

# RECYCLING GUIDE



**All recyclables can be placed in one container!**  
Please see the reverse for recycling requirements for special items.  
**PLACE ITEMS CURBSIDE BY 6:30 A.M. ON YOUR SCHEDULED COLLECTION DAY** – Visit [www.southbrunswicknj.gov](http://www.southbrunswicknj.gov) for your street's pickup schedule.

## RECYCLE:

### CANS & CONTAINERS:

- Plastic Containers marked &
- Juice & Milk Containers
- Juice Boxes (no foil pouches)
- Soda, Water, Shampoo & Conditioner Bottles
- Steel Cans
- Aluminum Cans
- Glass Bottles



### PAPER, CARDBOARD AND BOOKS:

- Juice & Milk Cartons
- Gift Boxes & Wrapping Paper
- Greeting Cards
- Newspapers & Advertisements
- **FLATTENED** Corrugated Cardboard
- Paper Bags
- Manila Envelopes
- White & Color Paper
- Hard Cover & Paperback Books
- Folders
- Phone Books
- Magazines
- Brochures



**DO NOT PUT RECYCLABLES IN PLASTIC BAGS!**

*No need to remove paper clips, stamps, address labels, staples, tape, metal fasteners or rubber bands.*

## DO NOT RECYCLE:

- Plastics marked with or
- Plastic bags
- Plastic and paper plates
- Plastic silverware
- Garbage cans
- Hangers
- Flower pots
- Plastic toys
- Styrofoam
- Aluminum foil
- Light bulbs
- Plates or vases
- Drinking glass
- 6-pack beverage holders
- Tissues, napkins, paper towels, toilet tissue
- Waxed paper or waxed cardboard
- Tyvek envelopes (including Amazon mailers)
- Window glass or auto glass
- Mirrors
- Pyrex or ceramic cups/plates
- Needles or syringes
- Hazardous or biohazardous waste
- Alkaline batteries
- Scrap metal
- Pots, pans or ovenware
- Food waste



*Remember, recycling saves natural resources, energy, landfill space and money. It produces less pollution, stimulates job growth and is the law in New Jersey.*

For more information, please visit us at [www.southbrunswicknj.gov](http://www.southbrunswicknj.gov) or call (732) 329-4000, ext. 7274.

# DON'T BAG

Recyclables



# NO PLASTIC BAGS IN RECYCLING!

## YOUR LITTER... YOUR STORM DRAIN... YOUR WATER!

### Only Rain Down the Drain!

Unlike water that goes down your household drain to the sewer, water that flows into storm drains is not treated or filtered. Everything that goes into a storm drain flows into local creeks, streams, lakes and eventually the ocean. Runoff can include soapy water from washing cars, fertilizers and pesticides, pet waste, gasoline and oil.



These substances can harm fish and other aquatic life and reduce the quality of our drinking water. Litter, yard waste and other debris can clump and contribute to flooding. Do your part! Don't litter and pick up litter you see. Pick up pet waste. Don't feed wildlife.

Properly use and dispose of hazardous products. NEVER place any of these products down the storm drain. Recycle used motor oil. Visit [www.cleanwaternj.org](http://www.cleanwaternj.org) for more information.

## NO SHREDED PAPER IN RECYCLING!

(EVEN IF BAGGED OR BOXED)

- Paper shreds are too small to sort.
- You can recycle it at any Middlesex County shred event.



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SOUTH BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP

# SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING

## CURBSIDE REGULATIONS



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**RECYCLING IS THE LAW IN NEW JERSEY**

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# SINGLE FAMILY PICK UP RULES

Each residence must have a sufficient number of leak-proof containers with tight-fitting covers for storage of all solid waste before it is set out for collection.

**All solid waste must be in a properly sealed plastic bag, closed receptacle/can or bundled when set out for collection;** use a can no more than 32 gallons and weighing no more than 50 pounds, or a plastic bag (no less than 0.0125 gauge) weighing no more than 30 pounds.

Materials must be placed at the curb **no earlier than 6:00 p.m. the evening before the scheduled pick up day, but no later than 6:30 a.m. the morning of your scheduled pickup day.** Empty cans must be removed before the following day.

**DO NOT** place items in the street.

**Inclement weather:** Check the main page of the Township's website ([www.southbrunswicknj.gov](http://www.southbrunswicknj.gov)) for information on collection postponements should inclement weather occur on your collection day.

