



Recycling Update

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Bergen County Utilities Authority • Foot of Mehrhof Road, Little Ferry, NJ 07643

Sign up for the shredding program

As you know, the BCUA offers each Bergen County municipality the opportunity to host one free, paper shredding program for confidential documents. If your municipality would like to host a confidential document shredding and recycling event, please contact Richard Baroch at rbaroch@bcua.org or call 201.807.8696.



If your date, time or location changes, please let us know immediately. This information is available on our website and we want to maintain accuracy for your residents.

CRP services available at no cost



In accordance with the Recycling Enhancement Act, each New Jersey municipality is required to submit an Annual Recycling Tonnage Report to the New Jersey

Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) signed by a Certified Recycling Professional (CRP). (A letter was mailed to each clerk and a copy was sent to each MRC.) Failure to submit a Tonnage Report signed by a CRP jeopardizes a municipality's opportunity to receive the annual recycling tonnage grant. For those municipalities that may not employ a CRP, the BCUA offers at no cost to the municipality to provide the services of a CRP to sign and submit the Annual Recycling Tonnage Report to the NJDEP.

Your municipality received information in December regarding an interlocal agreement to participate in this program. If your municipality requires the services of a

CRP, please complete the interlocal agreement and return it to the BCUA. For questions regarding this program, please contact Mark Vangieri, mvangieri@bcua.org or 201.807.5823.

E-Waste Reports due Feb. 1st

The Electronic Waste Management Act established semi-annual reporting requirements for collection site locations identified in manufacturer's plans and Local Government Units (LGUs) that collect covered electronic devices (CEDs). The next semi-annual report for the reporting period of July 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025, is due by close of business on February 1, 2026.



All forms can be found on their website: [NJ E-cycle Manufacturers \(state.nj.us\)](http://NJ E-cycle Manufacturers (state.nj.us)).

Please complete and submit both forms via email to ecycle@dep.nj.gov with the Subject Line: Town Name/County/SAR OR Subject Line: Collection Site Name (i.e., Goodwill, Staples, etc.)/Town/County/SAR.

If you are a local government unit and you did not collect any electronics from your residents, please email ecycle@dep.nj.gov saying that you did not collect any electronics during this reporting period. No reporting forms are required if this is the case. If a municipality did not collect any electronics and is unsure of whether they are in a collection plan, they should also email ecycle@dep.nj.gov stating this.

If there are issues with the electronic signature portion of the certification form (pdf), submitting a printed, signed, and scanned/photocopy is acceptable. Please ensure that all portions of the certification form are completed. Timely reports are required. Failure to report by the

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mandated deadline is a violation of the law. If you have any questions, please contact ecycle@dep.nj.gov.

Latest Infographic from NJDEP

Listed below is the latest infographic from NJDEP's Bureau of Sustainability. [Click here for a complete listing of graphics](#). Pass them along, and use them to communicate with your residents.

WINTER WONDERS: STAY WARM AND SAVE MONEY

SET YOUR THERMOSTAT

You can save as much as 10% a year on heating bills with a simple trick. Set your thermostat to around 68°F - 70°F during the day. Before you leave the house or go to bed, turn the temperature lower. Programmable thermostats make this easy by warming your house back up before you wake so you can stay warm in bed!

70°

PROTECT AGAINST DRAFTS

Keep cold air out by installing window treatments like tight-fitting and insulating drapes or shades. Taping clear plastic film to the inside of window frames creates a similar effect.

Keep shades open during the day to let warm sunlight in and shut them at night to block out drafts.

CHOOSE LED HOLIDAY LIGHTS

LED holiday lights use less electricity than incandescent bulbs. They also last longer and don't break as easily because they're made with epoxy lenses instead of glass. Best of all, they stay cool instead of getting hot, which means less risk of fires and burns!

REDIRECT AIR FLOW

Close off all vents and doors in rooms like spare bedrooms that do not get much use to prevent paying to heat uninhabited space.

Switch ceiling fans to spin clockwise in winter to recirculate warm air to keep your home cozy.

Learn more about winter energy saving tips here: www.energy.gov/energysaver/fall-and-winter-energy-saving-tips

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2026 BERGEN COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY

RECYCLING EVENTS FOR BERGEN COUNTY RESIDENTS

PARAMUS	MAHWAH
Bergen Community College 400 Paramus Road (Entry via Paramus Rd. ONLY)	Bergen County Campgaw Mountain Reservation 200 Campgaw Road (Ski Area)
SUNDAY April 26	SATURDAY June 13
SATURDAY August 8	SUNDAY Oct. 4
9:00 am - 2:00 pm • Rain or Shine	9:00 am - 2:00 pm • Rain or Shine

MOBILE PAPER SHREDDING <p>Give your paper a safe retirement – shred it!</p> <p>Recycle your confidential documents such as bills, receipts, tax returns, medical records, legal documents, etc. safely by shredding them. (Recycle magazines and non-confidential paper at curbside.)</p> <p>In an effort to accommodate everyone, there is a limit of four (4) bags/boxes, weighing no more than 10 lbs. each.</p> <p>Paper clips and staples are acceptable. Please remove binder clips.</p> <p>Shredding performed immediately on-site.</p> <p>***Shredding program will end prior to 2pm in the event the shredding trucks reach capacity.</p>	ELECTRONICS & COMPUTERS <p>Recycle one "byte" at a time – bring us your electronics and computers!</p> <p>Recycle laptops, monitors, cables, wires, speakers, computers, televisions, stereos, printers, and more!</p>	UNWANTED MEDICATION <p>Discard your unwanted and expired over-the-counter and prescription medications in a secured Project Medicine Drop box.</p> <p>Bring medication in original containers or a sealed bag. Sharps and liquids will not be accepted.</p> <p>You can also dispose of unused and expired medications anonymously, seven days a week, 365 days a year, at "prescription drug drop boxes" located within the headquarters of participating police departments. For a listing of participating police departments please visit: www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/meddrop/Pages/Locations.aspx</p> <p>Recycle! Printed on recycled paper.</p>
<p>TIRE RECYCLING</p> <p>Give your tires one last spin – recycle them!</p> <p>Four (4) tire limit, per delivery. Tires with or without rims accepted.</p>		

Safe and free collections for Bergen County residents. Proof of residency is required. No business/commercial waste will be accepted.

Your municipality may offer these recycling services. Check with your Department of Public Works (DPW) or municipal website for program details.

New Jersey Recycling Facts

- New Jersey achieved a 54% total recycling rate in 2021
- New Jersey achieved a 37% municipal solid waste recycling rate in 2021
- New Jersey recycled 5.6 million tons of concrete, asphalt, brick and block in 2021
- New Jersey recycled 292,000 tons of glass, aluminum and steel containers in 2021
- New Jersey recycled 101,000 tons of plastic containers in 2021
- New Jersey recycled 2 million tons of paper and corrugated cardboard in 2021

Source: NJDEP

Upcoming Meetings/Webinars

Sustainability in Motion Conference
Wed., March 4- 6 2026—Caesars, Atlantic City

NJDEP Waste Wise Webinar