

Press Release for Immediate Distribution

Township of Long Hill

May 5, 2022

The Township of Long Hill (and the Morris County Municipality Utilities Authority's (MCMUA) Recycling Department) will begin random inspections of residential curbside recycling containers effective May 9, 2022.

In an effort to capture only acceptable materials during curbside recycling collections, the MCMUA (or the municipality) will implement a "Tag-it and Leave-it" inspection program in the municipality. Due to recent enforcement of rigorous restrictions banning unacceptable materials in curbside recycling bins, the MCMUA has been assessing contaminants in the recycling stream.

The most common and problematic unacceptable materials (contaminants) found mixed with acceptable recyclables include, plastic bags, plastic film/plastic packaging, foam (Styrofoam), hangers (plastic, metal, wood), food waste, wood scraps, and plastic bottles/containers coded #3, #4, #6 & #7 (only plastic bottles/containers coded #1, #2 & #5 are acceptable).

- For curbside collection, recyclables must be loose in a reusable container with handles (lids are strongly recommended to reduce moisture and to prevent litter)
- Recyclables must be empty, clean and dry (no food residue)

The MCMUA's updated guidelines for the proper preparation of recyclables exclude shredded paper, pizza boxes, aerosol or pressurized cans, and paint cans. The plastics acceptability guidelines limit plastic recycling collection to only bottles/containers coded #1, #2 & #5.

Due to strict requirements for collecting only acceptable materials in the recycling stream, the MCMUA will leave those recycling set-outs with unacceptable items in the recycling containers at the curb. After, contaminated recyclables are left at the curb, residents will have to CORRECT the issues and wait until the next scheduled collection day to put their now acceptable recyclables out for curbside collection.

The main goal is to make your bottles, cans, paper and cardboard into other products that can be used over and over again. Contaminated loads are rejected at the materials recycling facility, and cannot be separated into the individual materials that make up the recycling stream. Cleaner loads result in less cost while rejected loads, due to contamination, result in a greater cost for all involved.

When in doubt, throw it out and keep the acceptable recyclables clean, empty and dry! For additional information, and to obtain the recycling flyers and trash or recycling decals for your containers, please visit [www.MCMUA.com](http://www.MCMUA.com) or contact your municipal recycling coordinator at 908-647-0070.

# RECYCLE RESPONSIBLY

## Prepare material properly

- ◆ Use a lid to prevent the wind from blowing recyclables out of your container(s). Lids will prevent rain and snow from getting into your container(s).
- ◆ If your recyclable material does not fit into one container, use more than one so that loose material is not sticking out. **Never use a plastic bag.**
- ◆ Flatten corrugated cardboard boxes and stack them into reusable containers or into another cardboard box.
- ◆ All recyclable materials must be empty, clean, dry, and free of food residue.
- ◆ Containers with contamination may not be collected. Remove contamination by next scheduled recycling day for pick up by the recycling crews.
- ◆ Recycling containers must be at the curb by 6:00 AM on the day of collection.
- ◆ Report missed recycling collection by 10:00 AM the day following collection.

## Use properly sized containers

- ◆ The weight limit for a single container is 50 pounds when full.
- ◆ It is recommended that containers be no larger than 32 gallons each to avoid exceeding the weight limit. Use multiple containers if necessary.
- ◆ Retail stores sell recycling carts with wheels that are too big. They will exceed the 50 pound weight limit when full. Do **NOT** use large 64 and 95 gallon carts.
- ◆ Containers must have handles.

## Only recycle what is acceptable

- ◆ Be careful to follow the recycling guidelines as advertised by your town and on the MCMUA's website at [www.MCMUA.com](http://www.MCMUA.com). Guidelines provide specific details about the materials that are and are not acceptable.
- ◆ Unacceptable materials increase the cost of operation and lower the value of recyclables. Your cooperation with these guidelines is greatly appreciated.
- ◆ If you have questions or would like recycling decals for your container, please contact your town's recycling coordinator or the MCMUA at 973-659-3490 or visit [www.mcmua.com](http://www.mcmua.com).



