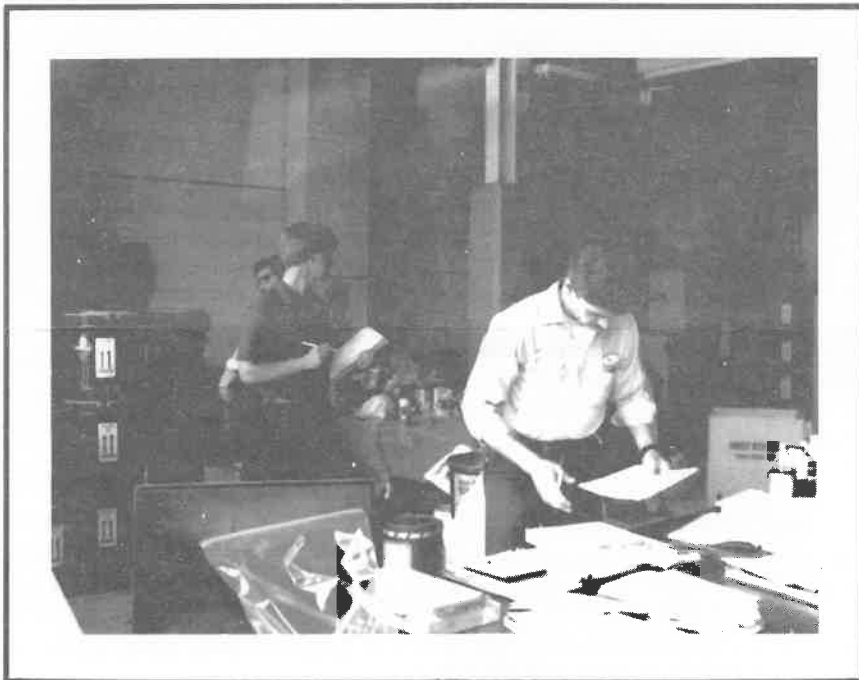


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AETC employees check household hazardous materials

Hazardous Materials Handled Properly

On Saturday May 14, Morris County conducted another very successful Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Day program. Concerned citizens were afforded the opportunity to dispose properly of hazardous wastes which they found around their homes.

This year's program saw more participants than any previous program. Over 125 people came to drop off hundreds of containers of paints, pesticides, solvents and other hazardous wastes.

The material collected was packaged and transported under a contract with Advanced Environmental Technology Co., Inc. (AETC). This waste was then properly disposed of in a specialized

hazardous waste facility or incinerator.

Programs such as these are very significant because they provide residents with a proper way of handling the unused hazardous materials they have in their homes. Without such programs, many of these toxic substances would have been poured down the drain, buried in the backyard or thrown out in the garbage, leading to unnecessary contamination of the environment and the water supply.

The County would like to thank all the participants and would also like to encourage others to participate in the future. The next Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Day is tentatively scheduled for spring of 1989.

Getting Results For Recycling

The success of any project is most often evaluated by quantifiable results. For better or worse, recycling programs in New Jersey are subject to this scrutiny. Although the primary focus of recycling is to insure that programs are in place and operating properly, they can only be judged by the amount of documented recycled tonnage and whether this tonnage meets prescribed recycling goals. Documentation will, therefore, be the key factor in the municipalities' ability to reach their 15% and 25% recycling targets.

Recognizing this factor during the initial stages of mandatory recycling for New Jersey, the Morris County District Recycling Plan was designed to encourage proper recordkeeping and maintenance of recycling tonnage figures. With the guidance of the Morris County Recycling Advisory Committee (MCRAC), procedures were established to most efficiently obtain the necessary tonnage figures.

The MCRAC's first accomplishment was to design a quarterly report form. This was developed so that municipal recycling coordinators could uniformly compile tonnage information from all sectors for submittal to the County. An analysis of quarterly report figures allows the County immediately to identify municipalities who may not be reaching their recovery goals and work with them to better assess and achieve their goals for the next quarter.

The complete and accurate reporting of tonnage information obtained for these quarterly reports is extremely

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Spotlight On Morris Township

"In Morris Township we do everything with class." That's the motto symbolic of the spirit of the community. Even though top hats and champagne are not routine, as they were for their recycling program kick-off, the quick and effective implementation of the township's recycling program is evidence of their continued "class act."

An aggressive program and new municipal staff have set this program far ahead of the County's first-year goal for recycling of municipal solid waste of 15% both for last year and the first quarter of this year. Tonnage collection will increase as more commercial establishments come under the program.

According to Al Nemeth, the township's recycling coordinator, program participation has increased to between 85% and 90%. By looking for the most cost-beneficial methods, he has worked to expand the program and make it as accessible as possible to the community. The township depot is open 24 hours a day and household curbside pickups of yard waste (going to the new County compost site) and recyclables are made once a week.

