



# Recycling In Boonton Town

A Small Town With Big Heart for Recycling!

## A little about Boonton's History. . .



- ▶ Founded in 1747 - the village of Old Boonton was situated 1.5 miles downstream
- ▶ Supported by small farms and a healthy iron works industry powered by the Rockaway River, Old Boonton thrived producing iron products for the military during the Revolutionary War
- ▶ Named Boone-Town in 1761 by iron works owner David Ogdon, in honor of the Colony's Royal Governor, Thomas Boone
- ▶ The building of the Morris Canal in 1825 bypassed Old Boonton causing its decline and the creation of current day Boonton upriver
- ▶ Late 1890's-1902 the Jersey City Reservoir was created covering over Old Boonton and was the 1<sup>st</sup> municipal water supply in the US to be chlorinated

# Movies + TV Shows filmed in Boonton



Storage Wars





# Boonton Recycling Program

- for Boonton residents

- ▶ 1987 - we picked up curbside and put in separate containers
  - ▶ Glass, tin, aluminum, newspapers and plastic - very basic at the time
- ▶ 1995 - county took over, first separated, then comingled
- ▶ 2008 - Ordinances established to our current program

## Acceptable Items

- Scrap metal
- Antifreeze, waste oil, cooking oil, oil filters
- Brush
- Building materials - sheetrock, tile, toilets, tubs, wood
- Electronics
- Grass
- Rigid plastic
- Leaves
- Propane cylinders and fire extinguishers
- Batteries - rechargeable/dry cell batteries
- Tires

## Prohibited Items

- Hazardous waste
- Concrete
- Bricks
- Blacktop
- Dirt
- Tree stumps, large branches



# Additional Town Recycling Programs

- ▶ Fall Leaf Pickup - October, November and December
- ▶ Christmas Tree Pickup - throughout the month of January
- ▶ Senior Yard Waste Pickup - 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays, May - October for our senior citizens unable to transport brush themselves
- ▶ Appliance Pickup - every Wednesday throughout the year with a purchased sticker
- ▶ Annual Spring Paper Shredding Day - with Gaeta

# Where our recyclable materials go

Recyclable Material	Materials Go To
Scrap metal	Dublin
Antifreeze, waste oil, cooking oil, oil filters	Lorco
Brush	Dan Como
Building materials – sheetrock, tile, toilets, tubs, wood, etc.	Gaeta
Electronics	Al's Appliances
Grass	MCMUA
Rigid plastic	MCMUA
Leaves	RER Supply
Propane cylinders – fire extinguishers	Blue Rhino – Morris County Fire Academy
Batteries – rechargeable/dry cell batteries	LI Industries
Tires	Tyrex

# How we get the word out regarding recycling

- ▶ Annual Recycling Mailer
- ▶ Update mailer from NJDEP - prohibiting commercial vehicles from utilizing the recycling center
- ▶ Boonton.org website
- ▶ Message board at Town Hall
- ▶ Mobile electronic message boards when needed
- ▶ Newsletter
- ▶ Social media










NJDEP Update Mailer  
No Commercial Vehicles

## TIPS FOR USING YOUR MUNICIPAL RECYCLING CENTER



### DID YOU KNOW...

-  The Town of Boonton operates a municipal recycling center that is open to all homeowners.
-  Homeowners can bring household materials, like televisions, computers, motor oil, metal appliances for disposal.
-  Some recyclable materials can be disposed of for free. There may be a small fee for certain items like tires and metal appliances. Check the website or call the DPW before you go (see below).
-  Vehicles must display a "passenger" motor vehicle registration and must be under 9,000 lbs. If using a non-commercial trailer, combined weight cannot exceed 16,000 lbs.
-  NJDEP prohibits commercial vehicles from using municipal recycling or convenience centers, including U-Haul, Home Depot or other rental type vehicles. Vehicles cannot have business name or advertisements.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION...

For more information on hours and acceptable materials, please visit:  
<https://mcmua.com/facilitydetail.asp?FacilityID=4>  
or contact the Boonton DPW at (973) 402-9460



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Town Hall  
Message Board

Random curbside  
recycling inspections in  
June & July  
For more information:  
[www.Boonton.org](http://www.Boonton.org)





BOONTON.ORG WEBSITE  
FROM NJDEP



## SUSTAINABLE GIFT WRAPPING

Use these tips to stay sustainable during this season of giving!

