

OCEAN COUNTY Recycling Guide 2025



Keep Ocean County clean,
reduce, reuse, recycle!



Recycling News



Dear Residents,
Preserving our environment is a shared responsibility, and Ocean County is proud to make it easier for everyone to do their part.

With two County operated recycling centers and numerous municipal facilities, residents can conveniently drop off items like bottles, cardboard, old paint, plastic lawn furniture, electronics, and more.

In 2024 alone, over 100,000 residents visited our recycling centers, where we processed nearly 80,000 tons of materials from our 33 municipalities. These efforts serve more than 650,000 residents and help save millions of taxpayer dollars.

For more information about our recycling programs, special events, and updates, please visit co.ocean.nj.us/recycle or follow us on social media at @ocrecycles. Together, we can continue leading the way in recycling and sustainability, ensuring a cleaner, greener future for Ocean County.


Frank Sadeghi, Commissioner Liaison.
The Ocean County Board of Commissioners

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Ocean County Department of Solid Waste Management

For questions contact us at ocrecycles@co.ocean.nj.us
or call 732-506-5047



Ocean County Recycling Centers

Recyclables Drop-Off

Visit our curbside recyclables station at both centers **Mon-Sat 7:30 am to 7 pm.**

NRC 601 New Hampshire Ave. Lakewood.

SRC 379 Haywood Rd. Manahawkin.



Special Waste Drop-Off

Bring your paint, electronics, motor oil, and many other materials (see page 5) to our special waste buildings.

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

Brush & Leaves Disposal

Accepted at our recycling centers, residents can come visit both locations.

NRC 535 South Oberlin Ave. Lakewood

SRC 379 Haywood Rd. Manahawkin

Mon-Sat 7:30 am to 3:00 pm



Free Garden Products

We produce top quality compost and mulch at our facilities, made from resident's brush & leaves. No weeds or construction waste is ever used.

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Curbside Recycling Guide



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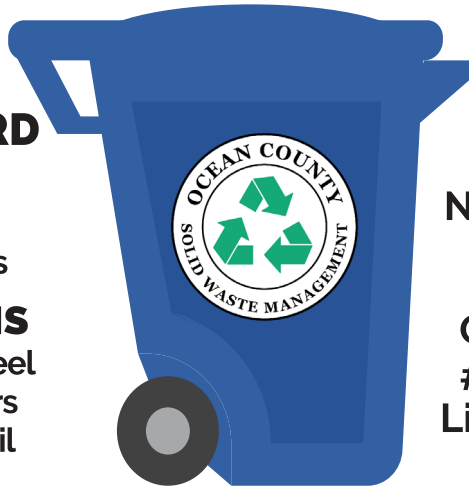
Do not tie

GLASS

Bottles & Jars

METAL CANS

Aluminum & Steel
food containers
+ Aluminum Foil



PAPER

Not shredded

PLASTIC

ONLY clean
#1, #2, & #5
Lids/Caps ON

Not on list? Don't put in bin!

DON'T BAG MATERIALS

Clean & Dry Materials ONLY



Rechargeable batteries via drop-off only, they are a fire hazard in your bin



Alkaline batteries can go in regular garbage



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 | 732-657-4141 |
| 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 |
| Plumsted | 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 |

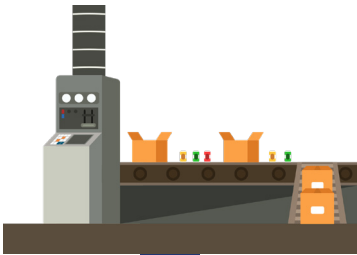
The Journey of Your Recyclables



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 contaminate clean recyclables and damage equipment.



Manufacturers in the US and around the world transform your waste into new products.



Special Waste Drop-off

Northern (NRC) 601 New Hampshire Ave. Lakewood, NJ 08701

Southern (SRC) 379 Haywood Rd. Manahawkin, NJ 08050

Mon-Sat 7:30 am to 3:00 pm

Aerosols

Antifreeze (5 gal)

Batteries (Auto & Rechargeable)

Books

Brush & Leaves

Cooking Oil

Electronics

Fluorescents & LED Bulbs

Inkjet/Laser Cartridges

Motor Oil & Filters (5 gal)

Paint Cans (Steel ONLY)

Paint (Latex, Oil, Boat, Spray)

Rigid Plastic

Shrink Wrap (Winterizing)

Shredded Paper

Textiles (Donation Bins)

Thermostats (Mercury)

Tires (Fee May Apply)



NEVER in Curbside Recycling

Contact your local DPW, some accept these items.

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Document Shredding

Safely shred confidential documents

Events during Spring & Fall 2025
More info at co.ocean.nj.us/recycle



OPEN TO ALL OCEAN COUNTY RESIDENTS

Paper **ONLY** - 4 File boxes max.
Reusable containers welcome.
NO BLACK PLASTIC BAGS!