Participation may also be due to ongoing communication from the township to the community. A calendar with all the program particulars is distributed yearly and notices on procedures are sent to residents frequently. Large bright fluorescent stickers are used to notify residents of deficiencies at the time of recycling pickups. With this method, problems such as recyclables left in with garbage have decreased tremendously according to Nemeth. The fact that there are frequent pickups and that glass and aluminum are collected together also helps.

Al Nemeth began working for the township in March of 1987. He came to the job after nine years with the Tinton Falls Division of Public Works and as a former member of the Monmouth County Solid Waste Advisory Council. Working with the State, the County, and the township's residents as well as reviewing the costs and benefits of their options has given Morris Township frosting for its "class act" cake. Nemeth feels, "The credit goes to the residents of the township. It has been a cooperative effort and one I know will continue to the benefit of our town."



Municipal Update

Boonton Twp. — They're out of the cold. Boonton Twp.'s Recycling Committee has acquired a shed that will help to shelter volunteers in inclement weather.

Chester Borough — The County has received the borough's application to join the Morris County Curbside Recycling Program for once-a-month pickups of newspapers.

Montville — Regional tire recycling was sponsored by the township in May. Montville allowed for drop-off of tires at their facilities and then worked with Lincoln Park and Hanover, sharing proportionally the cost and tonnage credit for the load. Almost 1000 tires were collected, equaling over 10 tons of recyclables.

Morris Plains — In order to track commercial recycling in their municipality, registration of businesses is done at the drop-off center, which by the way, has been fully paved for ease of maintenance.

Mt. Olive — The community sponsored their Second Annual Recycling Day on May 14. The celebration afforded the opportunity to distribute educational and promotional items and encourage involvement by town residents.

Pequannock — This spring the township gained State DEP approval to open a new leaf-composting facility in their township. The facility is located just off of Route 23.

Rockaway Borough and

Florham Park — Two new recycling coordinators have been named in Rockaway. Jean Reuter and Jacqueline Koury will be working together to step up the borough's activities. Doug Coull has accepted the post in Florham Park. Best of luck to you all!

Washington Twp. — Doubling their recycling depot hours will make recycling more convenient for many of the township's residents. The depot will be open for eight hours every Wednesday as well as Saturdays and will now accept newspapers.

Progress Toward Resource Recovery

Morris County is continuing the process of developing a resource recovery incinerator that will help to handle the greater than 400,000 tons of solid waste that is produced in the County every year. The first step in this process was to solicit qualification statements from vendors so that their ability to undertake such a complex project could be determined.

Of the seven firms who submitted qualification statements, four were determined to be qualified to undertake the project. Ogden Martin, Combustion Engineering, Wheelabrator and Foster Wheeler met the financial, administrative and technical criteria set forth in the Request for Qualifications (RFQ). These companies will now be invited to submit proposals to the County to permit, construct, own and operate a mass-burn solid waste incinerator.

Let's Celebrate!

A festive occasion is scheduled November 2, 1988, when the first Morris County Recycling Awards Dinner will be held at Neil's New Yorker, 90 Route 46, Mountain Lakes, New Jersey, 6:00 p.m. - cocktails (cash bar), 7:00 p.m. - dinner with awards presentation to follow.

Your presence is requested at this celebration of recycling in Morris County. Further information will be available early in the fall.

Commercial Recycling Saves \$ In Morris County

Large or small, commercial establishments throughout Morris County are recycling **and saving money!**

The Morris County District Recycling Plan requires that commercial establishments recycle corrugated cardboard, office paper, glass and aluminum. This mandate will change the way in which most retail store owners, corporate offices and manufacturers throughout Morris County handle waste materials at this time.

Although the mandate forced the hand of individual businesses to look into recycling alternatives, the change in their disposal habits has paid off.

An example of bottom line saving through recycling is Nabisco of Parsippany. Once notified of its recycling responsibilities, this firm began recycling large quantities of corrugated cardboard and computer paper. As a result, they were able to reduce the number of weekly pickups for their 25-cubic-yard compact in half. Even with the service charge Nabisco pays for recycling collection, the company is now saving over \$600 each week in disposal costs because of their recycling efforts.

Large companies, however, are not the only ones benefitting from recycling. Smaller stores in the commercial retail business are also cutting down on garbage collection costs by source separating their designated materials for recycling.

Kelly's Market in Kenvil is just one example of how a small business owner, Jim Kelly, is able to make big savings just by keeping recyclables separate from his regular trash. This store used to have a six-cubic-yard container of garbage emptied twice each week. Mr. Kelly has now contracted with Better Recycling, Inc. of Kenvil to collect his recyclable corrugated cardboard, glass and aluminum. This has allowed him to replace his six-cubic-yard trash dumpster with a much smaller two-cubic-yard unit with added containers for his recyclables. Mr. Kelly has reduced his disposal costs by \$300 per month!

