

Environmental Commission: Recycling and Solid Waste Disposal

Recycling is required by law in New Jersey, as it is in most States. In New Jersey items required to be recycled are determined by each individual county as well as by some statewide laws. Recycling helps the environment by reducing the amount of trash sent to landfills, conserving valuable resources and energy and producing income for Harding Township from the sale of recycled material.

In Morris County recycling is required for aluminum and bimetal cans, glass and plastic containers, corrugated cardboard, newsprint, magazines, mixed and office papers, used motor oil, oil-contaminated soil, tires and white goods (i.e. major home appliances such as stoves, refrigerators, washers and dryers).¹

Harding Township Recycling Center located at the DPW office on Millbrook Road (behind the Post Office) is open each Wednesday from 7:00 AM until noon and on alternate Saturdays from 9:00 AM until noon. Items which can be brought to the DPW's site include paper products, glass, plastic and metal containers, marked with the symbols:



Scrap metal, electronic equipment, including TV's, computers, laptops, monitors, printers, etc., tires and batteries (except alkaline batteries which should be disposed of in the trash) can also be brought to the recycling center. A complete schedule of operating times and items which are accepted for recycling, including the current annual Recycling Brochure can be found at the Harding Township DPW website.²

Trash pick-up in Harding Township is not provided by the Township, but can be arranged through a private disposal contractor. One such contractor licensed in Harding Township is Rubineti Disposal at (973) 377-3926.

Household Hazardous Waste can be recycled at the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority ("MCMUA") transfer facility located at 168 Gold Mine Road, Mt. Olive, NJ. This facility operates by appointment only on most Tuesday and Friday mornings, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., and most Saturday mornings, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Using the facility is free of charge to Morris County residents delivering residential HHW (fees are charged, however, for propane cylinders and latex paint, if delivered to the transfer facility). For an appointment, call the MCMUA at (973) 631-5109, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For a complete list of items accepted at the MCMUA's facility check their website.³ In addition, the MCMUA has several Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Drop-Off Events. The schedule for those events can be found at the MCMUA website.⁴

¹ <http://www.recyclingnj.com> Designated Recyclables by County

² <http://www.hardingnj.org/departments/public-works.html>

³ http://www.mcmua.com/sw_hhw.asp

Residential medical waste should be disposed of properly. Medical waste may infect other people who come in contact with it. Unwanted or expired medicines or pharmaceuticals could be harmful to children or adults. Unused pharmaceuticals found in the trash may be stolen for unregulated use. And antibiotics poured down the drain can kill beneficial microbes and bacteria in septic systems. For a discussion of acceptable disposal methods for residential medical waste see the MCMUA website.⁵

Resources:

State of New Jersey website: <http://www.nj.gov/dep/dshw/recycling/>

State of New Jersey recycling website: <http://www.nj.gov/nj/green/recycling/>

Recycling in New Jersey: www.recyclingnj.com/

Harding Township DPW website: <http://www.hardingnj.org/departments/public-works.html>

⁵ http://www.mcmua.com/sw_hhw_faq_home_medical_waste.asp