



# R esource ecovery eport

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## Mandatory Recycling - It's the Law in New Jersey

It is now against the law if one does **not** recycle in New Jersey.

On April 20 Governor Thomas Kean signed the proposed Statewide Mandatory Recycling Bill into a New Jersey law. The new legislation requires all municipalities to recycle at least three materials and leaves. This supports Morris County's recycling plan, established in 1985, which directs the County's municipalities to separate glass, aluminum, newspaper and yard waste for recycling.

### County

The 46 paged statute outlines the measures and responsibilities which must be undertaken to implement its directive. Specifically, each county is instructed to prepare and adopt a Dis-

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Governor Thomas Kean signs mandatory recycling into law flanked by the bill's sponsors, Assemblyman Albohn (left), Senator Contillo (right) and other distinguished guests.

## A Pick-Up in Recycling Programs

Morris County's curbside recycling programs are picking up in number of programs and material.

Between April and May three new curbside recycling programs have been initiated in **Mendham Borough, Montville Township and Morris Township**. The new programs will provide residents with a convenient means of recycling and assist the municipalities to reach the County's 25% recycling goal.

**Mendham Borough** began curbside collection on April 6 through an unusual, yet mutually beneficial, inter-municipal agreement with **Randolph Township**.

As part of the arrangement, Randolph has agreed to provide a once-a-month collection of newspaper, color separated glass and aluminum cans under an \$18,000 contract. Recycling kits containing recycling magnets, recycling pail stickers and a 1987 recycler schedule were sent to every resident. A letter from Mayor Michael Ackerman endorsing the recycling program was also printed in the Borough's newsletter. These promotional efforts supported by convenient service and a mandatory ordinance have all the makings of a successful recycling program.

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## Consultant Selected

Morris County is pleased to welcome the joint venture of Roy F. Weston, Inc. and Richard A. Alaimo Associates, Inc. (WESTON/Alaimo) as the County's engineering consultant for its waste-to-energy projects. WESTON/Alaimo is a joint venture established to provide assistance to New Jersey counties in solid waste management and is currently under contract in Burlington, Gloucester, Passaic and Salem counties for their waste-to-energy projects.

WESTON (West Chester, PA) is among the nationally recognized firms that specialize in providing resource recovery arrangements and technical

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strict Recycling Plan (DRP) by October 1987. This plan will include the following components:

- 1) Designation of a district recycling coordinator.
- 2) Designation of materials to be recycled.
- 3) Designation of collection and disposition strategies for recyclables.
- 4) Designation of recovery targets - 15% by year one, 25% by year two.

In addition to this task, the legislation requires the counties within 6 months of the DRP approval to determine which municipalities are not conforming to the DRP and enter into contracts or agreements on behalf of these communities for collection, storage, processing and disposition of their recyclable materials.

### Municipalities

Compliance with the State's initiative requires municipalities to fulfill the following:

- Designate a municipal recycling coordinator by May 20.
- Provide for a collection system for designated materials (glass, aluminum and newspaper in Morris County) within 6 months of the date of approval for the DRP.
- Adopt an ordinance requiring residential, commercial and institutional waste to be separated for recycling.
- Conduct a review, at least once every 36 months and make revisions to the master plan reflecting changes in State, county and municipal recycling policies. Collection and recycling for a single family, multi-family and commercial/industrial development of a specified size must also be included in the revised master plan.
- Submit, on or before July 1 of each year a recycling tonnage report to the New Jersey Office of Recycling.
- Notify all community members of recycling opportunities and requirements at least once every six months.

### Funding Assistance

Under the law, municipalities and counties will also receive some financial assistance to aid them. The funding

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## Program Planning & Education Grants Awarded

The Department of Environmental Protection, Office of Recycling has announced the recipients of Program Planning and Education Grants. Of the \$1,000,000 available for Program Planning Grants, the County of Morris was awarded \$35,000 to purchase two vehicles for the County's curbside recycling program. The County will also receive \$34,926 as an Education Grant to cover the costs of promotional items, the County newsletter and recycling education projects developed by **Chatham Borough** and **Morris Plains**.

**Lincoln Park** was also awarded an Education Grant in the amount of \$6107. These funds will be used toward the purchase of warning stickers (to be utilized by the garbage hauler to notify residents who do not recycle) and for the recycling coordinator's salary.

## RESOURCE EXCHANGE

### Available Material

Composted material - interested contractors, landscapers, etc. should contact Lori Scozzafava at 285-1667.

### Material Wanted

Clothes (off hangers), furniture that is in good condition, working appliances, etc. Bring to the Market Street Mission, 25 George Street, Morristown or call 538-0427 for pick-up services.