By simply making arrangements for the separate collection of recyclables, businesses do save money. The collec-

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Reward For Recycling!

Netcong has come up with quite a unique way to promote participation in their curbside recycling program. The borough is offering \$20 to households for simply preparing their recyclables correctly!

A street is chosen at random on one of the curbside collection days. The borough's recycling mascot, Mr. Reuzit Recycle and his band of recycling renegades will choose a house on the street where recyclables have been placed at the curb for pickup. If the materials have been properly prepared (according to the borough's guidelines), that house wins the \$20. If not, the team moves on to the next house, until the team finds a winner for the \$20 reward.

Netcong feels that once residents



begin to recycle, they will keep recycling. This one-of-a-kind incentive program may be just what some people need to get them started with recycling. Other municipalities may benefit from instituting similar programs.

Congratulations to Cecilia Laureys and Netcong for an innovative approach to increasing recycling participation! *Recycle, it's habit forming!*

On The Move

The Morris County Office of Solid Waste Management is being consolidated under the County Municipal Utilities Authority. Both offices have moved to a new location — 380 W. Hanover Avenue in Morris Township. Our mailing address of Courthouse, Morristown, NJ 07960 remains the same, but the phone number is now changed to **285-8390**. Please take a minute to update your Rolodex or address book with this new information.

RESOURCE EXCHANGE

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Large metal 55-gallon drums which had been used for storing handsoap are available from Warner-Lambert in limited quantity. For information call Tom Senko at 550-3538 between 7:30 AM and 4:00 PM.

Large plastic 55-gallon drums which had been used for food products are available from M. Polaner, Inc. in Roseland. Over 200 are immediately available. Contact Ed Brandon at 228-2500 (after 11:00 AM daily) for more information.

Don't Throw Away Those Old Clothes! "Rags To Riches"

As recycling has become more ingrained in peoples' minds and as tipping fees at transfer stations and landfills keep skyrocketing, thinking about alternatives for "other" types of recyclables has become more important. Rather than setting out that bag of old clothes with your trash or on clean-up days, think of how you might turn those rags into riches (of sorts) either for yourself or for your neighbors.

At home, an extra bunch of rags for dusting or car polishing might come in handy. Buttons, zippers and larger fabric pieces are easily salvaged for sewing projects. Don't forget the kids. Update their "dress-up" box and keep a scrap box with a variety of fabrics for their artwork. Good used clothing might be packed away and saved for your next garage sale.

Another alternative is to donate used clothes for the benefit of others in your community. A myriad of resources for passing along your "nearly new" items is listed in the phone directory yellow pages under thrift shops, consignment services, clothing bought and sold, and churches. Donation boxes that are placed in malls and shopping centers

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tion system does not have to be complicated. It will take some time and some educating of employees to implement. But Jim Kelly is certainly very happy about recycling at Kelly's Market and states that, "Now that it's up and running, it's no extra effort or problem."

The Morris County Office of Solid Waste Management has a variety of market and "how to" information available which can help businesses set up recycling programs. If you would like to request assistance, please call the office at 285-8390.

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important. Municipal recycling coordinators are responsible for reporting not only residential recycling figures, but commercial and institutional figures as well to meet the recycling goals. In order for the tonnage records to be completed, full documentation from commercial and institutional sectors is essential.

Weight-slip documentation for recycling tonnage removed by commercial and institutional sectors will be requested and must be sent directly to municipal recycling coordinators on April 8, July 8, October 8, and January 8 of each year. Reporting is for all materials recycled in the quarter preceding these dates.

Those recycling collection companies servicing a number of small retail stores may feel that it is a hardship to

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also offer an easy way to dispose of used items.

Finally, we encourage recycling coordinators to consider placing donation boxes at recycling centers or depots to facilitate collection of used clothing.



provide each of their customers with documentation of the tonnage removed from their premises. Compiled recycling tonnage information for their customers may be submitted directly to municipal coordinators on a quarterly basis. Vendors who wish to submit tonnage in this fashion should contact the County Office of Solid Waste Management to obtain a Vendor Tonnage Reporting Form.

Evidence of the recycling that is taking place in Morris County can be seen by the casual observer, but proving that it is taking place will require proper documentation procedures. Please be sure to submit quarterly recycling tonnage so that we can show on a quantitative basis how strong our commitment and efforts have been to reducing our waste stream through recycling.

New Staff Added

The Morris County Solid Waste Management Office has increased staffing for recycling activities. Barbara (Ellie) Arnould has joined the group as a Senior Recycling Planner. Ellie's background is in program administration and communications. Her work for the State involved the management and analysis of energy conservation programs run by the State as well as the electric and gas utilities. We hope you will all join us in welcoming Ellie to our staff.

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