MORRIS COUNTY'S RECYCLING RESOURCE  
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# Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority

## SINGLE-STREAM all-in-one RECYCLING

The Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority "all-in-one," single-stream recycling collection program allows cans, bottles, cardboard and all other paper to be mixed together for recycling. All of these items can go into one recycling container.

Recycle office paper, file folders, junk mail, envelopes, flyers, newspapers and inserts, magazines, catalogs, paperbacks and phone books, wrapping paper, paper bags, tissue and cookie boxes, paper towel and toilet tissue cores, frozen food boxes, cartons and boxes used for milk, juice, soup, broth, etc., 6-pack and 12-pack cartons from soda, clean paper ice cream containers. Corrugated cardboard must be flattened.

Recycle plastic containers (bottles and non-bottles) coded:

Plastic caps and lids larger than 3" in diameter are acceptable. The smallest acceptable plastic container is an 8-ounce yogurt cup. Containers must be empty.



Recycle aluminum and steel (tin) cans, loose metal jar lids, steel bottle caps, clean aluminum foil, pie plates and trays. Containers must be empty.

Recycle glass bottles and jars with caps and lids removed. Recycle loose metal caps and lids. Bottles and jars must be empty.

Do not recycle plastics coded



All items must be empty, dry, and free of food residue.

- No liquids
- No cups
- No plastic items smaller than 8-ounce yogurt cups; for example, do not recycle small plastic caps or pill bottles
- No VHS/VCR tapes
- No hangers
- No hardcover books
- No flower pots or trays
- No plant material or food waste
- No window panes, mirrors, glass vases, ceramics, or Pyrex® dishware
- No glass, plastics or metal other than what is listed
- No electronic waste (batteries, cell phones, computers, etc.)
- No paint, pesticides, oil and cleaners
- No waxed paper
- No waxed cardboard
- No Styrofoam™ or paper-to-go containers
- No stickers or address label sheet waste
- No spray pumps or nozzles
- No straws
- No motor oil, gas or anti-freeze containers
- No clothing, textiles, or shoes
- No hoses
- No diapers
- No garbage
- Do not tie newspapers or cardboard
- No pizza boxes
- No aerosols or pressurized containers
- No plastic bags**
- No shredded paper**

**DON'T BAG**   
Recyclables



**NO PLASTIC BAGS  
IN RECYCLING**

Thank you for recycling right!



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# DO NOT PUT INTO THE RECYCLING RECEPTACLE

No clay pots, window panes, mirrors, glass vases, ceramics, light bulbs, Pyrex®

No plastics coded 

No plastic wrap or shrink wrap



No spray pumps, nozzles, straws

No plastic bags

No flower pots or trays



No Styrofoam™



No pizza boxes

No batteries



No VHS/VCR tapes, CDs/DVDs



No small medicine bottles and lids



No aerosol or pressurized containers



No auto, paint, gas containers  
No propane tanks



No shredded paper

No hardcover books



No hoses



None of the above

No electronics

No clothing, shoes, flip flops, textiles



No insulated box liners



No metal appliances, pots, pans

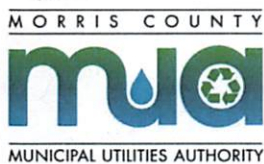
**No liquids • No garbage • No small plastic caps  
No plastic items smaller than an 8-ounce yogurt cup • No scrap metal • No cups  
No pesticides • No oil or cleaners • No stickers/  
address label sheet waste • No plant material  
No food waste • No waxed cardboard or waxed paper • No items that can be plugged in**  
***No plastic bags***

**To recycle electronics or Household Hazardous Waste, make an appointment at**

**[WWW.MCMUA.COM](http://WWW.MCMUA.COM)**



No hangers



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