If you have materials you would like to list on the Resource Exchange, call the County Recycling Coordinator at 285-1667.



## Municipal Update

**Chester Township** - The Township Council has introduced a mandatory recycling ordinance for glass, aluminum, newspaper and yard waste. Its second reading has been scheduled for June 2.

**Dover** - To increase its recycling capabilities, Dover has applied to the State for a compost facility permit. The recycling center (municipal garage) will **no longer** accept aluminum on Saturdays. All recyclable material will be accepted only Monday-Friday (7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.).

**East Hanover, Denville, Florham Park and Madison** - These municipalities have all adopted ordinances requiring the separation and collection of glass, aluminum, newspaper and yard waste for recycling.

**Hanover Township** - As part of its total recycling program, glass and aluminum recycling has been established in the Municipal Building. All employees are requested to participate. Editor's Note: This idea is exemplary! All municipalities are encouraged to start similar programs for their Municipal employees.

**Mt. Arlington** - This municipality has begun work on their recycling program which could include curbside collection of glass, aluminum cans and newspaper on twice a month basis. Interested residents should call the municipal building for details.

**Randolph** - As of April 7, glass and aluminum will be collected **twice** monthly. A new schedule is being distributed. Call the municipal building for more information.



## Tons of Thanks To Recycling Vendors

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Morris County would like to specially thank those recycling vendors who supplied the County with recycling documentation for the 1986 Tonnage Grant Applications.

Applications for the 1986 Tonnage Grants have been submitted to the Office of Recycling. The figures show that 68,000 tons of material were recycled in Morris County. Documentation for a fair percentage of this material was sent to the County on behalf of municipalities by the recycling vendors in an effort to assist their customers and ease the task of compiling documentation for the individual municipalities.

In thanks, this list of vendors is posted in recognition of their cooperation and service to the municipalities of Morris County.

A. Trezza & Sons  
 A-P Paper Stock, Inc.  
 Alcoa Recycling Company, Inc.  
 American Paper Co.  
 Bruno & D'Elia, Inc.  
 Damato Paperstock Corp.  
 Darling Delaware Company, Inc.  
 Garden State Paper  
 L & L Oil Company, Inc.  
 Lionetti Oil Recovery, Inc.  
 M. Politinsky & Sons  
 Occidental Metals, Inc.  
 Pace Glass, Inc.  
 Petrocon  
 REI Distributors, Inc.  
 Roxbury Auto Wreckers  
 S & M Waste Oil, Inc.  
 Shelby's Inc.  
 Somerset Tire Service  
 Standard Tallow Corp.  
 Taradash Recycling Co.  
 Wakefern Food Corp.  
 Zozzaro Bros. Inc.

## Garbage Problem has H.E.L.P.

by Elaine Kroom, H.E.L.P. Teacher  
 Mount Olive Township

"The Future and What It Will Mean for Me, Us, and the World" is the theme that students in H.E.L.P. (Higher Education Learning Program) at Mountain View and Sandshore Schools have chosen for this year. As part of this program, these **Mount Olive** students completed a unit of study on hazardous waste and recycling.

Studies of this topic began with a history of waste problems and pollution. Reactions of the students were reflected in their creations of poems, posters, stories, and mobiles. Slogans were created by each student that were then converted to reaction buttons and worn by students to display their sentiments.

Hazardous wastes were also identified as a growing problem. Particular emphasis was placed on hazardous materials in the home, their disposal and the use of alternative products that are less dangerous to handle. Problems with and improvements for sanitary and hazardous waste landfills were discussed.

This led quite naturally to the area of recycling. The recycling segment began by having each student make recycled paper from classroom scraps and newspapers. The Township's recycling coordinator, Linda Ellis, visited H.E.L.P. classes to discuss how every individual can be part of the solution to garbage problems by recycling. She spoke of

Mount Olive's curbside recycling program and recycling center which collects glass, aluminum, newspaper and waste oil.

As a culminating activity, everyone had to complete a project to be shared with an audience. Results included plays, skits, TV videos, filmstrips, poetry, board games, card games and even a choose-your-own adventure game.

Not only the students, but their parents and other school children, became better educated about garbage problems and solutions; an area that is vital to all our futures.

## Newspaper Collection Available

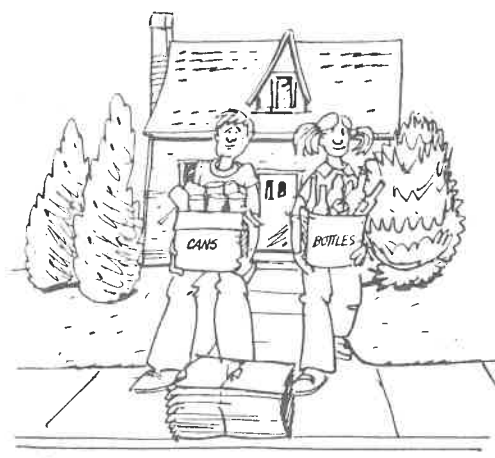
Applications for the Morris County Curbside Recycling Program are now being accepted.

