



# MONROE TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS RECYCLING GUIDE

# 2026

# Message from Mayor Stephen Dalina

Recycling is more than just an environmental responsibility – it is a vital practice that strengthens our community, preserves our natural resources and ensures a sustainable future for generations to come.

In Monroe Township, we understand that every effort counts, and we are committed to making recycling both accessible and effective for all our residents.

The Monroe Township Recycling Drop-off Center is one of the most frequently used points of service in the municipality. From recycling materials such as newspaper, expanded polystyrene (Styrofoam) and cardboard, to the recycling of old tv's, computers/printers, batteries, books, clothing and disposal of bulky residential items, our recycling center provides a convenient, clean and safe environment for all.

Our dedicated staff at the Department of Public Works has been instrumental in exploring new and improved ways to dispose of refuse and recycling in the most efficient and environmentally friendly means available.

Through the unwavering commitment and innovative spirit of our DPW staff, we have not only optimized our recycling processes but also secured vital funding to support our endeavors.

As a result of our Township-wide environmental stewardship, the Township of Monroe has earned the Sustainable Jersey Silver Certification since 2017. We remain committed to continuing the educational initiatives, clean-up events, recycling programs and other ideas to protect and preserve Monroe Township for a sustainable future.

As we look to the future, I urge all residents to embrace the importance of recycling and take advantage of all the resources available to you. Together, we can build a more sustainable and resilient future.

Please use this guide as a resource toward that goal and call the Department of Public Works at 732-656-4575 with any questions.

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# Monroe Township Recycling Center

723-656-4575 • [www.MonroeTwp.com](http://www.MonroeTwp.com)

76 Gravel Hill Spotswood Road • Monroe Township, NJ 08831

Monday Through Friday: 7:00 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

Saturday: 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.



## Acceptable Items

- CED's Computers, TV's Printer\Fax Machines
- Motor Oil & Anti-freeze
- Residential Bulky Items
- Scrap Metal & White Goods
- Bottles and Cans PETE 1 and HDPE 2
- Newspaper (tied)
- Cardboard (flattened)
- Mixed Paper
- Auto/Re-chargeable Batteries
- Propane Tanks (20 lb. only)
- Packing type Foam Blocks
- Yard Waste (Brush, Leaves, Grass)

## Unacceptable Items

- Tires
- Utility Poles & Roofing Material
- Masonry Materials
- Dirt, Rocks, Bricks, Concrete Asphalt
- Food Waste (Kitchen Garbage)
- Construction Debris
- Household Hazardous Waste
- Foam Peanuts or Food Containers

**\*\*Paint and Paint Products are accepted only on the third Saturday of the month\*\***

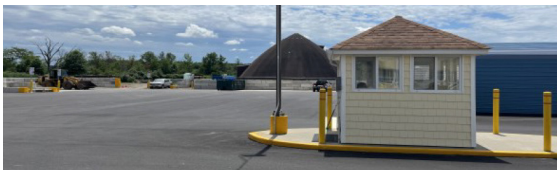
**NO RECYCLABLE MATERIALS WILL BE ACCEPTED IN PLASTIC BAGS!**  
**PROOF OF RESIDENCY REQUIRED • NO COMMERCIAL VEHICLES PERMITTED**

## PAINT DROP-OFF



Monroe's Recycling Center accepts paint drop-off by Monroe residents during normal operating hours. We accept latex, water and oil based paints, stains, varnishes, lacquers, thinners, paint aerosols, and cans with paint in them. If paint is dried up, please dispose in the trash.

Middlesex County residents may drop-off on the 3rd Saturday of each month 8:30a.m. — 11:30a.m.



The Monroe Township Recycling Center accepts:

- ANTIFREEZE
- USED MOTOR OIL
- COOKING OIL



**NOTE: No contractors, landscapers or businesses are permitted to make drop-offs at the Recycling Center. Proof of residency per vehicle is required.**



## Packaging Foam\* Recycling Program (\*aka Styrofoam)

### Acceptable

Clean Packaging Foam from:

- Televisions
- Appliances
- Computers (electronics)
- Furniture
- Foam Coolers



Only clean & dry foam - NO dirt, labels or tape

**\*\*\*WHEN IN DOUBT THROW IT OUT\*\*\***



## Packaging Foam\* Recycling Program (\*aka Styrofoam)

### Not Acceptable

- Packing Peanuts
- Egg Cartons
- Foam Food Trays
- Color Foam
- Insulation Foam Panels
- Flexible or Film Foam



NO food service foam, peanuts or egg cartons

**\*\*\*WHEN IN DOUBT THROW IT OUT\*\*\***



Foam Cycle is a foam packaging (aka Styrofoam) collection, densifying, and recycling system that we have available to residents at the Recycling Center.



