Morris County Municipal Authority

Recycling Coordinators Meeting

October 21, 2026

The Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (MCMUA) hosted an in-person Recycling Coordinator meeting on Wednesday, October 21, 2026. The meeting location was the MCMUA Mount Olive Transfer Station, 168 Gold Mine Road, Flanders, NJ 07836. Attendees were directed to park at the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Facility. The meeting was held from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM with a total of 27 recorded attendees. Of these attendees, 13 are designated Municipal Recycling Coordinators (MRC) for Morris County. 4 attendees were seeking Public Health credits. The NJDEP requires all MRCs to attend one County-held meeting per year and 1 out of Morris County's 39 MRCs met this requirement by attending this meeting. The meeting was approved for 2 CRP meeting credits, 2 CPWM government credits, and 2 Public Health Continuing Education Credits (CEUs).

This meeting is the fifth and final MCMUA MRC meeting for the year 2026, focusing on recycling and solid waste operations so attendees can better understand how to assist residents with proper disposal techniques.

Welcome & Introductions

Attendees were welcomed by Anthony Marrone, Morris County Recycling Coordinator, and began signing into the meeting at 10:00am in the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) trailer.

HHW Appointments Website Demonstration

Steve Adams, MCMUA Hazardous and Vegetative Waste Manager, intended to have a live, website demonstration for MRCs to understand how to direct residents to schedule an online HHW appointment at the MCMUA permanent facility located at the Mt. Olive Transfer Station, 168 Gold Mine Road, Flanders, NJ 07836. Visual directions to the HHW facility are shown here. Due to a technical issue with the website, attendees were unable to view the process.



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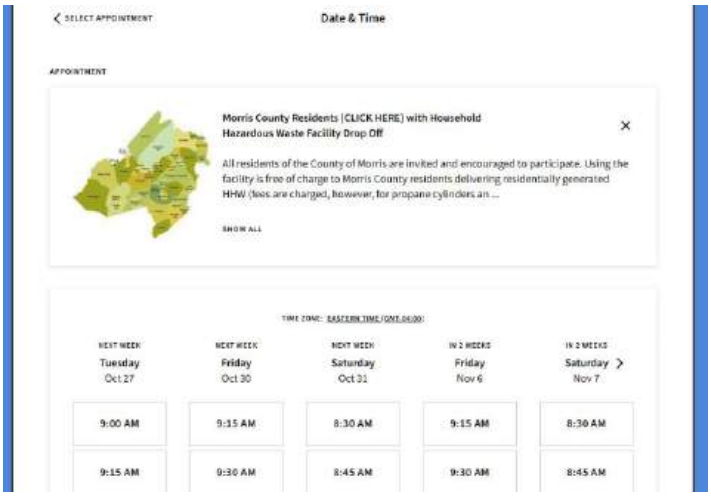
To schedule an appointment at the MCMUA HHW Facility, follow the directions below:



1. From the MCMUA main page, click or visit MCMUA - HHW Facility at https://mcmua.com/sw_hhw_pfac.asp



2. Direct town residents to click the BOOK button next to “Morris County Residents”



3. Residents are able to then choose a date and time to book their appointment by clicking one of the below options.



4. Residents can fill in their personal information below, which includes contact, costumer, and material information. Residents can complete the appointment registration by selecting the CONFIRM APPOINTMENT button at the bottom of the page.

Residents may be contacted prior to their appointment.

Residents can also scan the following QR code to schedule an appointment

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HHW Facility Tour

Following the welcome and introductions, Adams spoke with attendees outside of the HHW trailer about how the facility and collection events operate, what is acceptable vs unacceptable materials, and the importance of appointments.

Adams explained that appointments are critical to operate the permanent HHW facility, as it allows the HHW team to pre-approve of materials entering the facility. For example, if they are unable to accept a material, residents would be informed ahead of time to avoid them driving out of their way with a potentially dangerous material. This also allows the team to know how much material will be dropped off for each appointment, as the facility has an operations team of up to four employees.

This differs from HHW collection events, which have teams made up of 30+ employees to assist with the large amount of attendees at these events. In a single event, as many as 800+ vehicles can participate. With no previous screening available for these events, employees must work through the material of each vehicle to determine what is able to be disposed of at the event.

Adams highlighted three main types of resident drop-offs: residents who drop off a small quantity of materials to ensure it is properly disposed, residents who are cleaning out a home of a deceased family member (oftentimes with large quantities of materials), or residents who move into the County who find unknown substances in their new homes. The latter two scenarios pose larger risks, as they oftentimes have large amounts of materials and are unaware of what the substances are.

