Union County Recycling



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BUREAU OF RECYCLING & PLANNING



NJDEP Initiative:

- New Jersey is the first state to bring Recycle Coach technology <u>free of charge</u> to all residents to help increase recycling rates statewide and provide recycling information in a simple, clear, and concise manner.
- The NJDEP purchased Recycle Coach's online technology to centralize recycling information for municipalities and counties in a single platform that NJ residents can access through their smart devices and computers.

Be a

Better Recycler

with the

Recycle Coach[™] app

You get:

- A personalized collection schedule
- Custom pick-up reminders
- A 'What Goes Where?' search tool





Search "Recycle Coach"



recycleCoach

In order to launch, each town must provide the following info:

- Address Database with listings of respective zones (garbage, recycling, yard waste, and more).
- **Calendar and Observed Holidays** for the last 12 months or a link to the full-year calendar for your municipality.
- Materials Confirmation with any special instructions for collection, where materials are accepted, etc. Ongoing...
 - ➤ **Add to Website** so residents know app is available to download & provides info for non-smartphone users.

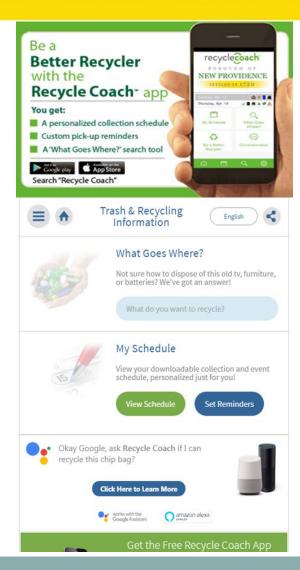


Add Recycle Coach to Your Website!

BOROUGH OF NEW PROVIDENCE

► Departments ► Forms & Documents ► Directory of Services ► Borough Mapping

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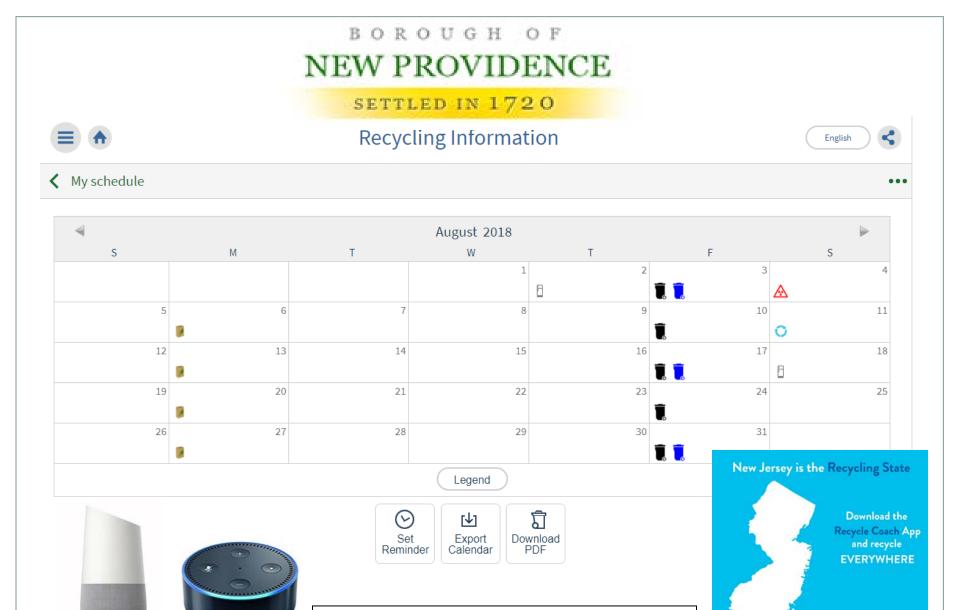


New!

Recycle Coach

Free app connects residents with recycling info. Learn more here







recycle**coach**



BOROUGH OF NEW PROVIDENCE





AUGUST 2018

Set-out time is 07:00 a.m.

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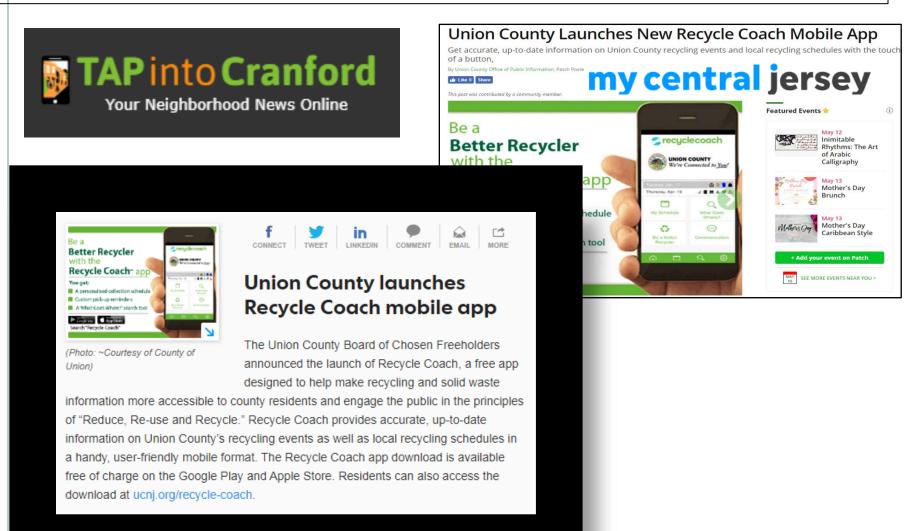








Spread the News!



