

# What Can be Recycled?

## Co-mingled items:

- Aluminum beverage cans
- clean glass jars/bottles
- clean tin/bi-metal cans
- empty aerosol cans
- Type 1 (Polyethylene Terphthalate (PET)) and Type 2 (High Density Polyethylene (HDPE)) plastic pourable containers such as milk and water jugs (1 gallon max), detergent containers and soda bottles

## Mixed Paper

### Yes:

- junk mail
- stationery, letterheads
- newspaper
- cardboard
- copier paper (Xerox, IBM, others)
- bulletins, circulars
- calendar sheets
- calculator tape
- reports without binders or covers
- envelopes with or without windows
- manila file folders
- computer printout (carbonless)
- colored papers
- magazines, books (hard covers removed)
- telephone books
- glossy paper
- NCR (no carbon required) paper

### NO:

- cellophane
- carbon paper
- plastics, transparencies
- address labels
- food containers of any kind

## kraft paper

- corrugated cardboard boxes
- brown paper bags

## **Kraft Paper Recycling**

Colts Neck's recycling program includes KRAFT PAPER, a very strong and somewhat unattractive paper made using the sulfate manufacturing process. Homeowners most commonly see it as corrugated cardboard boxes and brown paper bags.

Very little effort is required to incorporate kraft paper into your recycling routine:

- 1. All boxes should be flattened and tied or consolidated into one box.
- 2. Bags may be tied or put in another bag or in a corrugated box to prevent accidental littering.

Commercial entities are mandated by the state to recycle kraft paper. Household kraft paper will inevitably be included in the mandate. Thus, Colts Neck is taking the initiative to expand our recycling program to include kraft paper.

As an incentive for effective means of recycling, the state gives a total tonnage allowance to each community in the form of a rebate. The inclusion of kraft paper (corrugated cardboard boxes and brown paper bags) will undoubtedly increase the total tonnage collected in Colts Neck, thereby increasing Colts Neck's rebate. This rebate allows the township to reduce recycling costs incurred implementing the state's recycling laws. Effective control of the costs associated with the Township recycling program will positively affect us as taxpayers.

One ton of recycled kraft paper saves 17 trees, 4100 kW of energy, 7000 gallons of water, 60 lbs of air pollution, 3 to 5 cubic yards of landfill and hundreds of pounds of chemicals.

Once recycled, kraft paper is used to make many new products; however, its main purpose is to make more boxes and bags.

## **Drop-off site**

**Please Note: Due to budget constraints, as of February 13, 2011, the Township's recycling center located at the Public Works Garage will no longer be open Saturdays.**

All commingled items, mixed paper and kraft paper recyclables plus household batteries may be dropped off at the recycling center. weekdays between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

The recycling center is located at the Public Works Garage on Route 34N just north of Earle.

## **Additional Recycling Options**

### **Hazardous waste**

Contact the Monmouth County Recycling Center (431-7460) for the scheduled drop off dates and locations for hazardous waste and full or partially full aerosol cans and paint cans.

Be advised that the county is now preparing a hazardous waste collection facility at Shafto Rd Landfill site that will be open 6 days a week. It should be completed before winter '97.

### **Polystyrene "packing peanuts"**

St. Mary's Church at Rt 34 and Phalanx Rd is the recycling center for polystyrene "packing peanuts". Collections are made on the 4th Sunday of each month at the parish hall.

## **CLOTHING DONATION BINS**

Clothing donation collection bins that directly benefit Colts Neck residents are in place at three locations in the Township: Fire Company 1 (Route 537), Fire Company 2 (Conover Road near Heyers Mill Road), Becker's Hardware parking lot, and the Public Works yard (Route 34 North, just south of Route 18). The Fire Company bins are accessible 24/7 and benefit Fire Department operations. The bin at Becker's Hardware is available 24/7, and Public Works bins are accessible Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; both locations support the Colts Neck Police DARE Program.

## **Composting**

Organic matter in an airtight landfill stops the natural cycle of decomposition and creates toxic leachate that may contaminate surface and ground water. This is why landfills must be sealed.

The benefits of composting are:

- 1. Compost increases organic matter in soils and helps to build sound root structure for grass, plants and shrubs.
- 2. Compost aerates clay soils so they drain and gives sandy soils body to hold moisture.
- 3. Compost attracts and feeds earthworms.
- 4. Compost balances soil pH (acidity/alkalinity).
- 5. Compost generously applied reduces reliance on petrochemical fertilizers.

## **RESIDENTIAL HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY**

Although the importance of pre-scheduled appointments has been stressed since the County's Permanent Household Hazardous Waste Facility opened in January 1997, there still are many residents showing up without an appointment.

Appointments are necessary to ensure the safety of both those delivering materials and the facilities staff. Unscheduled individuals bringing unexpected materials to this facility can jeopardize this safety. No unknown or unidentified materials will be accepted.

Residents who have hazardous household items to drop off, please call the Monmouth County Permanent HHW Facility for a convenient appointment at (732) 922-2234. They are open Tuesday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## **MATERIALS ACCEPTED FOR DISPOSAL:**

The following items must be in closed containers with original labels:

- Pesticides, Herbicides & Fertilizers
- Solvents and Thinners
- Corrosives and Cleaners
- Pool Chemicals
- Liquid Paints
- Varnishes
- Full or Partially Full Aerosol Cans
- Used Motor Oil & Antifreeze
- Oil Gasoline
- Household & Automotive Batteries
- Propane BBQ Tanks

## **Monmouth County Recycling Directory**

- Recycling Hotline: 577-8400 (24 hours, 7 days, recorded messages)
- County Solid Waste/Recycling Section: 431-7460
- County Solid Waste Enforcement Team: 922-4788, Ext. 651
- County Reclamation Center  
6000 Asbury Ave., (West of Shafto Road), Tinton Falls 918-0142  
Hours: Mon to Fri 7-3:30, Sat 7-2
- DEP, Div. of Solid Waste Management: 609-984-3438
- Assoc. of NJ Recyclers: 908-722-7575