The following is a general list of acceptable and unacceptable materials accepted at the facility. For a more detailed list, residents can visit MCMUA - Household Hazardous Waste or https://mcmua.com/sw_hhw.asp#acceptable.

Adams reviewed that damaged batteries are a large hazard, as they may be highly flammable and are highly expensive to dispose of. Containers can cost between $500-2,000. He stressed it is a balancing act to work with residents to accept as much as possible within reason.



HHW Collection Event Only
Acceptable Materials List

Battery Disposal Container

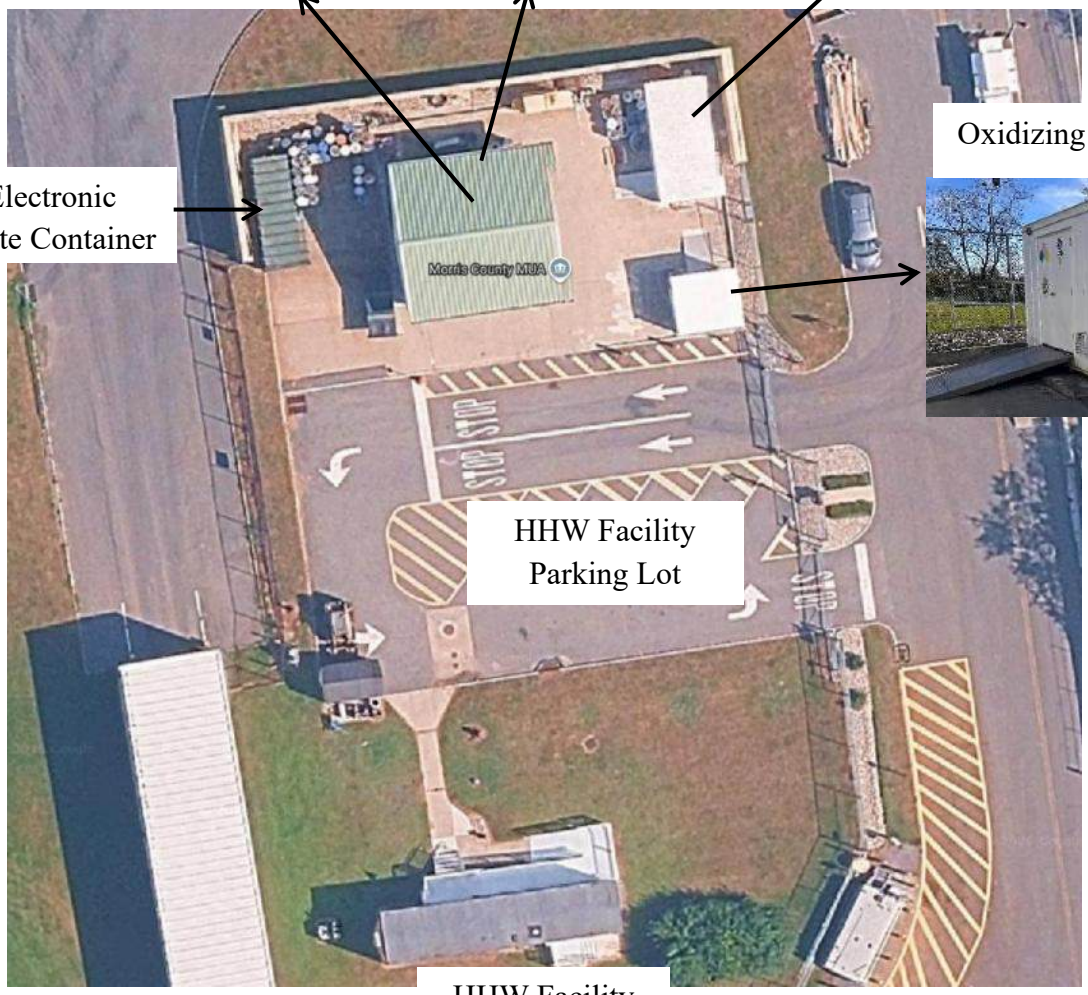


Used Cooking Oil Container



Corrosive, Flammable, and Hazardous Material Storage





Electronic Waste Container

Oxidizing Material Storage



HHW Facility Parking Lot

HHW Facility Trailer

Above is a general map of the MCMUA HHW facility. Residents should follow the signs and road markings into the facility and stop at the stop sign. Residents should remain in their vehicles and will be greeted by a HHW employee. They **SHOULD NOT** leave their vehicles to avoid accidental injuries.