EDUCATION INITIATIVES

ACCEPTABLE

Materials For Recycling in Union County What <u>Can</u> Go Into My Curbside Container?



Plastic Bottles & Containers

YES: Bottles Coded with #1 & #2 on Bottom





Mixed Paper

YES: Paper, Newspaper, Magazines, Junk Mail, Catalogs & Phone Books





Cans

YES: Aluminum and Steel (tin) Cans & Lids





Glass Bottles & Jars

YES: All Sizes, Shapes & Colors





Cardboard

YES: corrugated, cereal, clean pizza boxes





Cartons

YES: Milk, Juice & Food Cartons



PLEASE DO NOT USE PLASTIC BAGS!



Union County Bureau of Recycling and Planning 908-654-9890 www.ucnj.org/recycling

NOT ACCEPTABLE

What **CANNOT** Go Into My Curbside Container?



Plastic Bags

NO: Please do not bag your recyclables or place in bin (visit www.plasticfilmrecycling.org for drop off locations)





Styrofoam*

NO: Styrofoam cannot be recycled curbside





Dishware, Glass & Mirrors

NO: These items can be thrown in regular garbage





Dirty Pizza Boxes

NO: Leftover food or grease





Shredded Paper*

NO: Place shredded paper in regular garbage (or bring paper to be shredded at County event)





Pots & Pans







*These items can be recycled through county recycling programs



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NO PLASTIC BAGS IN THE RECYCLING CART



DO NOT BACS Recyclables

Collecting recyclables in a bag? Empty the contents into the cart.



Return plastic bags to retailers.

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The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders



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Union County Residents Can "Recycle Right" without Plastic Bags

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders reminds residents that plastic bags and other excluded items cannot be recycled through their local curbside pick-up programs.

"Union County residents have a good recycling rate compared to other counties in our state, and we want to improve on this record and set a high bar," said Freeholder Chairman Sergio Granados. "Every household can pitch in by following some simple guidelines that help our local recyclers operate more efficiently, especially when it comes to keeping excluded items out of the recycling stream."

In particular, Chairman Granados noted that plastic bags are prohibited in all curbside pickup programs.



"As a matter of convenience some residents use plastic bags to carry cans, bottles and other items to the curbside, but that interferes with the recycling process and contaminates the recycling stream," said Granados. "Items should always be put directly into bins, without the bag."

Plastic bags can be recycled through a designated retailer, such as a local supermarket or department store. To search for a convenient drop-off site, use the free location finder at plasticfilmrecycling.org. Chairman Granados also reminded residents to be alert for changes in recycling guidelines.

"Efficient recycling programs must follow market trends for raw materials, so it is not unusual for the guidelines to change occasionally," he said. "It's always a good idea to check with your local program to make sure you're up to date."

Common items that are currently accepted by local recycling programs include:

 Plastic bottles and containers that are coded with #1 or #2 on the bottom.

- Corrugated cardboard boxes such as cereal and clean pizza boxes; and milk, juice and fruit cartons.
- All mixed paper, including newspapers, magazines, junk mail, catalogs and phone books may be recycled. The exception is preshredded paper. Residents who need secure shredding for personal documents can use Union County's free mobile shredding events.

The following items CANNOT be recycled at curbside:

- · Plastic bags or other plastic film.
- Styrofoam -- check your municipality for drop-off location, if any.
- Dishware, glass and mirrors -- can be thrown in regular garbage.
- Dirty pizza boxes -- no leftover food or grease can be included.
- Shredded paper bring personal documents to a free shredding event.
- Pots, pans and small appliances check with your municipality for scrap metal drop-off location, if any)
- Plastic containers and plastic ware.

For more information on local and countywide recycling programs, and a list of municipal recycling coordinators, visit the Union County Bureau of Recycling & Planning at 908-654-9890 or online at ucnj.org/recycling.

Recycling supports the goals of Chairman Granados's Moving Union County Forward "Plant a Seed" initiative for building participation in recycling countywide and engaging the public in conservation and environmental education.

The Freeholder Board also encourages residents to sign up for Recycle Coach, a free app that makes it easier to stay up to date about countywide recycling information and municipal recycling schedules.

More information on the Recycle Coach app can be found at ucnj.org/recycling/recycle-coach-app. Quick links to all Union County environmental programs can be found at ucnj.org/greenconnection.

For all Union County programs and services visit ucnj.org, call the Public Info Line, 877-424-1234, email info@ucnj.org or use the online Contact Form.

Connect with Union County on social media.

Here are the social links

https://www.facebook.com/countyofunion/ https://www.instagram.com/unioncountynj/ https://www.linkedin.com/company/union-county https://witter.com/countyofunionnj https://www.outube.com/channel/UCXi6EX6-20| Vv3cAs-pzA



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Union County residents can 'recycle right' without plastic bags

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Residential Recycling Guide - DRAFT

Why Recycle?