**Holidays:** No collection on the following holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day. In the event your collection falls on one of these holidays, your materials (solid waste or recycling) will be picked up the next day — including Saturday.

## Acceptable Solid Waste Items:

**Bulk Items** including garage doors, windows, landscape ties, fencing, furniture, mattresses, and carpeting. Cut lumber to 4' lengths and tie in bundles that can be easily handled by one person; no more than 50 pounds. Mirrors or pane glass items must be taped with an "X."

**Homeowner-Generated Construction Materials** such as lumber, flooring, insulation and sheet rock must be cut to 4' lengths and bagged or tied in bundles that can be easily handled by one person; no more than 50 pounds. Any nails must be bent down or removed. **Any contractor-generated refuse is NOT acceptable.**

# TIPS & RESOURCES FOR OUR RESIDENTS

## Recycling Center:

**The South Brunswick Township Recycling Center is located at 540 Ridge Road (behind the Municipal Complex) on the corner of Route 522 & Kingston Lane.**

Hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Residents may drop off materials listed in the "Single Stream" section of this brochure. Additional materials that are accepted include: scrap metal, appliances, rechargeable and button cell batteries, automobile batteries, tires, used motor oil, antifreeze, EMPTY propane tanks and clean textiles.

## Unacceptable Solid Waste Items:

**Business, Commercial or Trade Waste**, such as waste created by a professional carpenter, plumber, etc.

**Brush and Tree Trimmings** are now a mandated recyclable item in Middlesex County and must be recycled. This material will not be picked up with the solid waste. See "Special Recycling" section for details on how to recycle brush.

**Paint, Recyclables, Appliances** (such as stoves, refrigerators, etc.), **Tires, Propane Tanks, Hazardous Materials, Leaves and Christmas trees, Electronic Devices** (such as computers and TVs, etc.) See "Special Recycling" section for information about the recycling and/or disposal of these and other materials.

## What Happens When You Miss a Collection:

Missed collections are upsetting, but there is usually a reason why the material was not collected as expected. Some reasons include that items were not in acceptable containers, were too heavy, were generated by a professional contractor, were not out by 6:30 a.m., were hidden behind a vehicle, snow bank or other obstruction, hazardous materials were included, materials were cross contaminated (solid waste mixed with recyclables or recyclables mixed with solid waste). Please call the Public Works Department (732) 329-4000, ext. 7274 for help in resolving missed collection issues.

## When is YOUR pickup?

**Visit [www.southbrunswicknj.gov](http://www.southbrunswicknj.gov) for your street's pickup schedule.**

## Clean Communities Clean-Up:

**Each April, South Brunswick Clean Communities Program sponsors month-long Earth Day litter clean up.** Check the Township website at [www.southbrunswicknj.gov](http://www.southbrunswicknj.gov), local newspaper or call the Recycling Division at (732) 329-4000, ext. 7274 for details on how to participate.

## Recycling Tips to Consider:

**Donate:** reusable items to a local charity or use online resources like [freecycle.org](http://freecycle.org).

**Sell unwanted goods:** at a garage sale, flea market, rummage sale or use online resources like Craig's List or Ebay.

**Buy Recycled:** Complete the recycling loop by purchasing items made from recycled materials or packaged in recycled/recyclable containers.

**Reuse:** Consider reusable coffee mugs, lunch bags and grocery bags to help prevent waste.



# SPECIAL RECYCLING:

**Antifreeze:** Residents may bring up to 5 gallons of antifreeze to the recycling center in a clean, leak-proof container. No businesses.

**Appliances and White Goods:** such as washers, dryers, stoves, hot water heaters, refrigerators/freezers (remove doors), dehumidifiers, and air conditioners are picked up by appointment. Call South Brunswick Township Public Works at (732) 329-4000, ext. 7260. These items may also be dropped off at the recycling center.

**Batteries:** Rechargeable, button cell and auto batteries may be brought to the recycling center. Alkaline batteries are no longer recyclable and should go into the garbage.

