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# 2021 Recycling & Curbside Collection Guide

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**IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY**  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY NJ

# Curbside Collection Schedule

## Wednesdays

<b>January</b> 6, 20	<b>July</b> 7, 21
<b>February</b> 3, 17	<b>August</b> 4, 18
<b>March</b> 3, 17, 31	<b>September</b> 1, 15, 29
<b>April</b> 14, 28	<b>October</b> 13, 27
<b>May</b> 12, 26	<b>November</b> 10, 24
<b>June</b> 9, 23	<b>December</b> 8, 22

# DO Recycle



**Plastic Bottles**  
coded with #1 & #2 only



**Glass**  
Bottles & Jars  
all sizes, shapes and colors

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**Mixed Paper**  
paper, newspaper, magazines, soft cover books



**Cans**  
aluminum and steel (tin) cans

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**Cardboard**  
corrugated, cereal boxes




**Dishware, glass, and mirrors**

# DON'T Put IN the Recycling BIN




**Plastic Bags**  
i.e: grocery, ziploc, garbage bags


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**Shredded Paper**




**Greasy or food contaminated items**




**Pots, pans, and small appliances**


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**Plastic**  
coded #3 - #7




**Tanglers**  
i.e: garden hoses, electric cords




**Syringes, batteries and bulbs**

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**Styrofoam**



**Dishware, glass, and mirrors**

## The Middlesex County Improvement Authority's Program collects recyclables in single-stream fashion.

**All curbside recyclable items, such as bottles, cans, paper, and small flat cardboard can be mixed together in a single recycling container. Do not put recycling in bags.**

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### Proper Containers

Blue containers with the Middlesex County logo are used for single-stream collection in the MCIA's program. Overflow can be placed in your own unlidded plastic or metal containers 32 gallons or smaller and not more than 50 lbs. Do not overfill containers.

#### Not Accepted:

Recyclables in plastic bags or in containers not at the curb. Do not leave them near the house, garage, or at the top of the driveway.

#### Replacement Containers:

If your containers are lost,

stolen, or broken, replacement containers can be purchased from your municipal recycling coordinator (contact info listed in Recycling Service Information section of this brochure).

#### New Homeowners:

Welcome! Contact your municipal recycling coordinator within three months of moving in to obtain a free container (contact info listed in Recycling Service Information section of this brochure).

#### Curbside Collection:

Place your full containers on the curb before 6 am on collection day (times are subject to change). Be sure to label them with your name and address.

## Newspaper & Mixed Paper

#### We Accept:

- newspaper
- magazines
- catalogs
- junk mail
- brown paper bags
- nonmetallic wrapping paper
- office records
- computer paper
- file folders
- receipts
- telephone books
- softcover books
- hardcover books (remove front and back cover)
- greeting cards
- nonwaxy food and cereal boxes
- tissue boxes
- shoe boxes

If you have more paper than you can fit in your container, place the overflow in brown paper grocery bags (**NO PLASTIC BAGS**). Additional newspaper may be bundled, tied, and placed next to your container.

## Cardboard & Paperboard

#### We Accept:

Corrugated cardboard and

layered cardboard shaped into ridges, folds, or grooves (such as shipping boxes and packaging for most appliances).

**Flatten, bundle, and securely tie** the cardboard and sheets into stacks no larger than 48 inches square and 12 inches high. **CARDBOARD IN PLASTIC BAGS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

*Note: The maximum number of recycling bundles of cardboard and/or paper bags of mixed paper that the collector will pick up from individual households, each collection, is six (6).*

**We Do Not Accept Pizza Boxes or Shredded Paper.**

## Cans, Bottles & Plastic

#### We Accept:

Metal, glass, and plastic recyclables in single-stream fashion and can be commingled. Rinse all items.

#### Metal:

Tin, steel, aluminum, and bimetal cans (soda, beer, pet food, soup and tuna cans). Rinse the cans and crush them to maximize capacity. Dispose of lids.

#### Glass:

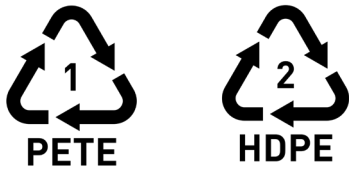
Glass bottles and jars of all colors

(juice, soda, beer and liquor bottles, mayonnaise and spaghetti sauce jars). Remove and dispose lids.

#### **Plastic:**

#1 PETE and #2 HDPE containers (milk and juice jugs, water bottles, laundry detergent, shampoo, and soda bottles).

Check for:



Crush to maximize capacity and remove and dispose caps.

#### **We Do Not Accept:**

- drinking glasses
- window glass
- mirrors
- Pyrex® glassware
- light bulbs
- plastic toys
- plastic packaging
- aluminum foil
- gardening or garage plastics
- polystyrene or Styrofoam™
- plastic cups or food trays

*Only recyclables that are properly prepared will be collected. You may receive a **rejection** sticker and collection skipped otherwise.*

### **Leaves, Brush & Grass**

#### **Fall Leaves**

*(weekly: April – May, October – December)* must be bagged in biodegradable leaf bags.

#### **Tree Limbs**

*(March, April, and September)*

#### **Grass**

must be taken to Recycling Drop-Off Center in biodegradable bags or loose.

### **Special Items**

Visit RecycleCoach app or call 732-968-5455 for info about Dunellen's Recycling Drop-Off Center and white goods (washers, dryers, grills, appliances, etc.).

### **RecycleCoach**

Whether it's determining what is recyclable, or remembering the pick-up schedule, RecycleCoach has you covered. Download this app to personalize your own recycling calendar and use the What Goes Where? search tool to better sort your recyclables.

Available in the App Store or Google Play.



### **Contact**

**Dunellen Recycling Coordinator & Department of Public Works**  
732-968-5455

**Recycling Hotline**  
800-488-6242

**Weather Emergencies**  
Changes in collection due to weather emergencies or other emergency situations can be found at [www.mciauth.com](http://www.mciauth.com) or checked with the recycling department directly at 800-488-6242.

**800-488-6242 (MCIA)**  
Municipal recycling schedules available at [www.mciauth.com](http://www.mciauth.com)