New Jersey passed the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act in 1987 requiring all residents and businesses to recycle. That established the statewide recycling goal of 50%.

- It's the Law!
- To help Union County meet the 50% mandated recycling rate;
- · To save money on disposal costs;
- · Your town gets \$ back from your recycling.

Mandated Recyclables

The following materials must be recycled in Union County:

Aluminum, Tin, & Steel Cans Computers, TV's & Monitors

Corrugated Cardboard

Fluorescent Bulbs Glass Bottles & Jars

Grass, Brush, Leaves

Rechargeable Batteries

Leaves

Mixed Paper

Masonry (asphalt, brick, block, concrete)

Motor Oil

Motor Oil Filters

Newspaper

Office Paper

Plastic Bottles & Containers (coded #1 & #2)

Tires

Vehicle Batteries

White Goods (washers, refrigerators)

Wood

Your municipality/hauler may accept additional items

Recycling Made Easy



Coded #1 & 2

Aluminum & Steel (tin) Cans



Cartons, Cardboard & Chipboard



Glass Bottles & Jars



Paper, Newspaper, Magazines & Junk Mail

Rules to Remember:

- Please Rinse Bottles & Cans Clean!
- Ensure No Liquid Remains.
- Throw Away Caps & Lids.
- No wax coated boxes.
- No food contaminated boxes.
- · NEVER Put in Plastic Bags!

Please avoid common recycling mistakes!





No Food Waste

No Plastic Bags





No Styrofoam

No Syringes

None are acceptable in recycling bins!

NOT ACCEPTABLE in

Recycling Containers:

- FOOD CONTAMINATED BOXES
- ◆ DISHWARE, GLASS & MIRRORS
- HOSES
- PAPER TOWELS, CUPS & PLATES
- PLASTIC CUPS & DAIRY TUBS
- PLASTIC BAGS NEVER!
- POTS & PANS
- STYROFOAM

Visit Union County's website for additional info www.ucnj.org/recycling

Business Recycling Guide DRAFT

Recycling is Mandatory



New Jersey passed the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act in 1987 requiring all residents and businesses to recycle. That established the statewide recycling goal of 50%.

Municipal Recycling Ordinance

Each Town has a Recycling Ordinance which outlines recycling mandates for residents, businesses and multi-family dwellings.

Why Recycle

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What You Need to Know

- Determine what you generate that is on the list of mandated recyclables.
- Contact your municipality or trash hauler to see if they provide recycling services.
- Purchase clearly marked recycling containers.
- Once you have bins and the hauler is in place, educate your employees and customers on how to recycle.
- Reminder: Recyclables cannot be mixed with trash & separated later.
- Keep records to complete annual tonnage report.
- Visit www.ucnj.org/recycle for more info.

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Motor Oil

Motor Oil Filters

Newspaper

Office Paper

Plastic Bottles & Containers (coded #1 & #2)

Vehicle Batteries

White Goods (air conditioners, refrigerators)

Wood

Your municipality/hauler may accept additional items

Reporting is Mandatory

- ⇒ All businesses and institutions are required to provide an annual recycling tonnage report to their municipal recycling coordinator by March 1st.
- ⇒ Remember: the manager/owner of a business is responsible for ensuring a recycling program is in place.

Find Reports on-line at www.ucni.org/recycle

Make Recycling Easy

Avoid common recycling mistakes

Please do not put these in the Recycling Container:

- FOOD CONTAMINATED BOXES
- HOSES
- MIRRORS & GLASS
- PAPER TOWELS, CUPS & PLATES
- PLASTIC CUPS, TUBS AND LIDS
- PLASTIC BAGS NEVER! (save for separate drop off)
- STYROFOAM

Help avoid contamination. Be sure to ask your recycling hauler what is accepted.

Get Ready to Recycle!

BOTTLES & CANS

- Rinse clean!
- · Ensure no liquid remains.
- Throw away caps & lids.
- Remove straws.
- NEVER put in plastic bags!

PAPER & CARDBOARD

- No wax coated boxes.
- No food contaminated boxes.
- NEVER put in plastic bags!

Visit Union County's website for additional info including how to's, to mage report forms, and a recycling markets directory

Recycling Enhancement Grants

ELIGIBILITY

GUIDELINES

- All 21 municipalities
- Must be submitted by Recycling Coordinator
- Deadline is April 6th

- Up to \$10,000
- Choose <u>one</u> of 4 projects:
- Recycling in Outdoor Spaces
- School Projects
- Convenience Center Improvements
- Recycling Education Projects

School Recycling Bin Program

Recycling Bins for Schools



Free recycling containers courtesy of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders

Styrofoam



2018 Pilot Program

Municipal drop off locations: Cranford, Linden, New Providence, Springfield, Union and Westfield

-or-

Foam Pack Industries
72 Fadem Drive, Springfield
Visit WWW.FOAM-PACK.COM

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Union County works in conjunction with all 21 municipalities in an effort to improve recycling and make it more convenient to residents.