Questions asked about this tour included the following:

Q: What is the current status of vapes and e-cigarette disposal?

A: These are not disposable at the MCMUA HHW Facility at this time due to liability concerns with haulers not properly recycling them. Haulers currently disposing in one of two ways: 1) manually breaking open the devices with a hammer or 2) incinerating entire device. This is due to batteries being embedded within the device, making them difficult to remove. Select companies, such as Terracycle, are working on launching vape and e-cigarette recycling programs.

Currently, New Jersey is looking into potential EPR laws to require non-disposable vapes and e-cigarettes. This would allow the batteries to be removed for proper disposal. California currently passing similar legislation.

Some cannabis shops may dispose of cannabis vapes and e-cigarettes. For a list of potential haulers, please contact Steve Adams at sadams@co.morris.nj.us.

Q: Are fire extinguishers accepted at the facility?

A: Yes, they are accepted dependent on their size. Fire extinguishers are either provided to the Safety Training Academy for training purposes, or hauled by a private hauling service.

Q: What are some unique items you have received?

A: A TV assembly kit from an old house, uranium salt, and other materials cleaned out from old homes. A majority of materials are motor oil, gasoline, and planting materials.

Mt. Olive Transfer Station Tour

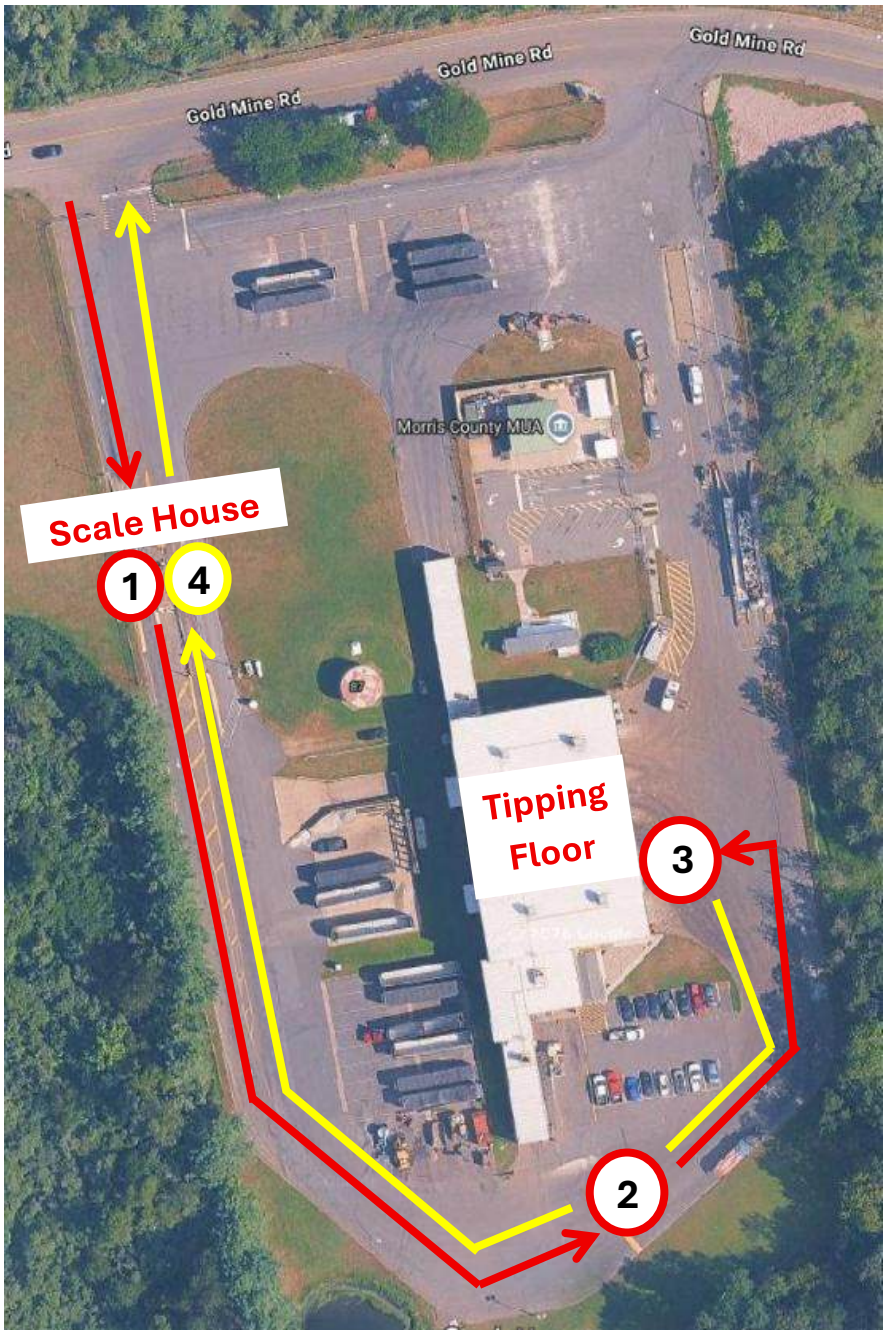
Justin Doyle, Transfer Station Manager at Mt. Olive, began explaining the history of the Mt. Olive Transfer Station at 11:00am. He explained how the facility was built in 1988/89 and began operating right away under Chambers Development Co., Inc. Both Transfer Stations in mount Olive and Parsippany-Troy Hills were later purchased by the MCMUA in 1995. The transfer station/materials recovery facility is located at 168 Gold Mine Road, one half mile west of Route 206. The hours of waste acceptance are 7:30 AM to 3:00 PM on Monday through Friday and 7:30 AM through 11:00AM on Saturday. Waste can be processed from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM on Monday through Friday and 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM on Saturday. The tipping floor is cleared by the end of the approved processing day (6:00 PM Monday through Friday and 3:00 PM on Saturday). The facility is closed on Sundays and the following holidays: New Year's Day; Independence Day; Memorial Day; Labor Day; Thanksgiving Day; and Christmas Day. The following types of wastes are accepted at the facility:

