

# 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](https://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](mailto: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.

# Ocean County

## Curbside Recycling Guide



### **CARDBOARD**

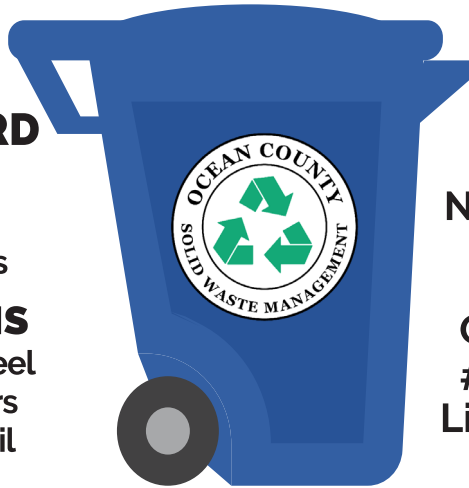
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### **GLASS**

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

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# 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

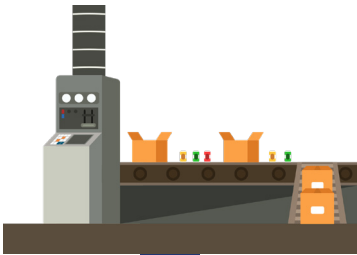
# The Journey of Your Recyclables



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](http://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

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](mailto:ocrecycles@co.ocean.nj.us)



<b>SPRING</b>	<b>LAKESWOOD</b> SUN, APR. 6TH 9AM-3PM PUBLIC WORKS 1 AMERICA AVE.	<b>STAFFORD</b> SAT, MAY. 24TH 9AM-3PM PUBLIC WORKS 320 HAYWOOD RD.	<b>MANCHESTER</b> SAT, JUNE 21ST 9AM-3PM PUBLIC WORKS 1360 NJ-70
	<b>FALL</b>	<b>TOMS RIVER</b> SAT, SEPT. 6TH 9AM-3PM FOP PARKING LOT 1791 N. BAY AVE.	<b>JACKSON</b> SAT, OCT. 11 TH 9AM-3PM PUBLIC WORKS 95 W VETERANS HWY.

- ## 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

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

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

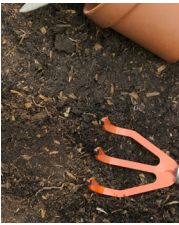


**Brush** Less than 4 inch diameter  
**Leaves** Unbagged Leaves ONLY

**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

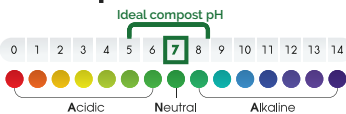
Excellent for walkways or garden beds, great weed suppression and moisture retention.

### 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)

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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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/](http://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](http://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](http://BlueRhino.com) or any **Paraco Gas** Dealer location.

## Scrap Metal & Wires

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

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](mailto:nocaf@ochd.org)

### Southern Animal Facility

360 Haywood Rd Manahawkin  
609-978-0127 [socaf@ochd.org](mailto: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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