# CENTER FOR HARD TO RECYCLE MATERIAL

Recycling of non-mandated materials that aren't typically collected through curbside recycling.

## ACCEPTABLE COLLECTION MATERIAL

Check our website for any changes to our collection process

- STRETCHY PLASTICS (BAGS)
- BOOKS
- SINGLE USE ALKALINE/ LITHIUM BATTERIES
- EYEGLASSES
- CELL PHONES
- LIGHT BULBS
- SMALL APPLIANCES







In addition to the Helpsy collection bins located at the DPW Recycling Facility, Helpsy offers free home pickup service.



Schedule a home pickup by completing the pickup request form at [www.helpsy.co/monroenj](http://www.helpsy.co/monroenj) or call the Helpsy hotline at **800-244-6350**.

Below is the list of acceptable items.

## WHAT WE ACCEPT

For re-wear, re-use, and recycling, we accept the following items in any condition for all ages and genders so long as they are clean, dry, and odorless. Everything should be kept dry in a closed, plastic bag. Recycling your clothes shouldn't be hard, we're here to help!

### FOOTWEAR

Shoes, Heels, Flats, Sandals,  
Flip Flops, Boots(all varieties), Sneakers,  
Cleats, Slippers

### ACCESSORIES

Hats, Bags(pocketbooks, backpacks,  
duffle bags, totes), Belts, Gloves, Ties,  
Scarves, Bathrobes, Jewelry

### OTHER

Luggage, Sports Jerseys,  
Stuffed animals

### CLOTHING

Tops(t-shirts, blouses, shirts, tank tops),  
Sweaters, Dresses, Outerwear(coats,  
jackets, blazers), Bottoms(pants,  
slacks, jeans, sweatpants, skirts,  
shorts), Suits, Pajamas, Intimates(slips,  
bras, underwear, socks), Baby clothing

### LINENS

Sheets/Pillowcases, Blankets,  
Comforters, Curtains/Drapes, Aprons,  
Dish cloths, Cloth napkins, Table linens,  
Quilts



# 2026 PAPER SHREDDING

## Monroe Township Recycling Center

Department of Public Works - Recycling Center  
76 Gravel Hill Spotswood Road, Monroe Township, NJ

The Monroe Township Recycling Center offers  
Paper Shredding on the **second Saturday** of the month in  
**March, May, July, September, and November!**

*This is in addition to the Middlesex County Paper Shredding Program.*

Recycle your old confidential files safely and securely.

Monroe residents only - No businesses

**Rain or Shine - 8 am - 12 pm**

**March 14 - May 9 - July 11**

**September 12 - November 14**

Maximum of 5 file boxes per car

### **DO NOT BRING:**

Newspapers, magazines, hardcover books, junk mail,  
photographs, X-rays, CDs, shredded paper or garbage.

Loads containing unacceptable items may be rejected.

Must be in manageable containers: **No plastic bags.**

**NOTE:** No need to remove paper clips or staples.

Residents must stay in their vehicles at all times. Please have your materials in your trunk, cargo area or truck bed, easily accessible to our staff, who will remove it from your vehicle.



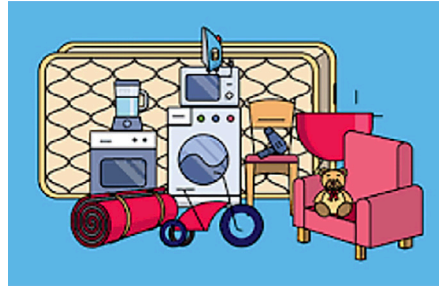
# Bulk Waste Curbside Pick-Up

THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS OFFERS A **FREE** ONCE-A-YEAR BULK WASTE CURBSIDE PICK-UP. THIS PICK UP IS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY FROM APRIL THROUGH THE END OF OCTOBER (*subject to availability*).

