

OCEAN COUNTY Recycling Guide 2026



**Ocean County Makes
Recycling Easy!**



Recycling News



Dear Residents,
Preserving our environment is a shared responsibility, and Ocean County is committed to making it easy for everyone to do their part.

With two County-operated recycling centers and numerous municipal facilities, residents can conveniently drop off items such as bottles, cardboard, old paint, plastic lawn furniture, electronics, and more.

In 2025, over 115,000 residents visited our recycling centers, where nearly 80,000 tons of material from our 33 municipalities were processed. These efforts benefit more than 650,000 residents and help save millions of taxpayer dollars.

For more information about recycling programs, special events, and updates, please visit co.ocean.nj.us/recycle or follow us on social media @ocrecycles. Together, we can continue leading the way in recycling and sustainability, ensuring a cleaner, greener future for Ocean County.

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Frank Sadeghi, Commissioner Liaison.
The Ocean County Board of Commissioners

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Ocean County Department of Solid Waste Management

For questions contact us at ocrecycles@co.ocean.nj.us
or call 732-506-5047



Ocean County Recycling Centers

Recyclables Drop-Off

Visit our curbside recyclables station at both centers **Mon-Sat 7:30 am to 7 pm.**

NRC 601 New Hampshire Ave. Lakewood

SRC 379 Haywood Rd. Manahawkin



Special Waste Drop-Off

Bring your paint, electronics, motor oil, and many other materials (see page 3) to our special waste buildings.

Available Mon-Sat 7:30 am to 3:00 pm

Brush & Leaves Disposal

Accepted at our recycling centers, residents can come visit both locations.

NRC 535 South Oberlin Ave. Lakewood

SRC 379 Haywood Rd. Manahawkin

Mon-Sat 7:30 am to 3:00 pm



Free Garden Products

We produce top quality compost and mulch at our facilities, made from resident's brush & leaves. No weeds or construction waste is ever used.

Ocean County

Home Recycling Guide



CARDBOARD

Flatten boxes

GLASS

Bottles & jars

METAL CANS

Aluminum & steel
food containers
+ Aluminum Foil



PAPER

Not shredded

PLASTIC

Bottles, jugs
& tubs only
#1, #2, & #5
Caps + lids ON

PLACE ITEMS LOOSE - NO BAGS

Empty, Clean & Dry



ONE SMALL CHOICE PREVENTS FIRES

**Never put batteries, propane tanks,
or pressurized cans in your bin.**

Special Waste Drop-off

Northern (NRC) 601 New Hampshire Ave. Lakewood, NJ 08701

Southern (SRC) 379 Haywood Rd. Manahawkin, NJ 08050

Mon-Sat 7:30 am to 3:00 pm

Aerosols

Antifreeze (5 gal)

Batteries (Auto & Rechargeable)

Books

Brush & Leaves

Cooking Oil

Electronics (TVs, Small Appliances)

Fluorescents & LED Bulbs

Ink Cartridges

Motor Oil & Filters (5 gal)

Paint Cans (Steel ONLY)

Paint (Latex, Oil, Boat, Spray)

Rigid Plastic

Shrink Wrap (Winterizing)

Shredded Paper

Textiles (Donation Bins)

Thermostats (Mercury)

Tires (Fee May Apply)



NEVER in Curbside Recycling

Contact your local DPW, some accept these items.

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Curbside pick up and municipal programs

Contact Your Department of Public Works

Barnegat	609-698-0080
Barnegat Light	609-494-9196
Bay Head	732-899-6782
Beach Haven	609-492-2525
Beachwood	732-286-6010
Berkeley	732-341-1022
Brick	732-451-4066
Eagleswood	609-296-3040
Harvey Cedars	609-494-6905
Island Heights	732-270-6424
Jackson	732-928-1311
Lacey	609-693-1100
Lakehurst	732-657-4141
Lakewood	732-905-3405
Lavallette	732-793-7766
Little Egg Harbor	609-296-3600
Long Beach	609-361-6676
Manchester	732-350-4382
Mantoloking	732-475-6983
Ocean	609-693-3302
Ocean Gate	732-269-3166
Pine Beach	732-349-6425
Plumsted	609-758-2241
Point Pleasant	732-892-1287
Point Pleasant Beach	732-892-1118
Seaside Heights	732-793-0313
Seaside Park	732-793-5100
Ship Bottom	609-494-2171
South Toms River	732-349-0403
Stafford	609-597-1000
Surf City	609-494-2400
Toms River	732-255-1000
Tuckerton	609-296-5058



Volunteer

Clean-up Opportunities

***Make a Difference in
Your Community***

Volunteers Needed!

cleancommunities@co.ocean.nj.us

***Help keep Ocean County clean.
Protect wildlife and natural habitats.***

Already planned a cleanup?

