



# MORRIS COUNTY Resource Recovery Report

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## Pesticide Disposal Day A Success

On May 18, 1985 Morris County held its first Pesticide Disposal Day for all Morris County residents.

The purpose of the program was to provide homeowners with a convenient and environmentally sound means to dispose of waste which would otherwise contribute to landfill contamination problems.

Over 75 program participants delivered 3,700 lbs. of toxic household wastes to the temporary drop-off site at the Morris County Garage.

The material was handled by Advanced Environmental Technology Corporation (AETC) of Flanders. The firm operates a hazardous waste transfer station from which materials are shipped to registered hazardous waste disposal facilities throughout Eastern United States.

The County is now awaiting the availability of State funds to subsidize a general hazardous waste collection program. Meanwhile a second Pesticide Disposal Day is being planned for the Fall.



An Advanced Environmental Technology Corporation employee accepts unwanted, hazardous material from a Morris County resident as part of the County's Pesticide Disposal Day.

## County Acts On Recycling Suggestions

On September 26, 1984, then Freeholder Director Carol Rufener sent a letter to every mayor in Morris County. The letter expressed County-level support for recycling and requested municipal input as to the types of County assistance needed to enhance municipal-level recycling efforts.

Although the response was limited, the ideas received were of high quality and taken into immediate consideration. Since then almost all of the suggestions have been translated into effective projects and programs.

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## SWMP Amendment

A Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) Amendment, developed by the County Solid Waste Management Staff in consultation with the Morris County Solid Waste Advisory Council, was approved by the Board of Chosen Freeholders at their July 10 meeting.

The Amendment contains a modification of Morris County's solid waste management strategies in response to the closing of Hamm's Sanitary Landfill and the consequent Administrative Consent Order entered into by Morris County with the Department of Environmental Protection.

The Administrative Consent Order provides Morris County with

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## Buy-Backs Change Hours

**Rockaway Valley Paper Recycling Center** — As of July 15, 1985 hours will be: Weekdays 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Saturdays 7 a.m. - 12 noon.

**Morris County Paper Recycling, Inc.** — The Center will now be open Weekdays 7 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and Saturdays 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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temporary waste disposal capacity at Edgeboro Landfill in East Brunswick while outlining time schedules for development of in-county disposal capacity.

The major features of the SWMP Amendment include:

1. Designation of site 6-1B in Rockaway Township for development of a state-of-the-art sanitary landfill.
2. Strategy for development of a waste-to-energy facility.
3. Mandatory recycling in all Morris County municipalities.
4. Designation of all existing and proposed compost facilities as being consistent with the County SWMP, thereby expediting compost facility permitting procedures.
5. Inclusion of municipalities previously involved in the Lakeland Regional Solid Waste Management Authority in the District SWMP.

The Solid Waste Management Plan Amendment also includes updated information on County waste generation rates and handling practices.

## Municipalities Granted Funds

Two Morris County municipalities, Butler and Morris Plains, have been awarded educational and program planning grants from the State Department of Energy, Office of Recycling.

Butler will receive \$25,000 for the purchase of equipment for curbside collection and storage facilities, as well as, an additional \$3,000 to fund their recycling education campaign.

A \$14,222 Program Planning Grant awarded to Morris Plains will go towards hiring a part-time recycling coordinator and the expansion of their monthly recycling depot. An education grant of \$2,490 will help inform Morris Plains residents about their recycling program.

Almost 300 grant applications requesting over \$8 million were received for consideration by the Office of Recycling. Of these, only 31 municipalities received grants totaling \$564,383.

The grants awarded to Morris County municipalities are comparable to those awarded in all other New

Jersey Counties. The highest number of municipalities to receive grants in a county was three. Most counties, however, had only one of their municipalities receive grant funds.

## Mandatory Recycling Bill Update

Hearings have been held for testimony on the proposed Statewide Mandatory Recycling Bill (A3382/S2820) by the Assembly Agriculture and Environment Committee and the Senate Energy and Environment Committee.

Participants at both hearings almost unanimously approved of the "concept" of statewide mandatory recycling. The problems with the Bill addressed in most presentations, however, included inability to calculate proposed recycling goals, marketing problems and enforcement of the Bill.

According to Assemblyman Arthur Albohn, neither of the committees has begun to amend their bills to incorporate newly proposed language or address the problems presented at their hearings.

Assemblyman Albohn, a sponsor of the Bill, has urged the committees to work on amendments and to hold any future hearings as joint committee hearings. In addition, he is utilizing testimony and correspondence to make the necessary changes himself, and hopes that the bill will receive serious consideration as soon as the amendments are drafted by the Office of Legislative Services.