NJDEP

Waste Type	Description
10	Municipal Solid Waste (household, commercial and institutional)
13	Bulky Waste
13 C	Construction and Demolition Debris Waste
23	Vegetative Waste
25	Animal and Food Processing Wastes
27	Non-Hazardous Dry Industrial Waste

The Mount Olive Transfer Station is permitted to accept up to 975 tons of solid waste per day. Currently, the MCMUA has a contract for transportation and disposal of all solid waste from Morris County with Solid Waste Services dba J.P. Mascaro and Sons (JPM). JPM is contracted to bring the trash to the Keystone Sanitary Landfill located in Dunmore, PA for disposal.

Steps for dropping off trash is as follows:



1. Residents should drive their personal vehicles to the in-bound scale house. They should **not** use any rentals when disposing trash (i.e. U-Haul).

Here, their vehicle will be weighed, and payment (credit, debit, personal checks) will be determined.

2. At the orange line, wait until the Floor Inspector directs you to proceed to dump your trash.

3. Drive your vehicle to the tipping floor. **With a hard hat, safety vest, and steel- or closed-toed shoes, remove your garbage.**

4. Slowly drive your vehicle back towards the out-bound scale house. Here, your vehicle will be reweighed and payment will be confirmed.

Commercial vehicles must have a state license to be able to dump garbage at transfer station. Commercial vehicles must use an online account to pay for their disposal, while residents may use a cash account.

Commercial vehicles will also use an O&D form, which includes the truck number and license, type of waste, and town of origin. Waste collected at the transfer station includes type 10, 13, 13C, 25, and 27.

Karen Zuluaga, Registered Environmental Health Specialist, distributed an educational flyer at the end of the meeting to share how residents should bring in their waste material and raise awareness about proper solid waste disposal practices. The flyer provided valuable information on responsible waste management, including the importance of disposing of household waste appropriately, following local waste disposal guidelines, and helping prevent environmental pollution.



Overview of Vegetative Waste

Adams reviewed the vegetative waste sites, explaining what materials are accepted at each location and what has been accepted in the past. Examples include lake week, which was temporarily accepted in the past; leaves, which are accepted in the fall; and grass, which is accepted in the spring. Adams also explained how the sites use windrows to balance heat, moisture, and bacteria to break down materials into compost.

Residents are not permitted to drop off materials at this site. Residents must utilize available municipal resources for disposal or identify an alternative disposal option, such as a private landscaper.

Brush logs are converted into mulch; however, current demand for mulch is low. Individuals interested in obtaining mulch may contact Adams directly. Marketing services assist with selling available materials, and arrangements can also be made by contacting Adams to coordinate residential material delivery.

Questions asked about after the tour included the following:

Q: Are we still generous for extending leaf season?

A: Yes, typically the MCMUA is open to extending leaf season to work with nature's timeline. However, reach out to Steave at the end of the season for more updated info.