

# SOMERSET COUNTY CURBSIDE 2026 RECYCLING SCHEDULE



**IMPORTANT!** PLEASE PLACE MATERIALS AT CURBSIDE THE NIGHT BEFORE YOUR COLLECTION DAY

## BRANCHBURG • RARITAN • WESTERN HILLSBOROUGH

January	5, 19	July	6, 20
February	2, 16	August	3, 17, 31
March	2, 16, 30	September	14, 28
April	13, 27	October	12, 26
May	11, 26	November	9, 23
June	8, 22	December	7, 21

## BERNARDS TOWNSHIP • FRANKLIN – SOCIETY HILL I & II, WHITEHALL MANOR, BEACON HILL & SURROUNDING AREAS

January	12, 26	July	13, 27
February	9, 23	August	10, 24
March	9, 23	September	8, 21
April	6, 20	October	5, 19
May	4, 18	November	2, 16, 30
June	1, 15, 29	December	14, 28

## HILLSBOROUGH • MILLSTONE

January	6, 20	July	7, 21
February	3, 17	August	4, 18
March	3, 17, 31	September	1, 15, 29
April	14, 28	October	13, 27
May	12, 26	November	10, 24
June	9, 23	December	8, 22

## BEDMINSTER • BERNARDSVILLE • PEAPACK-GLADSTONE, FAR HILLS • BRIDGEWATER – SUNSET LAKE AREA

January	13, 27	July	14, 28
February	10, 24	August	11, 25
March	10, 24	September	8, 22
April	7, 21	October	6, 20
May	5, 19	November	3, 17
June	2, 16, 30	December	1, 15, 29

## BOUND BROOK • MANVILLE • SOMERVILLE SOUTH BOUND BROOK

January	7, 21	July	8, 22
February	4, 18	August	5, 19
March	4, 18	September	2, 16, 30
April	1, 15, 29	October	14, 28
May	13, 27	November	11, 25
June	10, 24	December	9, 23

## BRIDGEWATER

January	14, 28	July	1, 15, 29
February	11, 25	August	12, 26
March	11, 25	September	9, 23
April	8, 22	October	7, 21
May	6, 20	November	4, 18
June	3, 17	December	2, 16, 30

## FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP

January	8, 22	July	9, 23
February	5, 19	August	6, 20
March	5, 19	September	3, 17
April	2, 16, 30	October	1, 15, 29
May	14, 28	November	12, 27
June	11, 25	December	10, 24

## MARTINSVILLE – THOMAE PARK WARREN • WATCHUNG

January	2, 15, 29	July	2, 16, 30
February	12, 26	August	13, 27
March	12, 26	September	10, 24
April	9, 23	October	8, 22
May	7, 21	November	5, 19
June	4, 18	December	3, 17, 31

## FRANKLIN PARK • GRIGGSTOWN MONTGOMERY • ROCKY HILL

January	9, 23	July	10, 24
February	6, 20	August	7, 21
March	6, 20	September	4, 18
April	3, 17	October	2, 16, 30
May	1, 15, 29	November	13, 27
June	12, 26	December	11, 28

## NORTH PLAINFIELD • GREEN BROOK FRANKLIN – CANAL WALK, SOMERSET RUN & SUMMERFIELDS

January	2, 16, 30	July	6, 17, 31
February	13, 27	August	14, 28
March	13, 27	September	11, 25
April	10, 24	October	9, 23
May	8, 22	November	6, 20
June	5, 19	December	4, 18



In case of inclement weather, recycling pickups may be **CANCELLED**. The next collection will be two weeks later on your regularly scheduled day. Sign up for weather-related alerts at [somersetcountynj.gov/alerts](https://somersetcountynj.gov/alerts)

For more information, call the **Recycling Center at (732) 469-3363** or visit [somersetcountynj.gov/recycle](https://somersetcountynj.gov/recycle)



Holidays that will affect recycling collection in 2026 are as follows: *New Year's Day (Jan. 1, 2026); Memorial Day (May 25); Independence Day (July 4); Labor Day (Sept. 7); Thanksgiving Day (Nov. 26); Christmas Day (Dec. 25)*. If your usual pickup day falls on one of these holidays, your collection will be rescheduled to the following weekday.

**AFTER HOLIDAYS COLLECTIONS MAY BE DELAYED.**

# SOMERSET COUNTY CURBSIDE RECYCLING HOW-TO GUIDE

## DUAL STREAM TOTE PROGRAM

FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS IF YOU HAVE TWO-WHEELED RECYCLING TOTES

The tote with the lime green lid is for cardboard and paper products, and the tote with the yellow lid is for commingled glass, cans, and plastic materials.