## County Awarded Grants

The County of Morris has received its signed grant contracts from the New Jersey Office of Recycling representing \$31,000 in 1985 grant funding.

A \$26,100 Program Planning Grant will provide funding for a step-van and for a portion of the County Recycling Coordinator's salary.

The step-van is to be utilized in the Morris County/OTC Recycling Program. This pilot project will involve the **Town of Boonton** and the **Borough of Madison** in mandatory newspaper recycling collections.

The funding for the Recycling

## Good Neighbors Make Better Recyclers

Eco-Cycle, Inc., a Colorado recycling group, relies on a good-neighbor policy to spread the word about recycling and encourage participation. They refer to it as their Block Leader Program.

The Block Leader Program is a communications network system which relies on volunteers to pass on schedules, reminders and educational material to residents on their designated blocks.

A program of this type provides one of the most effective forms of advertising. This neighborly "word of mouth" recruiting assures contact with all residents and encourages many to participate as community members.

For those interested in finding a way to increase public awareness and participation for municipal recycling programs, a copy of Eco-Cycle's Block Leader packet is available upon request from the Morris County Recycling Coordinator. The packet contains example project outline, scheduling, job descriptions, block leader instructions, a fact sheet and more.

## \* New Publication \*

**Publicity and Education for Recycling: An Informative Guide**, addresses recycling program planning, approaching the media and sources of promotional materials.

Written by Tanis Rickmers-Skislak, this publication also provides samples of promotional materials used throughout the U.S., as well as, sources for recycling films, books and other educational information.

Send \$25 and a publication request to:

Tanis Rickmers-Skislak  
777B Maplewood Drive  
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Coordinator will be directed toward provision of technical assistance to municipalities and implementing special recycling projects.

The \$5,000 Education Grant will be used to produce this newsletter, **Morris County Resource Recovery Report**.

In addition, the County received a \$1300 grant on behalf of the **Borough of Wharton** for education and promotion of the Borough's mandatory multi-material recycling program.

## Municipal Update

**Chatham Borough** — Honoring the official opening of Chatham Borough's new recycling center, Mayor M. Jacquelyn Marvin proclaimed May 11, 1985 Recycling Day. The center, located on Summit Avenue, is accepting newspaper, color separated glass and aluminum cans every Saturday 8 a.m. - 12 noon.

**Dover** — Dover students in grades 1-8 participated in an aluminum can recycling contest in which they collected 3444 pounds of aluminum.

First prize winner, first grader Allen Bone, collected 358 cans to win a 13" television. Tied for second place, Edgardo Gonzales and Darrell Hooper each won a 10-speed bicycle for their collection of 346 cans each. Debra Robinson, bringing in 296 cans, received an AM/FM portable stereo as did fourth place winner Richard Krusely, with 248 cans. All prizes were donated by High Grade Beverage.

**Mendhams** — As of August 10, 1985, recycling in the Mendhams will be newly located behind the Municipal Facilities in Mendham Township at the intersection of Cherry Lane and Main Street.

**Randolph** — On April 16, 1985 Randolph expanded its recycling efforts to include a once a month curbside collection of aluminum cans and color separated glass. Pick-up schedule information has been distributed to residents and can also be obtained by calling 361-8200.

Randolph's Recycling Center, located at the Town Garage, will now be accepting tires along with aluminum, glass, and yard waste 7:30 p.m. - 3 p.m. Monday through Friday and Saturday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**Rockaway Borough** — A Recycling Committee has recently been appointed in Rockaway Borough. It will be the aim of this committee to determine the most effective means of expanding their present recycling and implementing a new program.

**Washington Township** — Newspaper has been added to the list of recyclables being accepted at the Township's Recycling Center. The Center located on Rock Road, will be open year-round, every Saturday 8 a.m. - noon.



Morris County's Recycling Coordinator, Lori Scozzafava, meets with County employees to explain about M.O.R.E., the County's new Office Paper Recycling Program.

## M.O.R.E. For The County

May 28 marked the official kick-off of Morris County's office paper recycling program.

The new program, known as M.O.R.E. (Morris County Office Paper Recycling Exists) provides a system for separating and recycling white and colored ledger, as well as, computer paper and tab cards from County offices.

The intent of M.O.R.E. is to reduce wastestream volume, lower disposal costs and save natural resources. In addition, the experience of establishing and running an office paper recycling program will provide the County Solid Waste Management staff with expertise to be shared with municipalities and businesses interested in starting their own office paper recycling programs.