The basic outline for the program is as follows:

The County will supply vehicles for the collection of newspapers.  
 The participating municipality will be

charged \$22.50 per hour to cover salaries of Occupational Training Center staff. Funds from the sale of the newspaper are returned to the municipality.

Any Morris County municipality interested in receiving further information about this newspaper collection service should contact the County Recycling Coordinator at 285-1667.



## Recycling Committees Fortify Municipal Programs

As the saying goes, two heads are better than one - especially when it comes to tackling major questions about how a municipality should establish and maintain a recycling program. Active Recycling Committees in Morris County are proving this point by utilizing the talents of many to find answers to recycling questions.

Addressing recycling functions and responsibilities is very new to some municipalities and creates a need for an advisory board on the topic and a means of implementing ideas. Recycling Committees can fulfill this unique role by pooling ideas, energy and experience specifically targeted to solving recycling problems.

Empowered with the responsibility to provide guidance and supervision over the recycling program, the function of a Recycling Committee should include the following: (1) Assessing the status of the recycling program and formulating plans for future expansions, (2) Overseeing the collection of recyclables to insure smooth operations, (3) Flagging problems which hinder the program, (4) Developing promotional/educational materials and events to maintain participation by residents, (5) Keeping records and submitting Tonnage Grant reports to the State and County and (6) Managing funds budgeted for recycling.

A look at several Morris County Recycling Committees reveals that they

were established to meet the particular needs of the communities which they serve. The Recycling Committee of the Chathams, for example, was instituted in 1980 to coordinate recycling in two separate but adjacent municipalities: the Borough of Chatham and the Township of Chatham. The more recently-established Boonton Township Recycling Committee actually started the local recycling program and its members continue to oversee operations at the depot. One of the main functions of the Morris Plains Recycling Committee has been to spread the recycling message using a multi-faceted publicity and promotion program. Committees such as these have created a structure from which other municipalities can build upon to meet their own individual needs.

By working together, dedicated individuals with the support of their municipality, have proven how effective they can be in organizing and coordinating municipal recycling efforts as a Recycling Committee. Recycling Committees in the **Chathams, Boonton Township, Florham Park and Morris Plains** have greatly assisted their municipalities and, in some cases, have been the foundation of their municipal recycling programs. Any municipality interested in establishing a Recycling Committee can contact Penny Jones, the County Recycling Education Specialist at 285-1667 for assistance.

## Scrap Metal Update

After a brief disruption of service, scrap dealers in the area have resumed accepting bulk metals such as washing machines, refrigerators, etc. Call your local dealer for more information.

## Recycling Equipment Show

The Association of New Jersey Recyclers (ANJR) is hosting its second annual Recycling Equipment Show and Picnic June 3, 11:00 a.m. at Riverside Park, Piscataway Township. For more information, call (201) 390-6983.

## Commercial Recyclers Recognized



Every year, local establishments assist their municipality by providing documentation for materials recycled for yearly Tonnage Grant applications. By doing this, these community-minded businesses offer support for the recycling program and bring funding to recycling coffers through the State Tonnage Grant rebate program.

All too often these volunteer efforts go unsaluted. This year, however, **Jefferson Township** has not let the opportunity to recognize these individuals slip by. "Certificates of Appreciation" were awarded by Mayor Frances Slayton to every business in Jefferson which provided the Township with documentation for the material they recycled in 1986. A sample of this certificate can be seen above.

