and containers
- NO STYROFOAM®

#### CONTAINERS #1-#7 EXAMPLES

- Bottles: Bleach, Cleaning-agent, Detergent, Juice, Milk, Shampoo, Soap, Soda, Water
- You may also include containers: Clear plastic clamshell containers from restaurant salad bars, diaper-wipe, peanut butter, yogurt, margarine tubs



### NEWSPAPERS

Newspapers **must be bundled and tied with string or twine.** Place tied bundles next to your blue bucket.



#### ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

- Newspaper
- Inserts that come with newspapers, such as comics, glossy coupons, TV/magazine sections and colored food/store ads

### OTHER PAPER/JUNK MAIL

Other paper should be placed in a brown paper bag or cardboard box and placed next to your blue bucket. Shredded paper must be in clear or labeled plastic bags.

#### ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

- All envelopes
- Catalogs
- Copy paper
- Hardcover books with hard covers removed
- Magazines
- Non-metallic gift wrap
- Office paper
- Paperback books
- Phone books
- Shredded paper
- Store fliers with mailing labels
- Writing/school paper



NO BATTERIES

MAKE SURE ALL RECYCLABLES ARE AS CLEAN AS POSSIBLE TO DETER PESTS AND ODORS.

RECYCLING CENTER  
(732) 469-3363  
[WWW.CO.SOMERSET.NJ.US/RECYCLE](http://WWW.CO.SOMERSET.NJ.US/RECYCLE)



Recyclables are the property of Somerset County when placed at the curb. Please notify your local police department or the Somerset County Recycling Center if anyone other than county employees remove recyclables from your curb. Theft of recyclable materials is illegal.

# SOMERSET COUNTY CURBSIDE 2025 RECYCLING SCHEDULE



**IMPORTANT!** PLEASE PLACE MATERIALS AT CURBSIDE THE NIGHT BEFORE YOUR COLLECTION DAY

## BRANCHBURG • RARITAN • WESTERN HILLSBOROUGH

January	6, 20	July	7, 21
February	3, 17	August	4, 18
March	3, 17, 31	September	2, 15, 29
April	14, 28	October	13, 27
May	12, 27	November	10, 24
June	9, 23	December	8, 22

## BERNARDS TOWNSHIP • FRANKLIN – SOCIETY HILL I AND II, WHITEHALL MANOR, BEACON HILL AND SURROUNDING AREAS

January	13, 27	July	14, 28
February	10, 24	August	11, 25
March	10, 24	September	8, 22
April	7, 21	October	6, 20
May	5, 19	November	3, 17
June	2, 16, 30	December	1, 15, 29

## HILLSBOROUGH • MILLSTONE

January	7, 21	July	8, 22
February	4, 18	August	5, 19
March	4, 18	September	2, 16, 30
April	1, 15, 29	October	14, 28
May	13, 27	November	11, 25
June	10, 24	December	9, 23

## BEDMINSTER • BERNARDSVILLE • PEAPACK-GLADSTONE, FAR HILLS • BRIDGEWATER – SUNSET LAKE AREA

January	14, 28	July	1, 15, 29
February	11, 25	August	12, 26
March	11, 25	September	9, 23
April	8, 22	October	7, 21
May	6, 20	November	4, 18
June	3, 17	December	2, 16, 30

## BOUND BROOK • MANVILLE • SOMERVILLE SOUTH BOUND BROOK

January	8, 22	July	9, 23
February	5, 19	August	6, 20
March	5, 19	September	3, 17
April	2, 16, 30	October	1, 15, 29
May	14, 28	November	12, 26
June	11, 25	December	10, 24

## BRIDGEWATER

January	2, 15, 29	July	2, 16, 30
February	12, 26	August	13, 27
March	12, 26	September	10, 24
April	9, 23	October	8, 22
May	7, 21	November	5, 19
June	4, 18	December	3, 17, 31

## FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP

January	9, 23	July	10, 24
February	6, 20	August	7, 21
March	6, 20	September	4, 18
April	3, 17	October	2, 16, 30
May	1, 15, 29	November	13, 28
June	12, 26	December	11, 26

## MARTINSVILLE – THOMAE PARK WARREN • WATCHUNG

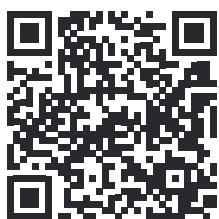
January	2, 16, 30	July	3, 17, 31
February	13, 27	August	14, 28
March	13, 27	September	11, 25
April	10, 24	October	9, 23
May	8, 22	November	6, 20
June	5, 19	December	4, 18

## FRANKLIN PARK • GRIGGSTOWN MONTGOMERY • ROCKY HILL

January	10, 24	July	11, 25
February	7, 21	August	8, 22
March	7, 21	September	5, 19
April	4, 18	October	3, 17, 31
May	2, 16, 30	November	14, 28
June	13, 27	December	12, 26

## NORTH PLAINFIELD • GREEN BROOK FRANKLIN – CANAL WALK, SOMERSET RUN AND SUMMERFIELDS

January	3, 17, 31	July	7, 18
February	14, 28	August	1, 15, 29
March	14, 28	September	12, 26
April	11, 25	October	10, 24
May	9, 23	November	7, 21
June	6, 20	December	5, 19



In case of inclement weather, recycling pickups may be **CANCELLED**. The next collection will be two weeks later on your regularly scheduled day. Sign up for weather-related alerts at [co.somerset.nj.us/alerts](http://co.somerset.nj.us/alerts).

For more information, call the **Recycling Center at (732) 469-3363** or visit [www.co.somerset.nj.us/recycle](http://www.co.somerset.nj.us/recycle)



Holidays that will affect recycling collection in 2025 are as follows: *New Year's Day (Jan. 1, 2025); Memorial Day (May 26); Independence Day (July 4); Labor Day (Sept. 1); Thanksgiving Day (Nov. 27); Christmas Day (Dec. 25)*. If your usual pickup day falls on one of these holidays, your collection will be rescheduled to the following weekday.

**AFTER HOLIDAYS COLLECTIONS MAY BE DELAYED.**