We provide:

Gloves - Trash Bags

Sunscreen - Bug Spray



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AVOID THE SPARK™

Be battery safety smart.

Prevent fires, keep people, and property safe.

Ocean County residents have it easy
to dispose of batteries.

**DO NOT throw
rechargeable batteries
in the trash or recycling bin.**



Bring rechargeable, lithium, and button cell batteries to:

Ocean County Special Waste Drop-off:
Northern (NRC) 601 New Hampshire Ave. Lakewood
Southern (SRC) 379 Haywood Rd. Manahawkin
Home Depot & Lowe's
For other sites check call2recycle.org/locator

Alkaline, and single use batteries can be recycled at:
Staples - staples.com/stores/recycling

avoidthespark.com | njhazwaste.com | anjr.com



Paint Disposal Program

Latex, Oil, Boat, & Spray Paint

Accepted Daily
Mon-Sat 7:30 am to 3 pm
Special Waste Drop-off at
Northern & Southern
Recycling Centers



**No need to wait for a
Household Hazardous Waste event!**

20 gallons per day per person. NO stains, polyurethanes, or
varnishes (take to Household Hazardous Waste events).

Dried up paint can be discarded with regular trash

**The following towns provide this service
for their residents**

Berkeley	732-349-4616
Brick	732-451-4060
Lacey	609-693-1100 x2301
Little Egg Harbor	609-296-5760
Pt. Pleasant Beach	732-892-1118
Seaside Park	732-793-5100 x303
Toms River	732-255-1000 x8103
Tuckerton	609-296-5058



**Spray Paint is ONLY taken at the
County's Recycling Centers (Page 3)**

No businesses or contractors



Document Shredding

Safely shred confidential documents

Events during Spring & Fall 2026
More info at co.ocean.nj.us/recycle



OPEN TO ALL OCEAN COUNTY RESIDENTS

Paper ONLY - 4 File boxes max.
Reusable containers welcome.
NO BLACK PLASTIC BAGS!

**All events run 9 am to 12 pm
or until truck fills**

SPRING

Lakewood	Fri. March 27th	1 America Ave.
Berkeley	Sat. April 18th	OC Fairgrounds Rd 530.
Waretown	Sat. May 2nd	117 Wells Mills Rd.
Stafford	Sat. May 16th	379 Haywood Rd.
Jackson	Sat. June 6th	95 West Veterans Hwy.
Pt Pleasant Boro	Sat. June 27th	2300 Panther Path

FALL

Manchester	Sat. Aug. 29th	101 S. Colonial Dr
Lacey	Sat. Sept. 19th	820 Municipal Ln.
Toms River	Fri. Sept. 25th	250 Riverwood Dr.
Brick	Sat. Oct. 3rd	836 Ridge Rd.
Barnegat	Sat. Oct. 17th	5 Lippencott Ave.
Beachwood	Sat. Oct. 24th	1600 Pinewald Rd.

NO

Batteries and electronics are a FIRE hazard.
Books, Junk Mail, Greeting Cards, Photos, X-Rays, CDs.



Please stay in your vehicle at ALL times.
Place materials in the vehicle's trunk.

Can't wait for an event? Visit Staples or UPS (fees apply).



Household Hazardous Waste

**APPOINTMENT REQUIRED
REGISTRATION ONLINE ONLY**

Register by scanning the code or visiting

co.ocean.nj.us/recycle

request assistance at ocrecycles@co.ocean.nj.us



SPRING	LAKEWOOD SUN, MAR. 22ND 9AM-3PM PUBLIC WORKS 1 AMERICA AVE.	STAFFORD SAT, MAY. 2ND 9AM-3PM PUBLIC WORKS 320 HAYWOOD RD.	MANCHESTER SAT, JUNE 20TH 9AM-3PM PUBLIC WORKS 1360 NJ-70
	TOMS RIVER SAT, SEPT. 12TH 9AM-3PM FOP PARKING LOT 1791 N. BAY AVE.	BRICK SAT, OCT. 10 TH 9AM-3PM PUBLIC WORKS 836 RIDGE RD.	LONG BEACH SUN, NOV. 1ST 9AM-3PM PUBLIC WORKS 7910 LONG BEACH BLVD. S.

DO BRING AEROSOLS AUTO PRODUCTS CLEANING PRODUCTS POOL CHEMICALS FIRE EXTINGUISHERS GASOLINE HERBICIDES/PESTICIDES MERCURY-CONTAINING DEVICES PAINT THINNERS POLYURETHANES/POLISHES PROPANE TANKS STAINS/VARNISHES	DO NOT BRING ASBESTOS *BATTERIES CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS CYLINDERS (INCLUDES OXYGEN TANKS) *ELECTRONICS EXPLOSIVES (INCLUDES BOAT FLARES) INFECTIOUS WASTE *FLUORESCENTS AND BULBS MEDICATIONS/SYRINGES RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS SMOKE DETECTORS UNIDENTIFIABLE CHEMICALS
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* Materials accepted in our special waste program see page 3.



