

# 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](http://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](mailto: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.

# Curbside pick up and municipal programs

## Contact Your Department of Public Works

Barnegat	609-698-0080
Barneget 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](mailto: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](http://call2recycle.org/locator)

**Alkaline, and single use batteries can be recycled at:**  
**Staples - [staples.com/stores/recycling](http://staples.com/stores/recycling)**

[avoidthespark.com](http://avoidthespark.com) | [njhazwaste.com](http://njhazwaste.com) | [anjr.com](http://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](http://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

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

## FALL

<b>Manchester</b>	Sat. Aug. 29th	101 S. Colonial Dr
<b>Lacey</b>	Sat. Sept. 19th	820 Municipal Ln.
<b>Toms River</b>	Fri. Sept. 25th	250 Riverwood Dr.
<b>Brick</b>	Sat. Oct. 3rd	836 Ridge Rd.
<b>Barnegat</b>	Sat. Oct. 17th	5 Lippencott Ave.
<b>Beachwood</b>	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](http://co.ocean.nj.us/recycle)

request assistance at [ocrecycles@co.ocean.nj.us](mailto: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

### FALL

#### 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

\* 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

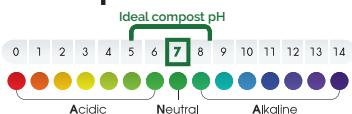
Excellent for walkways or garden beds. Great for weed suppression and moisture retention.

### Double Ground Mulch

A finer mulch perfect for garden beds.

#### Compost Data Sheet

##### pH Scale



##### 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 503.43)

24 Cr  
33 Manganese

28 Ni  
30 Nickel

29 Cu  
33 Zinc

30 Zn  
45.30 Zinc

33 As  
74.00 Arsenic

34 Se  
76.01 Selenium

42 Mo  
99.999 Molybdenum

48 Cd  
100.00 Cadmium

80 Hg  
300.502 Mercury

82 Pb  
207.2 Lead

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](http://oceancountynj.gov/recycle) or email [compost@co.ocean.nj.us](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](http://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 & Toms River	609-971-7788
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](http://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](http://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](http://nohfh.com/restore)

**Toms River** - (732) 818-9500

**West Creek** - (609) 978-9984

## Goodwill [goodwillnj.org](http://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/](http://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](http://trex.com/recycling)

# Propane

Exchange empty propane tanks hardware stores.

Find disposal locations at [BlueRhino.com](http://BlueRhino.com),

[paracogas.com/propane-finder](http://paracogas.com/propane-finder), or [amerigas.com/locations](http://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](http://helpsy.com/pickup)

## Planet Aid

Donation bins. [planetaid.org](http://planetaid.org)

## American Recycling Resources

Donation bins.

[americanrecyclingresources.com](http://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](mailto:nocaf@ochd.org)

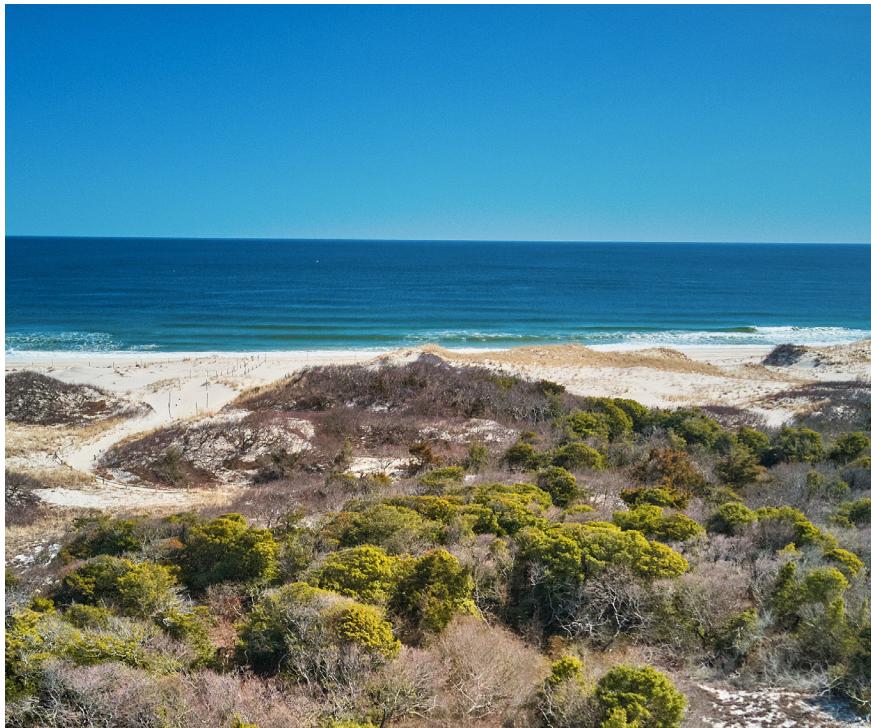
## Southern Animal Facility

360 Haywood Rd, Manahawkin

609-978-0127 [socaf@ochd.org](mailto:socaf@ochd.org)



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

A message from the Ocean County Board of Commissioners.

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