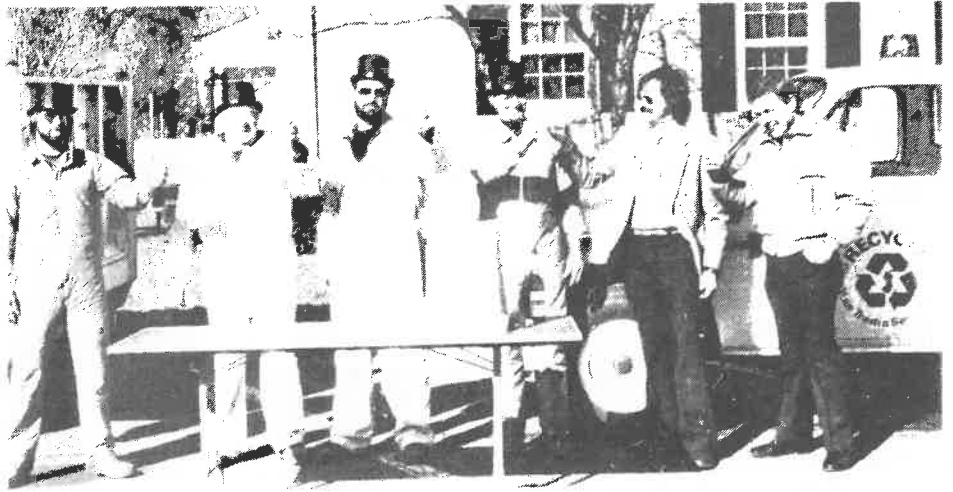
Recognition of this nature helps to encourage recycling and foster the participation of businesses in the Tonnage Grant process. For those municipalities interested in initiating a similar award program, contact Jefferson's recycling coordinator, Bob Cutter at 697-1500.

**we must all  
accept our responsibilities  
and we are all  
responsible for waste.**



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Under a \$4,400 per month contract with the private garbage hauler that services the Township, **Montville** residents will receive curbside recycling of newspaper, glass and aluminum. The service, provided by Louis Pinto and Sons, will occur on a twice monthly schedule. Each resident has been notified of the collection, which will begin in May, via a townwide mailing of recycling packets filled with calendar reminders, pail stickers and the magnets featured on this page.



Celebrating in style, Morris Township kicks off its new curbside recycling program.



Direct tax dollar savings was an incentive for **Morris Township** to develop its curbside recycling program. The Township, which conducts its own garbage collection, receives the direct benefit from reducing its trash loads. "Style" is the word describing this program which began April 1 with a christening celebration that featured the collection crew in top hats and champagne toasts to the success of the program. Once each month glass, aluminum and newspaper will be collected. For more information residents can call 326-7400.

These three distinctly different programs have all utilized the resources available to their community to provide an effective program for their residents.



## Morris County Recyclers Awarded



Commissioner Richard Dewling of the N.J. Department of Environmental Protection presents Penny Jones of Morris Plains with her award for Publicity and Education.

At the annual dinner of the N.J. Recycling Forum and the N.J. Department of Environmental Protection Office of Recycling, held on April 29, several awards for outstanding achievement in recycling were presented by DEP. Two of the eight awards were given to Morris County recyclers.

**Penny Jones** of Morris Plains, received the Publicity and Education Program Award for the leadership and guidance she exhibited to create a multi-media recycling promotion/education campaign in her municipality. The **Mennen Company** was recipient of the Business Award for its in-house recycling efforts.

Individual recycling efforts, such as these, have contributed to and will continue to aid the progress of successful recycling in Morris County.

measures to be instituted are described below:

- 1) A one time appropriation of money will be allocated from a 7.8 million dollar fund for recycling. It will be distributed on the basis of number of housing units (15% to the counties and 85% to the municipalities). Spending guidelines for these funds have been delineated by the State. Call 609-292-0331 for further information.
- 2) The State will continue its Tonnage Grant Program which will allocate yearly rebate funds for every ton of material a municipality can document as being recycled.
- 3) The new law exempts any expenditures made for recycling or procurement of recycling services by the municipalities or the counties, from cap restrictions.

Provisions of the remaining sections of the law detail such measures as market development strategies, procurement for products made of recyclable material, and incentives for recycling businesses through low interest loans and tax credits. For greater understanding of the finer details, it is recommended that the statute be individually read by interested parties.

**Effects on Morris County**

The statewide mandatory recycling

legislation supports Morris County's mandatory recycling policy which was initiated in 1985. Those in compliance with the County's directive are well prepared to meet the duties outlined by this law.

The primary difference between the two is that the County has targeted reduction for residential waste whereas the State includes **commercial** and **institutional** waste in its policy. Determining what type of program will be able to service recycling for the commercial and institutional establishments has yet to be developed.

Anyone having questions regarding the law or the DRP is encouraged to attend a workshop meeting on these topics to be held by the County on June 10, 1987 at 7:30 p.m. in the Cultural Center. The Center is located at 300 Mendham Road. Please call 285-1667 if you need directions.



consulting services to communities.- Alaimo (Mt. Holly, N.J.) is a highly qualified New Jersey firm with considerable experience in successful solid waste management programs.

WESTON/Alaimo will be responsible for conducting environmental assessments and assisting in the selection of a full service contractor to build and operate the waste-to-energy facility. In addition, WESTON/Alaimo will provide technical assistance to the County in negotiating with the Department of Defense and Department of the Army on the Picatinny Arsenal project.

Morris County looks forward to working with this experienced firm to execute a successful solid waste project.

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