### *Fabric Wrapping*

Japanese Furoshiki fabric wrapping technique utilizes sheets of fabric to create wraps for gifts or to transport goods. By using this method, you can create beautiful gift wraps that are reusable, plus there's no unwrapping mess!



### *Plain Paper Wrapping*

Common wrapping paper is often glossy and lined with plastics which make it non-recyclable. Using recycled or recyclable paper is an easy swap that allows for traditional wrapping while at the same time being sustainable.



### *Drawstring Bags*

Like Furoshiki, using a drawstring bag is a great way to have picture perfect presents without waste. The bags can be reused, or given as a part of the gift. Drawstrings are a great way to have beautifully packaged gifts with no hassle or cleanup involved.



### *Less Tape*

When wrapping your gifts be mindful about how much tape you use or try wrapping options that do not involve tape to make gift giving greener!



For more sustainability tips, visit: <https://dep.nj.gov/sustainability/>

# MCMUA Collaborations

- ▶ This county meeting being held here in Boonton today
- ▶ Tag-it & Leave-it Program performed last summer throughout June and July 2024
- ▶ Educational a-frame signage for the Recycling Center provided
- ▶ Annual Boonton Carnival - educational signage and recycling dumpster provided
- ▶ Annual Boonton Day on Main St event - table with educational materials provided for the public
- ▶ Two (2) meetings with the environmental commission for the public - one on recycling and one on composting (Spring/Fall 2025)

# MCMUA's Curbside Recycling Inspections

Tag-it & Leave-it Campaign





# How Does it Work?

- ▶ Townwide recycling inspection of curbside setouts,
  - ▶ The town is divided into sections for complete coverage, with a different section inspected each collection day.
  - ▶ On collection days, the Recycling Administration, the Municipal Recycling Coordinator, and their DPW staff work as a unified team alongside our curbside staff to ensure a comprehensive inspection process.
  - ▶ This includes inspecting curbside setouts of recyclables for non-compliance issues and good recycling practices.
  - ▶ Administration also inspects certain aspects of the contract, such as collection issues, compliance matters, education improvements, and safety concerns for our collection crews with the town.
  - ▶ Other matters outside the contract are also examined with the MRC, such as a business that may not be recycling within the municipality's confines for follow-up.





# What is Involved?

- ▶ Curbside recycling setouts containing unacceptable materials are tagged, and residents are provided information to explain the issue. However, tagged setouts are not collected.
- ▶ Households with well-prepared materials receive a “star recycler” door hanger as positive reinforcement for recycling correctly.
- ▶ In addition to tagging setouts, the teams meet with generators, explaining the inspection campaign and offering educational information.
- ▶ Most are receptive to our efforts and positively engage in the inspection process, correcting their setouts onsite and even waiting for us to inspect.
- ▶ The most relevant items of contamination found during our inspections are:
  - ▶ Recyclables in plastic bags and plastic film
  - ▶ Oversized and nonprogram-compliant recycling containers
  - ▶ Recyclables contaminated with trash and food waste
  - ▶ Styrofoam and scrap metal
  - ▶ Tied or bound recyclables
  - ▶ Hazardous waste



# What is Achieved?

- ▶ The goal is to improve the quality of recyclables generated by the municipality.
- ▶ Teach residents and businesses to recycle correctly, understand the recycling process, and reinvigorate interest in recycling.
- ▶ This is done through inspections along with targeted multi-media information such as created press releases, social media posts, and website updates, resulting in considerable tangible success.







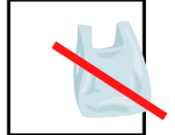




CORRECT THIS PROBLEM. WE WILL COLLECT ON YOUR NEXT SCHEDULED RECYCLING DAY.



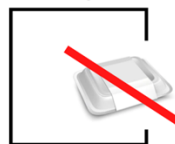
Do NOT Bag Recyclables  
(NO Garbage)



NO Plastic Bags, Films,  
or Wraps



NO Foods or Liquids  
NO Pizza Boxes



NO Styrofoam



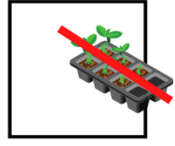
NO Oversized Containers.  
Use 32 gallon or less only.



