

SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING COLLECTION

Q. WHAT IS SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING COLLECTION?

Single stream recycling collection is a user-friendly system that allows residents to place all acceptable recyclable materials into one container and for the recycling haulers to place these same recyclables into one collection vehicle. This process facilitates the decrease of collection vehicles on the road and subsequently vehicle emissions.

Q. CAN I STILL USE THE YELLOW AND GREEN RECYCLING BUCKETS?

Yes, residents can still continue to use either the yellow and/or green recycling buckets. The only difference with single stream is that you do not have to separate the recyclable material by bucket. Cans, bottles, glass, newspapers, magazines, etc. can now be placed all together in either bucket. Mercer County residents are asked to use the yellow and green buckets to help identify the recyclable material.

Q. WHAT MATERIALS ARE RECYCLABLE IN MERCER COUNTY?

The materials accepted under the Mercer County Recycling Program are:

Glass food and beverage jars and bottles; aluminum and metal food and beverage containers; pet and vegetable food cans; plastic beverage bottles marked with a #1 on the bottom and plastic beverage, milk jugs, detergent and shampoo containers marked with a #2 on the bottom only. **NO OTHER PLASTICS, METALS OR GLASS ARE ACCEPTABLE.**

Newspapers, magazines, junk mail, stationary, computer and copier paper. Cereal, shoe cracker, cookie boxes are acceptable materials. Brown bags, telephone directories, non-metallic gift wrap and greeting cards with no foil are acceptable recyclable material.

Do not place recyclable materials in plastic bags and if you are not sure if the item is acceptable in Mercer County's Recycling

Program, you can call the MCIA Recycling Department at 609-278-8086.

Q. CAN I REALLY PUT EVERYTHING IN THE SAME BUCKET?

Yes, you can place all acceptable recyclable materials into the yellow and/or green buckets. It makes no difference which bucket you place the materials in. Single stream technology does what it says: glass, aluminum, metal and acceptable plastics, newspapers, magazines and cardboard all in one bucket. The recyclable materials will be separated at a recycling facility.

Q. WILL MY COLLECTION DAY CHANGE?

For the following municipalities there is NO CHANGE in recycling collection schedule:

Ewing Township
Hamilton Township (Zone 2 – Thursday, Zone 3 – Friday and Zone 4 – Saturday)
Hopewell Boro & Hopewell Township
Lawrence Township
Pennington Boro
Princeton Boro & Princeton Township
City of Trenton – Zones 1 & 2

The following municipalities **HAVE A CHANGE** in recycling collection schedule:

Hamilton Township Zone 1 (Wednesday Collection) – will switch to Saturday Collection effective January 16, 2010.

Q. WILL RECYCLING BE COLLECTED ON HOLIDAYS?

There is no recycling collection on the following Holidays:

Memorial Day	Independence Day	Thanksgiving
Labor Day	Christmas Day	New Years Day

Should your recycling collection day fall on any of the above holidays, collection will take place the first Saturday following the holiday.

All of the other holidays, recycling will be collected as part of the normal schedule.

Q. WHAT DO I DO IF MY RECYCLING IS MISSED?

If your recycling is not collected on your scheduled collection day, please call the Mercer County Improvement Authority's Recycling Department at 609-278-8086.

For recycling changes in schedules such as holidays and inclement weather, residents can call the MCIA Recycling Hotline 24 hours a day at 609-394-0100.

For more information about recycling and recycling schedules please visit the Authority's website at www.mcia-nj.com.

Q. HOW MANY BUCKETS CAN I PLACE AT THE CURB?

Residents can place up to four (4) buckets at the curb per collection day. Cardboard that will not fit in the bucket can be placed on the side of the bucket. However, the cardboard must be cut to a manageable size and bundled.

Q. I NEED A NEW BUCKET - WHERE CAN I GET ONE?

Each Municipality will have buckets available to residents. A list of all Municipal locations is located at:
<http://www.mcia-nj.com/uploads/forms/BucketPickupLocations.pdf>

In addition buckets are also available at County Connections on Route 33 in Hamilton. Please call 609-890-9800 and check for availability.

As of January 1, 2010 - Buckets will no longer be available at the

Mercer County Administration Building
640 South Broad Street in Trenton