### PAPER TOTE (LIME GREEN LID)

#### ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

Any retail boxes (*gift, shirt, shoe*)  
Books (*hard covers removed*)  
Catalogs  
Chipboard boxes (*including cake, cereal, cookie, cracker pasta*)  
Clean pizza boxes  
Colored paper  
Corrugated cardboard  
Detergent (*remove plastic liners*)  
Envelopes  
Inserts

Junk mail  
Magazines  
Newspapers  
Non-metallic gift wrap  
Office and school papers  
Paper bags  
Paper egg cartons  
Paperback books  
Phone books  
Shredded paper (*loose*)



### COMMINGLED TOTE (YELLOW LID)

#### ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

Cans (*aluminum, bimetal, steel*)  
Glass bottles (*all colors*)  
Glass jars (*all colors*)  
Plastic bottles and containers #1-#7 (*Examples: water, soda, milk, juice, soap, detergent, bleach, shampoo, and cleaning-agent bottles*)

You may also include:  
Peanut butter, yogurt and diaper-wipe containers, margarine tubs, plastic trays and clear plastic clamshell containers from restaurant salad bars.

## 20-GALLON BLUE BUCKET PROGRAM

FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS IF YOU ARE USING THE BLUE 20-GALLON RECYCLING BUCKETS

### CORRUGATED CARDBOARD, CHIPBOARD & PIZZA BOXES

Corrugated cardboard must be cut into 2 ft. x 2 ft. squares and tied with string or twine. Please include clean pizza boxes & chipboard with corrugated cardboard. Place tied bundle (*clean pizza boxes, chipboard & cardboard*) next to your recycling bucket.

#### ACCEPTABLE ITEMS



Brown bags  
Chipboard boxes including:  
Cake, cereal, cookie, cracker, detergent (*remove plastic liners*), gift, pasta, shoe, shirt and any retail boxes. *Poster board & backing from writing pads also accepted.*

Corrugated cardboard  
Paper towel rolls  
Pizza boxes (*clean!*)  
Tissue boxes

### GLASS BOTTLES, STEEL, BIMETAL & ALUMINUM CANS, ALL PLASTIC BOTTLES & CONTAINERS (#1 - #7)

These items should be rinsed thoroughly and placed inside your recycling bucket. Remove caps and crush all plastic bottles to save space.

#### ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

Cans (*aluminum, bimetal, steel*)  
Glass bottles (*all colors*)  
Glass jars (*all colors*)  
Plastic bottles and containers  
**NO STYROFOAM®**

#### CONTAINERS #1-#7 EXAMPLES

Bottles: Bleach, Cleaning-agent, Detergent, Juice, Milk, Shampoo, Soap, Soda, Water

You may also include containers:  
Clear plastic clamshell containers from restaurant salad bars, diaper-wipe, peanut butter, yogurt, margarine tubs

### NEWSPAPERS

Newspapers **must be bundled and tied with string or twine.** Place tied bundles next to your blue bucket.



#### ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

Newspaper  
Inserts that come w/newspapers, such as comics, glossy coupons, TV/magazine sections & colored food/store ads

### OTHER PAPER / JUNK MAIL

Other paper should be placed in a brown paper bag or cardboard box and placed next to your blue bucket. Shredded paper must be in clear or labeled plastic bags.

#### ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

All envelopes  
Catalogs  
Copy paper  
Hardcover books w/hard covers removed  
Magazines  
Non-metallic gift wrap  
Office paper  
Paperback books  
Phone books  
Shredded paper  
Store fliers w/ mailing labels  
Writing/school paper



## WHAT NOT TO RECYCLE CURBSIDE...

### NO PLASTIC BAGS

DO NOT PUT RECYCLABLES IN PLASTIC BAGS

### NO GARBAGE

DO NOT MIX GARBAGE IN WITH YOUR RECYCLABLES

#### APPLIANCES

Air Conditioners  
Dehumidifiers  
Humidifiers  
Refrigerators

#### PAPER

Cups  
Frozen food boxes  
Metallic & plastic-coated paper  
Napkins  
Paper towels  
Paper with metal objects (*file folders, binders, etc.*)  
Tissue paper  
Waxed paper

#### PLASTIC

5-gallon buckets (*spackle & paint*)  
Beer balls  
Garbage cans  
Kitty litter containers  
Microwave trays  
Motor oil and antifreeze bottles  
Paper plates

#### NEEDLES / SHARPS (see page 3)

#### BATTERIES (see page 4)

**Alkaline go in garbage**  
Bring rechargeable (*Lithium-causes fire hazard*) & button-cell batteries to Household Hazardous Waste Days

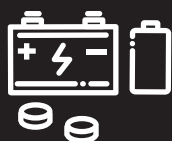
#### FIRE EXTINGUISHERS (see page 4)

Bring to Household Hazardous Waste Days

#### TEXTILES

Take clothing, linens, drapes and other textiles to any local non-profit collection bin

Pesticide containers  
Plastic bags  
Plastic caps  
Plastic coat hangers  
Plastic cups, plates, knives, forks, spoons  
Plastic drums & crates  
Plastic flower pots  
Plastic toys  
Pool chemical containers  
Prescription bottles  
Styrofoam®  
Un-numbered plastics



NO BATTERIES

MAKE SURE ALL RECYCLABLES ARE AS CLEAN AS POSSIBLE TO DETER PESTS & ODORS.

RECYCLING CENTER  
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Recyclables are the property of Somerset County when placed at the curb. Please notify your local police department or the Somerset County Recycling Center if anyone other than county employees remove recyclables from your curb. Theft of recyclable materials is illegal.