NO Cups, Lids, Nozzles, or  
Spray Pumps



OTHER:



NO Plant Pots  
or Trays

REMINDER: PLEASE REMOVE THIS TAG BEFORE  
NEXT COLLECTION DAY

MORRIS COUNTY



MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY



Visit [www.mcmua.com](http://www.mcmua.com) for more information.

# THANK YOU

## FOR RECYCLING

RECYCLE MORE OF THESE:

### CANS

Aluminum, Steel,  
or Tin, clean pie  
tins and trays.



### CARTONS

Frozen Food  
Boxes and  
Beverage  
Cartons



NO CAPS

### GLASS

Bottles and Jars



METAL LIDS  
ARE ACCEPTABLE

### PAPER

Cardboard (flatten), office paper, file folders,  
magazines, catalogs, newspaper and inserts, junk mail,  
paperback books, etc.



### PLASTICS

Bottles and Containers Coded #1, #2, and #5,  
No Plastic Caps



All items must be empty, clean, and dry. All acceptable  
recyclables must be loose in a container that has  
handles and a lid.

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Visit [www.mcmua.com](http://www.mcmua.com) for more information.

# NO PLASTIC BAGS



Do not bag recyclables.  
Acceptable recyclables must be loose  
in a reusable 32 gallon container with handles and a lid.  
Please correct and we will return on your next  
scheduled collection day.





# SINGLE-STREAM all-in-one RECYCLING



## CANS

Aluminum, Steel, or Tin, clean pie tins and trays.



## CARTONS

Frozen Food Boxes and Beverage Cartons



## GLASS

Bottles and Jars



METAL LIDS ARE ACCEPTABLE

NO CAPS

## PAPER

Cardboard (flatten), office paper, file folders, magazines, catalogs, newspaper and inserts, junk mail, paperback books, etc.



## PLASTICS

Bottles and Containers Coded #1, #2, and #5, No Plastic Caps



All items must be **empty, clean, and dry**. All acceptable recyclables must be loose in a container that has handles and a lid.



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# DO NOT PUT IN THE RECYCLING RECEPTACLE



Do NOT Bag Recyclables  
(NO Garbage)



NO Plastic Bags, Films, or Wraps



NO Batteries



NO Styrofoam



NO Foods or Liquids  
NO Pizza Boxes



NO Cups, Lids, Nozzles, or Spray Pumps



NO Insulated Box Liners



NO Plant Pots or Trays

For more detailed information  
Visit [www.mcmua.com](http://www.mcmua.com)



The Morris County MUA is recognizing your good recycling practices in its Star Recycler program.

Place this sticker on your recycling container to show your pride for recycling right in Morris County!



**Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority**  
*Morris County's Environmental Resource*



The Recycling Stars program was created to help raise awareness for the need to recycle right, promote good recycling habits, increase the capture of acceptable recyclables from the waste stream for processing, and ultimately help reduce the overall contamination rate throughout the MCMUA's curbside recycling program.

Morris County's recycling efforts are having positive results. Figures calculated by NJDEP show Morris County's recycling rate is amongst the best in Northern New Jersey. Additionally, Morris County has one of the lowest recycling contamination rates in the state.

Keep up the good work, follow your municipality's local recycling guidelines, and keep recycling right in Morris County!

For more information on recycling, visit  
[www.MCMUA.com](http://www.MCMUA.com)





# RECYCLE COACH

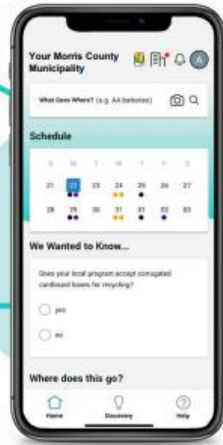
Find your Waste and Recycling information on Morris County's Recycle Coach App.

We've partnered with Recycle Coach to help you quickly find the information you need 24/7 through Mobile or on the Web.

## What Goes Where Tool

Use the search tool either by typing in an item or taking a picture of it to find out disposal instructions. It includes drop-off locations, event details, and collection requirements.