M.O.R.E. was initiated in the Washington Building in Morristown where, due to their collective participation, 135 employees have been reducing office waste by almost 350 pounds per week.

County employees place recyclables into central collection containers which are collected on a weekly basis by Buildings and Grounds personnel. The paper is then sold to Morris County Paper Recycling, Inc. of Cedar Knolls.

In the near future, the program will be expanded to include the Hall of Records and the Courthouse. Once M.O.R.E. is established in the County's Morristown offices, it is estimated that the County will be recycling one ton of paper per week with a yearly disposal savings of up to \$7,000.

## Buying By Deposit

Although Deposit Beverage Container Legislation was voted down in the New Jersey Assembly, Morris County residents who are interested in saving resources, energy and money can buy some of their favorite beverages in deposit bottles.

An informal survey conducted by the Morris County Solid Waste Management Staff found that 1 out of 4 liquor stores in the County carries one or more products in returnable bottles.

The most widely purchased product sold in deposit bottles is beer. A variety of brands are available such as: Black Label, Budweiser, Bud Light, Genesee Cream Ale, LA, Miller, Miller Light, Pabst, Rolling Rock, Schaefer and Schmidts.

Brookdale sodas may also be purchased in deposit bottles.

According to store representatives, customers who use the deposit system are generally pleased - especially with cost savings.

Suggestions . . . Cont. From Page 1

Below is a list of suggestions received and the County's response to each.

• Horace Chamberlain, Mayor of Jefferson Township.

**Suggestion 1)** "We need more private contractors to do recycling collections."

**Response** — In September, 1985 Morris County/OTC Recycling will begin curbside collection of newspapers in Boonton and Madison. If successful, the program will be offered to other municipalities.

**Suggestion 2)** "There is a great need for public education assistance from the County."

**Response** — A Recycling Education Specialist is now working with the County Solid Waste Staff to provide public education and information assistance to municipalities. A plan for the provision of promotional materials (bumper stickers, posters, etc.) by the County to municipalities is now underway.

• John Wojtaszek, Mayor of Rockaway Township.

**Suggestion 1)** "The OTC Recycling Program should be further subsidized by the County to make the project more feasible."

**Response** — If oversubsidized, the County felt municipal participation in the program would lag. However, the County re-negotiated with OTC resulting in a \$3.50 reduction in the hourly labor rate charged to municipalities.

**Suggestion 2)** "More vehicles should be available for the OTC program, and more materials should be collected."

**Response** — The program is merely a pilot project. The County has full intention to expand if successful.

• Linda Howe, Morris County League of Women Voters.

**Suggestion 1)** "All County institutions should recycle as much as possible."

**Response** - Morris County kicked-off its inner office paper recycling program on May 28, 1985. Expansion activities are already underway.

**Suggestion 2)** "The County should provide a recycling display for use at various affairs."

**Response** — Cost and design for a display have been researched and recommendations for acquisition of a display by the County are being finalized.

**Suggestion 3)** "The County should coordinate toxic household waste collections."

**Response** - On May 18, 1985 Morris County had its first Pesticide Disposal Day for Morris County residents. A second collection will be held in the Fall. Plans for providing general household toxic waste collections are underway.

• Lynne Combs, Mayor of Passaic Township.

**Suggestion 1)** "The County should provide assistance in finding markets for tires and plastics."

**Response** - Morris County has a market for plastic bottles, however there is no economical means for collecting the bottles. The Freeholder

Board, SWAC and the Solid Waste Staff have actively participated in the campaign for container deposit legislation in New Jersey. The deposit system provides the only economical means for collecting plastic bottles.

A tire retreader also exists in our area. However, not all tires are retreadable and the cost to the retreader for removal of collected tires equals landfill disposal costs. The County continues its efforts to encourage the State Department of Transportation to use tire rubber in asphalt mix to improve current market conditions.

• J. Peter Braun, Randolph Township Manager.

**Suggestion 1)** "The County should provide a list of markets for recyclable materials."

**Response** - The Winter (January, 1985) issue of this newsletter contained a Morris County Market Update.

Their prompt actions, taken in the interest of Morris County's recycling needs, demonstrate the commitment that the Board of Chosen Freeholders has taken for increased recycling in Morris County.

### Announcement

The State Department of Energy, Office of Recycling has announced it will be accepting applications for its Sign Award Program.

Those interested in applying for the recycling signs should contact the Morris County Recycling Coordinator

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