Limit 20 gallons liquid & 200 lbs. dry materials.

Proof of residency required: Driver's license or tax bill.

Can't wait for an event?

Look for an authorized Hazardous Waste Disposal Service.



Brush & Leaves Disposal

Northern (NRC) 535 South Oberlin Avenue, Lakewood, NJ
Southern (SRC) 379 Haywood Rd. Manahawkin, NJ

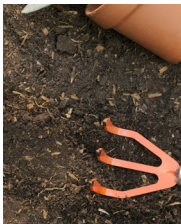


Brush Less than 4 inch diameter
Leaves Unbagged Leaves ONLY

**No weeds or invasive species
(bamboo, or anything with roots).**

Many municipal sites offer this service, contact your DPW.

Free Garden Products



Finished Leaf Compost

A great choice for planted flower, shrub, and vegetable beds. Compost adds organic matter back to the soil faster than mulch. Ideal to use during Spring.



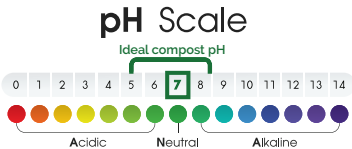
Single Ground Mulch

Excellent for walkways or garden beds. Great for weed suppression and moisture retention.

Double Ground Mulch

A finer mulch perfect for garden beds.

Compost Data Sheet



2025 pH test:
Composting Facility
Northern (Lakewood) 6.5 to 6.6
Southern (Stafford) 6.32 to 6.95

Trace Metal Test: PASS
(per us epa standard 40 CFR 503.13)

24 Cr 51.9961 Chromium	28 Ni 58.6934 Nickel	29 Cu 63.546 Copper	30 Zn 65.38 Zinc	33 As 74.921595 Arsenic	34 Se 78.971 Selenium	42 Mo 95.94 Molybdenum	48 Cd 112.411 Cadmium	80 Hg 200.592 Mercury	82 Pb 207.2 Lead
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Soluble salts level: Very Low



Learn how to compost at home

Wondering how to dispose of other garden and food waste? ***Join one of our compost workshops.***

Limited spots (20 max per workshop)

Free composter to attendees.

Registration Required

Scan the code or go to
oceancountynj.gov/recycle or
email compost@co.ocean.nj.us



Browns

(dry, carbon-rich materials)

Leaves

Paper products

Corn Stalks

Straw

Greens

(wet, nitrogen-rich materials)

Fruit & Veggie Scraps

Green leaves

Flowers

Coffee grounds

DO NOT ADD

Dairy products, meat,
bones, dog/cat feces,
invasive plants, weeds.

***Don't throw nutrients away.
Compost your food scraps and turn them into
healthy soil for your garden.***

What to do with

Home Medical Devices (Electronic)

Electronics or home-use medical machines like CPAP, nebulizers, and similar, can be recycled at our Special Waste Drop-Off (see page 3).

Tubing, masks, and other non-electronic parts should be placed in the trash.

Medication Expired or Unused

Check the *DEAtakeback.com* site for collection events and drop-off locations.

**24/7 DROP-OFF BOXES AT
MOST POLICE DEPARTMENTS**



Help prevent poisoning and misuse in your community.

**Disposing of medications down the drain or toilet
contaminates the water supply.**

Needle & Syringe Disposal

Community Medical Center

99 Rt 37 W, Toms River 732-557-8000 ext-18005

Monmouth Medical Center

600 River Ave, Lakewood 732-363-1900 ext 24689

Ocean Medical Center

425 Jack Martin Blvd, Brick 732-836-4297

Southern Ocean Medical Center

1140 Rte 72 W, Manahawkin 609-597-6011 ext 2083

More information: ochd.org



Medical Waste

Mobility Aids & Equipment



Goodwill accepts walkers, canes, wheelchairs, bathing aides, & more

Brick - (732) 477-1059

Bayville - (732) 269-2902

Point Pleasant - (856)-439-0200

Toms River - (856) 439-0200

For full list visit goodwillnj.org

Oxygen Tanks

Should be discarded through the company it was purchased or received from.

You can also recycle it at a local scrap metal yard after removing the valve (only if it's completely empty).

Oxygen Supply Co. - Toms River (732) 281-2990

Industrial Welding Supply -Lakewood (732) 367-7100

Atlas Welding Supply Co. - Lakewood (732)363-1148

TriState Recycling - Beachwood (732) 286-6358

X-rays

Did you know X-rays contain silver, a finite resource. Recycling helps reduce mining & protects the environment.