Appointments are available to schedule between the months of April and October by either contacting DPW at **732-656-4575** or schedule on our website at **[www.monroetwp.com/SERVICES/Recycle Coach-Bulk Waste Pick-Up](http://www.monroetwp.com/SERVICES/Recycle Coach-Bulk Waste Pick-Up)**

## GUIDELINES FOR CURBSIDE PICK-UP

- Limited to approximately one pick-up truck load.
- No hazardous materials-chemicals, paint, pesticides.
- No tires, utility poles, railroad ties, construction debris.
- No stumps, sod, dirt, concrete, asphalt, or stones.
- No food. Pallets are limited to three.
- Wrap mattresses/box springs in plastic.
- Separate your piles with metal/electronics in one pile, the rest of items in another.
- Lumber must have nails removed or bent over.
- Refrigerators and freezers must have the doors removed (State Law 2C:43-1).
- No recyclables such as cardboard, newspaper, bottles/cans, etc.



## WHITE GOODS APPLIANCE PICK-UP

Appliance pick-up is available throughout the year, subject to weather conditions. Appliances include refrigerator, oven, dishwasher, washer, and/or dryer.

Schedule your appointment with the **Department of Public Works at 732-656-4575**. Once scheduled, you will place your appliance at the curb the night before your scheduled date.



# We've Partnered with Recycle Coach!



**Download the Mobile App to become a better recycler today!**







@recyclecoachapp

[www.recyclecoach.com](http://www.recyclecoach.com)

Your **FREE** recycling curbside collection information is just a click away.

## What Goes Where?



**Get all the answers from Recycle Coach.**

Free Recycle Coach app includes local recycling schedules, countywide recycling programs and more.

Residents who are looking to become better recyclers can get all their answers from Recycle Coach, a free app for all mobile devices or online tool on our Township website. Recycle Coach features a user-friendly "What Goes Where" tool where you can search for how to recycle specific items. You can also access your recycling pick-up schedules and set reminders for upcoming events.

Check out our website under Recycle Coach for more information  
[www.MonroeTwp.com](http://www.MonroeTwp.com)







**recycle coach**



# COMMUNITY CLEANUP



## OUR COMMUNITY — LET'S MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Monroe uses an annual grant from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection for litter abatement programs such as volunteer cleanups and education program in local schools. Each year participating community groups collect discarded material in open space and along local roadways. The Township salutes all residents who participate in the Clean Communities Program.

Learn how you can help prevent and remove litter in our community.

For more information, or to register, please contact the Recycling Coordinator at 732-656-4575.

**Take pride in our parks and in our Community**  
**Please Use Recycling And Trash Receptacles**



**MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NJ HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF DAYS 2026**

This event is offered free of charge and is for **County residents only**  
**TIMES: 8 am - 2 pm** (Rain or Shine)

DATE	LOCATION	TOWN	ADDRESS	ZIP
Sun, March 15	Middlesex College	Edison	2600 Woodbridge Avenue	08837
Sat, May 16	Middlesex County Public Works	North Brunswick	97 Apple Orchard Lane	08902
Sun, June 28	Old Bridge Recycling Center	Old Bridge	1 Old Bridge Plaza	08857
Sat, Sept 19	Middlesex County Public Works	Sayreville	750 Jernee Mill Road	08872
Sun, Nov 15	Middlesex College	Edison	2600 Woodbridge Avenue	08837

**WHAT TO BRING:**

- |               |                    |                    |                          |
|---------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| Adhesives     | Drain Cleaners     | Kerosene           | Pesticides/Herbicides    |
| Aerosol Cans  | Fire Extinguishers | Lighter Fluid      | Photographic Chemicals   |
| Antifreeze    | Flares (Road Only) | Mercury            | Pool Chemicals           |
| Brake Fluid   | Fluorescent Bulbs  | Motor Oil/Filters  | Propane Tanks            |
| Car Batteries | Gasoline           | Paints (Latex/Oil) | Stains/Varnishes         |
| Cleaners      | Gas/Oil Mix        | Paint Thinner      | Thermometers/Thermostats |
- Rechargeable & Button Cell Batteries (individually bag each battery or tape each terminal end prior to transport) Alkaline batteries can be disposed of in regular trash.


**Asbestos containing materials: call to pre-register, must be double bagged.**

**WHAT NOT TO BRING:**

- |            |                  |                          |                 |
|------------|------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Appliances | Electronics      | Explosives/Munitions     | Smoke Detectors |
| Furniture  | Empty Containers | Infectious/Medical Waste | Tires           |

**RESIDENTIAL MATERIAL AND RESIDENTIAL LICENSE PLATES ONLY - NO COMMERCIAL VEHICLES!**  
No commercial or Industrial waste. No containers over 10 gallons.

