

We're Reinvigorating Recycling in Montclair!

The Handy Guide to



RECYCLING

in Montclair

Why has recycling become so important once again?

\$65/ton

- Recycling is the law: mandatory for all residents, businesses, and schools.
- Montclair has been a recycling leader, but in recent years our recycling rate has slipped, and our garbage disposal costs are continuously increasing.
- Montclair spends \$85 per ton to dispose of garbage, but we earn \$15 per ton for our bottles and cans, and \$65 per ton or more for our mixed paper, saving almost a million dollars each year. We can save much more!
- Recycling significantly reduces energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to global warming.
- Montclair's trucks haul our garbage to Newark, near someone else's neighborhood already burdened with high asthma rates, where it is burned at an incinerator. Remember that discarding a recyclable item affects other people, and other places.
- Throwing away recyclables could subject residents to fines of up to \$2,000.

For these reasons, the Township of Montclair encourages all residents to reduce, reuse, recycle, and compost as much of their household waste as possible.

It's the law.



Did you know..?

50%

- ... Americans throw away 2.5 million plastic bottles every hour?
- ... we throw away enough aluminum in three months for the United States to rebuild its entire commercial air fleet?
- ... New Jersey's goal is to achieve a 50% recycling rate? Montclair can do it!

**It's easy to be green:
REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE.**

Get more info:

For information about recycling collection services and pick-up, call the **Department of Community Services** at: **973-509-5711**

For more information about waste prevention, reuse, composting, and all other environmental topics, call the **Department of Environment Affairs** at:

973-509-5721

**Or visit:
www.montclairnjusa.org**



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What is recyclable in Montclair?

1. Mixed Paper

2. Commingled metal, glass, and plastic bottles and cans

Mixed Paper includes:

- Newspapers
- Corrugated cardboard (flattened and tied)
- Magazines, catalogs, paperbacks and phone books
- Junk Mail (including envelopes, post cards and greeting cards)
- All office paper, envelopes, manila folders (even with staples and/or paper clips)
- Paper boxes such as cereal, cookie or cake-mix boxes (liners removed).
- Paper beverage (such as milk or o.j.) cartons (emptied, flattened, and caps removed)
- Merchandise boxes, e.g. the paper box which in your aspirin bottle or tube of toothpaste is packaged.

Commingled metal, glass, and plastic bottles and cans include:

- Aluminum and tin cans
- Glass bottles and jars: green, brown or clear
- Plastic bottles, jugs or food containers marked only with numbers "1" or "2" inside the recycling symbol, a triangle of arrows, printed on the bottom.
- Aseptic juice drink boxes! (Remove straws and empty.)

Residential Recyclables:

Collected curb-side one day each week



Let's be smart!

Save taxes, conserve energy, protect our environment, and do the right thing.

Paper Products Not Accepted

Soiled paper; pizza boxes or other food-contaminated paper; tissues, napkins or paper towels; waxed cardboard; photographic paper; plastic, wax or cellophane wrappers; self-adhesive paper; construction paper; carbon paper; blueprint paper; overnight letter jackets using Tyvek material or Mylar paper; hard-covered books; metallic wrapping paper; or chemical containers.

Metal, Glass and Plastic Products Not Accepted

Plastic containers with the numbers 3, 4, 5, 6, or 7, or without a recycling symbol; plastic bags; oil or antifreeze containers; mirrors; windows, plate glass, or auto glass; light bulbs; ceramics; microwave trays; coat hangers; paint cans; plumbing accessories, electrical equipment, or wire of any kind; dishes, pots, pans, toasters, or general household items.

Plastic bags are a "no-no"!

Just as with all the items listed above, plastic bags are not accepted by our vendor, so they contaminate our recycling mix and cannot be collected. Therefore they also cannot be used as containers for your recyclables.

A&P, King's, Whole Foods, and Pathmark supermarkets accept plastic shopping bags for recycling (check with them for specifics).

If recyclables are not properly prepared, or if the proper containers are not used, we cannot collect them.

Remember:

Mixed Paper must be in separate containers from Commingled recyclables. Recycling containers must be

made of rigid plastic or metal, with handles, no larger than 35 gallons. Please cover all containers.

Corrugated cardboard must be flattened, and preferably tied with twine (not tape), with any non-paper packaging removed.

All other Mixed Paper may either be set out loosely in a recycling container or else in bundles or paper bags tied with twine.

Commingled metal, glass, and plastic bottles and cans must be emptied, food cans rinsed, with lids and caps removed and discarded. There is no need to remove labels.

Paper bags and cardboard boxes will disintegrate in rainy or snowy weather, so they may only be used as containers for Mixed Paper (not for Commingled) if they are also tied with twine.

Drop-off too!

Drop-off Schedules:

Recyclables may also be dropped-off at the DCS Yard, 219 No. Fullerton Ave., on Wednesdays and Fridays from 2:00pm – 4:00pm, and Saturdays from 9:00am – 4:00pm.

Computers, TVs and Consumer Electronic Scrap:

Montclair residents may now drop-off unwanted electronics at the DCS Yard on Saturdays, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm.

Thank you for recycling!