Monmouth Wire 732-922-3320
computerreclamation.com

If your municipality uses Monmouth Wire, x-rays can be dropped off inside the Electronics Waste bin.

Other Waste

Appliances & Scrap Metal

Take small appliances to the Ocean County Recycling Centers (see page 3)

Brick Recycling, Brick	732-477-0880
Christensen Recycling, South TR	908-421-1493
Eastern Metal Recycling, Bayville	1-800-SCRAPIT
NJ Scrap, New Egypt	609-758-8035
Sonny's Recycling, Waretown	609-971-7788
& Toms River	732-349-4971
Tri-State Recycling, Beachwood	732-286-6358
Universal Recycling, Berkeley	732-349-0112

Check JCP&L, NJ Natural Gas, and Atlantic City Electric for appliance recycling rebates and pick up programs.

Bags (Reusable)

Excess bags in good condition can be donated to food pantries. To find a location near you visit cfbnj.org/donate-reusable-shopping-bags

Damaged bags can be disposed of as textile waste. Find a location by visiting helpsy.co/find-a-bin

Bulky Waste

If an item is too large or damaged to donate, schedule a bulk waste pickup with your municipality.

If your town does not offer this service please bring to the Ocean County Landfill - 2498 Rt 70 Manchester, NJ. Call 732-323-8528 Drop-off only and fees may apply.

Construction Waste Facilities

Brick Wall Corp, Lacey, NJ	(609) 693-6223
OC Remanufacturing, Toms River, NJ	(732) 244-1716
Ocean County Landfill, Manchester, NJ	(732)-323-8528
Recycling of Central Jersey, Jackson, NJ	(732) 323-0226
Suffolk Recycling Corp, South Toms River, NJ	(732) 349-7726
Pure Soil Technologies, Jackson, NJ	(732) 657-8551

Dumpster Rentals

Freehold Cartage Inc.	(732) 462-1001
Jersey Shore Recycling	(732) 930-4880
Mazza Recycling	(732) 922-9292
Meadowbrook Industries	(732) 774-0404
Waste Management	1 (866) 909-4458
Tri-State Carting	(732) 286-6358

Construction & Junk Removal

A-LOT-CLEANER, INC	(732) 244-8980
CamoVets Junk Removal	(866) 336-5865
GO4 Junk Removal	(732) 743-9882
1-800-GOT-JUNK?	(732) 863-3834



Flags

If you'd like assistance with proper flag disposal, contact your local VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars) or the American Legion. You can find a drop-off location on their websites or at many municipal halls.

Furniture

Donate or sell items in good condition

Habitat for Humanity

nohfh.com/restore

Toms River - (732) 818-9500

West Creek - (609) 978-9984

Goodwill goodwillnj.org

Brick - (732) 477-1059

Bayville - (732) 269-2902

Point Pleasant - (856)-439-0200

Toms River - (856) 439-020

Discard items in poor condition as bulky waste

Helium Tanks

Please ensure the tank is completely empty, follow the manufacturer's instructions for disposal or visit

balloontime.com/resources/recycle-or-store/

Once tank is ready for disposal, please take it to a scrap metal location near you. See page 14 for a list of places in Ocean County.

Household Items

Serveware, glassware, home decor, and other items can be donated to local thrift stores like Habitat for Humanity, Goodwill, Just Believe, and SOCH Old & New Thrift Store.

Mattresses

Dispose of with bulky waste, contact your DPW (Page 4).

Plastic Film & Wrap

Next Trex

Visit participating retailers such as Stop&Shop.
For full list go to trex.com/recycling

Propane

Exchange empty propane tanks hardware stores.
Find disposal locations at BlueRhino.com,
paracogas.com/propane-finder, or amerigas.com/locations.

Textiles

All clothing and, unwearable items can be donated to:



Helpsy

You can find clothing donation bins all over Ocean County, or schedule a pick up at helpsy.com/pickup

Planet Aid

Donation bins. planetaid.org

American Recycling Resources

Donation bins.
americanrecyclingresources.com

Gently used items for local non-profits can be brought to:

Just Believe Inc

734 Route 37 W. Toms River. Call for hours (732) 279-6157

SOCH Old & New Thrift Shop

440 E. Bay Ave. Manahawkin. Call for hours (609) 597-3470

Towels & Bedding

Used items are accepted at

Northern Animal Facility

615 Freemont Ave, Jackson

732-657-8086 nocaf@ochd.org

Southern Animal Facility

360 Haywood Rd, Manahawkin

609-978-0127 socaf@ochd.org



Ocean County Recycling Guide



***Your effort makes a real difference.
Thank you for recycling right!***

A message from the Ocean County Board of Commissioners.

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