**Residents must stay in their vehicles at all times. Please have your materials in your trunk, cargo area or truck bed, easily accessible to our staff, who will remove it from your vehicle.**



Please help us feed Middlesex County residents in need: Bring a non-perishable food item when you come to one of our household hazardous waste events. Donated items will be delivered to REPLENISH, the Middlesex County foodbank.

**QUESTIONS?** Call **732-745-4170** or E-mail **solidwaste@co.middlesex.nj.us**

This service is sponsored by the Middlesex County Board of County Commissioners with the host location.



## RESIDENTIAL 2026 PAPER SHREDDING

Recycle your old confidential files safely and securely!

**Rain or shine - 9 am - 12 pm** (or until the shredding truck is filled)

**County residents only - No businesses**

DATE	TOWN	LOCATION	ADDRESS	ZIP
Sunday, March 22	Old Bridge	Recycling Center	1 Old Bridge Plaza	08857
Friday, April 10	Woodbridge	Merrill Park	Fairview Ave, Colonia	07067
Saturday, April 18	Sayreville	Fort Grumpy	3750 Bordentown Avenue	08872
Saturday, May 2	North Brunswick	Babbage Park	Laurel Place	08902
Friday, May 8	East Brunswick	Health Services Parking Lot	1 Ericsson Dr. (Off Hoes Ln.)	08854
Sunday, June 7	Edison	Pappaianl Park	100 Municipal Boulevard	08817
Saturday, June 27	Spotswood	High School Parking Lot	105 Summerhill Road	08884
Sunday, August 30	South Brunswick	Beech Woods Park	137 Beekman Road	08852
Sunday, September 27	Woodbridge	Department of Public Works	225 Smith Street	07095
Friday, October 9	Highland Park	Donaldson Park	South Second Avenue	08904
Saturday, October 17	Cranbury	Cranbury School	23 North Main Street	08512
Friday, November 6	Monroe	Thompson Park	Manalapan Lake Lot	08831

### Maximum of 5 file boxes or 100 pounds per car.

Loads containing unacceptable items may be rejected.

Must be in manageable containers: no plastic bags.

**NO BUSINESSES, NO BATTERIES, NO METAL**

#### DO NOT BRING:

Newspapers, magazines, hardcover books, junk mail, photographs, X-rays, CDs, shredded paper or garbage.

**NOTE: No need to remove paper clips or staples.**

For more information on this and other programs, please contact:

**Middlesex County**

**Solid Waste Management**

**732-745-4170**

**[solidwaste@co.middlesex.nj.us](mailto:solidwaste@co.middlesex.nj.us)**

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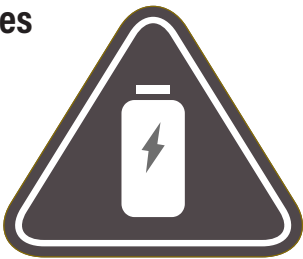
This free service is sponsored by the Middlesex County Board of County Commissioners in conjunction with the host town.



**PREVENT FIRES, KEEP PEOPLE AND PROPERTY SAFE**

**DO NOT throw rechargeable or lithium batteries in the trash or curbside recycling bin!**

Please bring rechargeable and lithium batteries to the Township of Monroe Recycling Center to dispose of them SAFELY.



**RECHARGEABLE and LITHIUM** batteries must be **RECYCLED** properly. Household batteries such as AA's, C's, D's etc. can be thrown in the trash or brought to the Recycling Center CHaRM Location.

Learn more at Monroe Township/Recycling AvoidTheSpark.com / Recycle Coach app



@NewJerseyDEP

**Rechargeable = Recyclable**

**NEVER PUT BATTERIES IN CURBSIDE RECYCLING BINS. THEY ARE CAUSING FIRES AT RECYCLING FACILITIES.**







Easy access  
can be deadly!

# Unused Meds?

70% of opioid abuse starts with easy access to unused pills.

ProjectMedicineDrop.com

Drop them off...

The effort to stop the abuse and diversion of prescription drugs begins at home and must include the opportunity for New Jersey consumers to dispose of their unused medications safely and securely at any time throughout the year.