**Brush and Tree Branches:** are mandated for recycling in Middlesex County and therefore, will not be collected with the garbage. Drop off at the South Brunswick Convenience Center located at 473 New Road (behind Sondek Park) on Monday through Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. **BAGS MUST BE EMPTIED and REMOVED. CLOSED TOWNSHIP HOLIDAYS.** Proof of residency may be required. Curbside collection of brush/tree branches will be provided twice per year; spring and fall. Visit the Township website ([www.southbrunswicknj.gov](http://www.southbrunswicknj.gov)) or call the Public Works office [(732) 329-4000, ext. 7260] for directions to the Convenience Center or for dates and preparation instructions for the curbside collection.

**Christmas Trees:** Unadorned Christmas Trees (*no bags please*) are picked up for recycling from January 2 through the second full week of January each year.

**Computer Printer Cartridges:** Some schools/non-profit organizations collect these items and most office supply stores and/or cartridge manufacturers recycle them. Check with store/manufacturer for details.

**Electronic Devices:** Below are options for recycling electronic devices:

Option 1: Televisions, computers (desktop and laptop) and computer related items may be brought to the recycling center the second Saturday of every month from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Proof of residency is required. No businesses.

Option 2: Televisions, computers, other residentially generated electronics as well as items that contain mercury can be brought to a Middlesex County program. For more information call (732) 745-4170 or email [solidwaste@co.middlesex.nj.us](mailto:solidwaste@co.middlesex.nj.us).

Option 3: Some retail locations including Best Buy will accept televisions and computers for recycling. Please contact the store closest to you for hours and restrictions.

**Grass:** Residents are encouraged to recycle grass clippings by "Cutting and Leaving It." Not only does this cut down on waste, but also gives you a greener and healthier lawn. Visit the Township website for details ([www.southbrunswicknj.gov](http://www.southbrunswicknj.gov)). Grass may be bagged (in bags no heavier than 40 lbs.) and set out with the regular garbage.

**Hazardous Materials:** Middlesex County provides collection days for proper disposal of household hazardous waste. **DO NOT BRING THESE ITEMS TO THE RECYCLING CENTER.** Visit the Township's website ([www.southbrunswicknj.gov](http://www.southbrunswicknj.gov)) for a link to the County's website or call the County at (732) 745-4170 for more information.

**Leaves:** are banned from the landfill and must be recycled. The Township provides curbside collection each fall. Loose leaves (no bags, rocks, brush or litter) should be raked to the curb—not into the street. Leaves may be covered with an old sheet or shower curtain and secured with rocks or bricks to prevent blowing. Leaves may not be placed any closer than 10 feet from a catch basin. Check the Township's website ([www.southbrunswicknj.gov](http://www.southbrunswicknj.gov)) or the local newspaper for the schedule in your area.

There is no curbside spring collection. Leaves may be brought to the Township Convenience Center behind Sondek Park Monday through Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. All bags **MUST** be emptied and removed if this option is chosen. Visit the Township website ([www.southbrunswicknj.gov](http://www.southbrunswicknj.gov)) for hours and directions.

Since leaves are banned from the landfill, *bags of grass clippings mixed with leaves will NOT be collected.* Rake before mowing to avoid this situation.

**Paint:** Middlesex County has a paint collection program trailer at South Brunswick Township Recycling Center. Residents may deliver latex or oil-based paint, and other paint related products such as stains, varnishes, lacquers, thinners and aerosol paint every non-holiday Friday, or the 4th Saturday of each month from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Paper Shred Events:** Residents **ONLY** may securely recycle confidential documents and files by utilizing Middlesex County Mobile Shred Events that are scheduled throughout the County. Visit the Township's website ([www.southbrunswicknj.gov](http://www.southbrunswicknj.gov)) for a link to the County's website or call the County at (732) 745-4170 for more information.

**Plastic Bags:** Local grocery stores provide collection bins for recycling plastic bags. **BAGS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE IN THE TOWNSHIP'S RECYCLING PROGRAM.** Residents are encouraged to use reusable bags when shopping.

**Propane Tanks:** Empty propane tanks may be brought to the recycling center.

**Scrap Metal:** Any ALL-METAL items may be brought to the recycling center.

**Textiles/Clothing:** Bring clean clothing, fabric, sheets and towels to the recycling center.

**Tires:** are not permitted in the landfill. Residents may deliver up to 4 tires to the recycling center. **NO OVERSIZE TIRES ACCEPTED. NO BUSINESSES.**

**Used Motor Oil:** Up to 5 gallons of used motor oil in a leak proof container.