Weekly poll/quiz to test your Recycling Knowledge!



## Personalized Collection Schedule and Pick-Up Reminders

Set reminders for your pick-up schedule through in-app notifications or email.

## Special add-ons include:

- ✓ Receive Emergency and non-emergency notifications
- ✓ Available in Spanish and English

Download the App today!

1. Scan the **QR Code** and download Recycle Coach from the App Store or Google Play.
2. Open the App, and when prompted to search location, **enter your Municipalities name**.
3. Click your **preferred language** and enter your address.

Now you are all set-up! Welcome to Recycle Coach!



SCAN ME



MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

**SINGLE-STREAM all-in-one RECYCLING**

The Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority "all-in-one," single-stream recycling collection program allows cans, bottles, cardboard and all other paper to be mixed together for recycling. All of these items can go into one recycling container.

**Paper Cardboard Aseptic cartons**

**Plastic containers coded**

**Aluminum cans, foil, pie plates, trays, metal cans\***

**Glass jars & bottles\*\***

**IMPORTANT**

- All items must be empty, dry, and free of food residue.
- All material must be loose in a container, not in a bag.
- Do not tie cardboard or newspaper.
- Styrofoam is not acceptable in this program.
- No plastic bags or film.
- No shredded paper.

**DON'T BAG Recyclables**

NO PLASTIC BAGS IN RECYCLING

**MORRIS COUNTY'S ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE**

AUTORIDAD MUNICIPAL DE UTILIDADES DEL CONDADO DE MORRIS

**SINGLE-STREAM all-in-one RECYCLING**

El programa "Todo-en-uno" de la autoridad municipal de utilidades del Condado de Morris. El programa se enfoca en colección de reciclaje de flujo único el cual permite latas, botellas, cartón y cualquier otro papel estar mezclado todo junto cuando se recicla. Todos estos componentes pueden ir en una sola caneca.

**Papel Cartón Cartón Aseptico**

**Contenedores de plástico**

**Canecas de aluminio, papel aluminio, platos de torta, bandejas, canecas metálicas\***

**Jarras de vidrio o botellas\*\***

**IMPORTANTE**

- Todos los objetos deben estar vacíos, secos, y libres de residuos.
- Todos los materiales deben estar sueltos en un contenedor, no en una bolsa.
- No amarrar el cartón ni el periódico.
- El isopor no es aceptado en este programa.
- No bolsas plásticas.
- No papel triturado.

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**RECURSOS AMBIENTALES DEL CONDADO DE MORRIS**

**DO NOT PUT INTO THE RECYCLING RECEPTACLE**

**MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY**

To recycle electronics or Household Hazardous Waste, make an appointment at [WWW.MCMUA.COM](http://WWW.MCMUA.COM)

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**LOS SIGUIENTES OBJETOS NO VAN ADENTRO DE LOS RECIPIENTES DE RECICLAJE**

**MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY**

Para reciclar electrónicos o residuos domésticos peligrosos, haga una cita en [WWW.MCMUA.COM](http://WWW.MCMUA.COM)

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# Boonton Town Metrics.

## ▶ Administration inspection efforts:

- ▶ 203 recycling setouts tagged and left curbside for non-collection.
- ▶ 37 recycling corrections were performed curbside with a generator following education.
- ▶ 58 locations were assessed for minor recycling errors. They were sent a good practices letter with follow-up education.
- ▶ 32 locations were provided with a “Star Recycler” door hanger.

## ▶ Data from Recycle Coach:

- ▶ The number of application users increased by 7% and were interested in furthering good recycling habits with the free program.
- ▶ Interactions with the app increased by 9%, and those searches were for items marked out of compliance in curbside recycling setouts.



# Boonton Town Results Example

- ▶ In general, recycling setouts were in decent shape with minor contamination and a handful with more significant problems.
  - ▶ This tells us our previous educational efforts and our curbside crews' inspection efforts before our inspections have positively impacted the quality of recyclables set out by the municipality's recycling generators.
  - ▶ This is a significant improvement, as our curbside crews reported over a year ago that the town had a significant amount of contaminated recycling.





# THANK YOU!

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