With New Jersey's Project Medicine Drop (NJPMDD), we are placing secured drop boxes in the Monroe Township Police Department. Consumers from anywhere in New Jersey can visit the boxes seven days a week, to drop off unneeded and expired medications and keep them away from those at risk of abusing them.

The drop boxes accept solid pharmaceuticals such as pills, capsules, patches, inhalers, and pet medications. They cannot accept syringes or liquids.

For the hours of availability and other information, contact the police department or call the New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs at **(800) 242-5846**.

## SAFE SYRINGE PROGRAM

Many hospitals in and around the County participate in the New Jersey Hospital Association's Safe Syringe Program. Hospitals provide sharps containers to the home generator that the generator returns to the hospital when full. Contact the hospitals listed below for further information.

Note: Under no circumstances should needles ever be put in any type of container and placed out for recycling collection. This is very hazardous to recycling center employees.

### St. Peter's University Hospital

New Brunswick  
732-745-8600 ext. 6010

### University Medical Center at Princeton

Plainsboro  
609-853-6140

## STORMWATER POLLUTION

Pollution on streets, parking lots and lawns is washed by rain into storm drains, then directly to our drinking water supplies and the ocean and lakes our children play in. Fertilizer, oil, pesticides, detergents, pet waste, grass clippings, etc. all end up in our water.

Stormwater pollution is one of New Jersey's greatest threats to clean and plentiful water, and that's why we are all doing something about it.

By sharing the responsibility and making small, easy changes in our daily lives, we can keep common pollutants out of stormwater. It all adds up to cleaner water, and it saves the high cost of cleaning up once it's dirty.



## CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR PET

- Pet owners are required to pick up and properly dispose of the pet waste.
- Use newspaper, bags or pooper-scoopers to pick up wastes.
- Dispose of the wrapped pet waste in the trash or unwrapped in a toilet.
- Never discard pet waste in a storm drain.



# New Jersey CLEAN COMMUNITIES



New Jersey Clean Communities is a statewide, comprehensive litter abatement program created by the passage of the Clean Communities Act in 1986. The Act Provides a funding source for the program by placing a tax on fifteen categories of businesses that may produce litter-generated products.



NJ Clean communities has programs aimed at cleaning up our environment. For information about any of the programs or how you can get involved contact:  
NJ Clean Communities at: **609-989-5900** or **[njccc@njclean.org](mailto:njccc@njclean.org)**

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**2026 MONROE TOWNSHIP HOLIDAYS**

1/1 New Year's Day	10/12 Columbus Day
1/19 Martin Luther King Day	11/3 Election Day
2/16 President's Day	11/11 Veteran's Day
4/3 Good Friday	11/26 Thanksgiving Day
5/25 Memorial Day	11/27 Day After Thanksgiving
6/19 Juneteenth	12/25 Christmas Day
7/3 Independence Day	
9/7 Labor Day	
ALL SCHEDULES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE	

**MONROE TOWNSHIP TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

Animal Control	732-521-0222	Parks Department	732-656-0811
Construction Office	732-656-4585	Planning/Zoning Board	732-521-4400
Engineering	732-605-9440	Police (Non-emergency)	732-521-0222
Health Department	732-745-3100	Public Works/Recycling	732-656-4575
Human Resources	732-521-4400	Recreation	732-723-5000
Library	732-521-5000	Tax Assessor	732-521-4400
Mayor	732-521-4400	Tax Collector	732-521-4405
Municipal Building	732-521-4400	Township Clerk	732-656-4573
Utilities Department	732-521-1700	Transportation	609-443-0511
Office of Senior Services	609-448-7140	Zoning Officer	732-521-4400

<b>DO</b> Recycle	   	<b>Plastic</b> Bottles, Jars, Jugs, and Tubs	
	 <b>Mixed Paper</b> paper, newspaper, magazines, cereal boxes, softcover books	 <b>Cans</b> aluminum and steel (tin) cans	
 <b>Glass</b> Bottles and Jars all sizes, shapes, and colors			

<b>DON'T</b> Put in the Recycling Bin	   	<b>Plastic</b> Bags, Film, Wrappers, Cups, and Utensils	
	 <b>Greasy or food-contaminated items</b>	 <b>Shredded Paper</b>	
 <b>Tanglers</b> i.e. garden hoses, electric cords	 <b>Styrofoam</b>	 <b>Syringes, batteries, and bulbs</b>	<b>Dishware, glass, and mirrors</b>

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