**All events run 9 am to 12 pm
or until truck fills**

SPRING

| | | |
|------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Lakewood | Fri. April 4th | 1 America Ave. |
| Berkeley | Sat. April 26th | 630 Pinewald Keswick Rd. |
| Stafford | Sat. May 17th | 379 Haywood Rd. |
| Waretown | Sat. May 31st | 117 Wells Mills Rd. |
| Jackson | Sat. June 7th | 95 West Veterans Hwy. |
| Pt Pleasant Boro | Sat. June 28th | 2300 Panther Path |

FALL

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|-------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Manchester | Sat. Sept. 6th | 101 S. Colonial Dr |
| Lacey | Sat. Sept. 13th | 820 Municipal Ln. |
| Toms River | Fri. Sept. 19th | 250 Riverwood Dr. |
| Brick | Sat. Oct. 4th | 836 Ridge Rd. |
| Little Egg Harbor | Sat. Oct. 18th | 1 Sports Complex Dr. |
| Beachwood | Sat. Oct. 25th | 1600 Pinewald Rd. |

NO

Batteries and electronics are a FIRE hazard.
Books, Junk Mail, Greeting Cards, Photos, X-Rays, CDs.



Please stay in your vehicle at ALL times.
Place materials in the vehicle's trunk.
Workers will remove all items directly.



Household Hazardous Waste

APPOINTMENT REQUIRED

REGISTRATION ONLINE ONLY

Register by scanning the code or visiting

co.ocean.nj.us/recycle

request assistance at ocrecycles@co.ocean.nj.us



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|---------------|--|---|--|---|
| SPRING | LAKESWOOD SUN, APR. 6TH 9AM-3PM PUBLIC WORKS 1 AMERICA AVE. | STAFFORD SAT, MAY. 24TH 9AM-3PM PUBLIC WORKS 320 HAYWOOD RD. | MANCHESTER SAT, JUNE 21ST 9AM-3PM PUBLIC WORKS 1360 NJ-70 | |
| | FALL | TOMS RIVER SAT, SEPT. 6TH 9AM-3PM FOP PARKING LOT 1791 N. BAY AVE. | JACKSON SAT, OCT. 11 TH 9AM-3PM PUBLIC WORKS 95 W VETERANS HWY. | LONG BEACH SUN, NOV. 2ND 9AM-3PM PUBLIC WORKS 7910 LONG BEACH BLVD. S. |

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

- ## DO NOT BRING
- ASBESTOS
 - *BATTERIES
 - CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS
 - CYLINDERS (INCLUDES OXYGEN TANKS)
 - *ELECTRONICS
 - EXPLOSIVES (INCLUDES BOAT FLARES)
 - INFECTIOUS WASTE
 - *FLUORESCENTS AND BULBS
 - MEDICATIONS/SYRINGES
 - RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS
 - SMOKE DETECTORS
 - UNIDENTIFIABLE CHEMICALS

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



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



Paint Disposal Program

Latex, Oil, Boat & Spray Paint

Accepted Daily
Mon-Sat 7:30 am to 3 pm
Special Waste Drop-off at
Northern & Southern
Recycling Centers



No need to wait for a Household Hazardous Waste event!

20 gallons per day per person. NO stains, polyurethanes or varnishes (take to Household Hazardous Waste events).

Dried up paint can be disposed with regular trash

The following towns provide this service for their residents

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| 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 | 732-255-1000 x8103 |
| Tuckerton | 609-296-5058 |



Spray Paint is **ONLY** taken at the
County's Recycling Centers

No businesses or contractors



Brush & Leaves Disposal

Northern (NRC) 535 South Oberlin Avenue, Lakewood, NJ
Southern (SRC) 379 Haywood Rd. Manahawkin, NJ

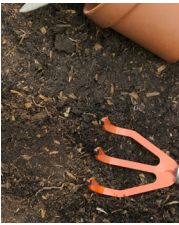


Brush Less than 4 inch diameter
Leaves Unbagged Leaves ONLY

No weeds or invasive species (bamboo, or anything with roots).

Many municipal sites offer this service, contact your DPW.

Free Garden Products



Finished Leaf Compost

A great choice for intensively planted flower, shrub and vegetable beds. Compost adds organic matter back to the soil faster than mulch. Ideal to use during Spring.



Single Ground Mulch

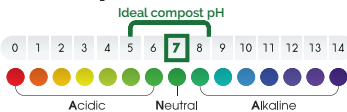
Excellent for walkways or garden beds, great weed suppression and moisture retention.

Double Ground Mulch

Perfect for garden beds, finer mulch.

Compost Data Sheet

pH Scale



2024 pH test:

Composting Facility
Northern (Lakewood) 6.5 to 6.6
Southern (Stafford) 6.32 to 6.37

Trace Metal Test: PASS

(per us epa standard 40 CFR 503.13)

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| 24 Cr 51.9961 Chromium | 28 Ni 58.6934 Nickel | 29 Cu 63.546 Copper | 30 Zn 65.38 Zinc | 33 As 74.921595 Arsenic | 34 Se 78.971 Selenium | 42 Mo 95.94 Molybdenum | 48 Cd 112.411 Cadmium | 80 Hg 200.59 Mercury | 82 Pb 207.2 Lead |
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Soluble salts level: Very Low



What to do with

Button (Coin) Batteries

Used for Hearing Aids, Glucose Meter, Thermometers, Scales & other devices.



Tape the ends before dropping off at
Northern (NRC) 601 New Hampshire Ave. Lakewood
Southern (SRC) 379 Haywood Rd. Stafford
Mon-Sat from 7:30 am to 3:00 pm.



Bin Fire Hazard - Recycle via drop off ONLY

Needle & Syringe Disposal

Community Medical Center

99 Rt 37 W, Toms River 732-557-8000 ext-18005

Monmouth Medical Center

600 River Ave, Lakewood 732-363-1900 ext 24689

Ocean Medical Center

425 Jack Martin Blvd, Brick 732-836-4297

Southern Ocean Medical Center

1140 Rte 72 W, Manahawkin 609-597-6011 ext 2083

More information: ochd.org

Medication Expired or Unused

**24/7 DROP-OFF BOXES AT
MOST POLICE DEPARTMENTS**



Help prevent poisoning, and misuse in your community.



**Disposing of medications down the drain or toilet,
contaminates the water supply.**



Medical Waste

Mobility Aids & Equipment



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

Brick - (732) 477-1059

Bayville - (732) 269-2902

Point Pleasant - (856)-439-0200

Toms River - (856) 439-0200

For full list visit goodwillnj.org

Oxygen Tanks

Should be disposed through the company it was purchased or received from.

You could also take the valve off (if empty ONLY) and recycle at a local scrap metal yard.

Oxygen Supply Co. - Toms River (732) 281-2990

Industrial Welding Supply -Lakewood (732) 367-7100

Atlas Welding Supply Co. - Lakewood (732)363-1148

TriState Recycling - Beachwood (732) 286-6358

X-rays

Did you know X-rays contain Silver, a finite resource. Recycling them helps reduce mining it & protects the environment.



Monmouth Wire 732-922-3320
computerreclamation.com

If your municipality uses Monmouth Wire, x-rays can be dropped off inside the Electronics Waste bin.

How to get rid of

Appliances

Dispose of non-working appliances as scrap metal.

Bags (Reusable)

Excess bags in good condition can be donated to food pantries. To find a location near you visit

cfbnj.org/donate-reusable-shopping-bags

Damaged bags can be disposed of as textile waste. Find a location by visiting helpsy.co/find-a-bin

Bulky Waste (Furniture) & Construction

1. Donate or sell items in good condition

Habitat for Humanity will pick up 2 or more items for free
nohfh.com/restore

2. Some municipalities offer bulk pick-up.

3. Ocean County Landfill.

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

Flags

If you'd like assistance on proper flag disposal contact your local VFW (The Veterans of Foreign Wars) or the American Legion, find a drop off near you at their website.

Helium Tanks

Please ensure the tank is completely empty, you can follow the manufacturer's instructions for disposal visit balloontime.com/resources/recycle-or-store/

Once tank is ready for disposal, please take it to a scrap metal location near you. See page 13 for a list of places in Ocean County.

Unwanted Items

Mattresses

Dispose with bulk waste; contact your local DPW.

Plastic bags, film, and wrap

Some retailers have a plastic bag drop-off bin. Find the most up-to-date list of locations at nextrex.com/view/findadropoff



Propane Tanks

Hardware stores will exchange empty propane tanks for filled tanks. Call 1-800-258-7466 or go to BlueRhino.com or any **Paraco Gas Dealer** location.

Scrap Metal & Wires

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

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|----------------------------------|--------------|
| Brick Recycling, Brick | 732-477-0880 |
| Modern Day Recycling, Barnegat | 609-660-5720 |
| Price Auto Recycler's, New Egypt | 609-758-8035 |
| Sonny's Recycling, Waretown | 609-971-7788 |
| Tri-State Recycling, Toms River | 732-286-6358 |

Towels & Bedding

Used items are accepted at Animal Shelters.

Northern Animal Facility

615 Freemont Ave, Jackson
732-657-8086 nocaf@ochd.org

Southern Animal Facility

360 Haywood Rd Manahawkin
609-978-0127 socaf@ochd.org



**Download the Recycle Coach App
for more items and disposal options**



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A message from the Ocean County Board
of Commissioners.

Be Shore to Recycle Right!

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