

# 2008-2009 SOMERSET COUNTY RECYCLING HOW-TO GUIDE



## How To Prepare

## Acceptable Items

	<p><b>NEWSPAPERS</b> Newspapers must be bundled and tied with string or twine.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Newspaper</li> <li>• Inserts that come w/newspaper, such as: comics, glossy coupons, TV/magazine sections &amp; colored food/store ads.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>GLASS BOTTLES, PLASTIC BOTTLES (1 &amp; 2), STEEL, BIMETAL &amp; ALUMINUM CANS</b> These items should be rinsed thoroughly and placed inside your recycling bucket. Only the items listed on the right are acceptable.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Glass bottles (all colors)</li> <li>• Glass jars (all colors)</li> <li>• Steel cans</li> <li>• Bimetal cans</li> <li>• Aluminum cans</li> <li>• Plastic water bottles</li> <li>• Plastic soda bottles</li> <li>• Plastic detergent bottles</li> <li>• Plastic milk containers</li> <li>• Plastic bottles with a #1 or #2 in a recycling triangle, and with a neck smaller than the body</li> </ul>
	<p><b>OTHER PAPER/JUNK MAIL</b> Other paper should be placed in a brown paper bag or cardboard box and placed next to your blue bucket.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Magazines</li> <li>• Writing/school paper</li> <li>• All envelopes</li> <li>• Copy paper</li> <li>• Paperback books</li> <li>• Hardcover books w/hard covers removed</li> <li>• Catalogs</li> <li>• Phone books</li> <li>• Store fliers w/ mailing labels</li> <li>• Office paper</li> <li>• Non-metallic gift wrap</li> <li>• Greeting cards</li> </ul>
	<p><b>CORRUGATED CARDBOARD &amp; CHIPBOARD</b> Corrugated cardboard must be cut into 2 ft. x 2 ft. squares and tied with string or twine. Please include chipboard with corrugated cardboard. Place tied bundle (chipboard &amp; cardboard) next to your recycling bucket.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Corrugated cardboard</li> <li>• Brown bags</li> <li>• Chipboard: Boxes- cereal, cookie, pasta, cake, cracker, detergent (remove plastic liners), gift, shoe, shirt or any retail boxes. Poster board &amp; backing on writing pads.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>BATTERIES</b> Place dry-cell batteries only in sealed plastic zip-top bags and place inside your recycling bucket.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Radio batteries</li> <li>• Toy batteries</li> <li>• Watch batteries</li> <li>• Calculator batteries</li> </ul>

**For more information about curbside collection call the Recycling Center at 732-469-3363**

Recyclables are the property of Somerset County when placed at the curb. Please notify your local police department or the Somerset County Recycling Center if anyone other than county employees removes recyclables from your curb. Theft of recyclable materials is illegal.

## RECYCLING... DO IT RIGHT!

### IT'S OK TO RECYCLE...

**PLASTIC: PETE bottles** - These are marked with a number 1 inside a recycling triangle. Colors are usually clear, green or brown. Examples: Soda or liquor bottles, pourable salad dressing bottles.

**HDPE bottles** - These are marked with a number 2 inside a recycling triangle. Can be translucent or various colors. Examples: Milk, juice, water bottles; soap, detergent, bleach, cleaning-agent bottles.



### WHAT NOT TO RECYCLE...

**PLASTIC:** Motor oil bottles • Antifreeze bottles • Toys • Plastic bags • Pesticide containers • Ceramics • Dishes • Glassware • Pool chemical containers • Plastic cups, plates, knives, forks, spoons, Styrofoam® cups, plates, trays • Flower pots • Beer balls • Prescription and vitamin bottles • Containers (like margarine tubs, diaper wipes and yogurt may be marked #1 or #2, they are NOT acceptable).

**PAPER:** Waxed paper • Tissue paper • Napkins • Paper towels • Pizza boxes • Frozen food boxes • Paper plates • Cups • Metallic & plastic coated paper • Styrofoam® • Paper with metal objects (file folders, binders, etc.)



### Christmas Tree Recycling

The Somerset County Park Commission will accept Christmas trees from December 26, 2008 through January 31, 2009 at North Branch Park, Parking Lot A, in Bridgewater or Colonial Park, Parking Lot F, in Somerset. For more information about Christmas tree recycling, call 908-722-9292, press 6, or call your local municipal building for information.



## Recycling Buckets



Please keep your recycling buckets clean! All Somerset County residents are asked to thoroughly clean and rinse their recycling buckets periodically with hot, soapy water. Clean buckets attract fewer pests and reduce offensive odors.

Residents are reminded to rinse all bottles, jars and cans before placing them in the buckets. This maintains a sanitary container. Clean recyclables also are more desirable as they are considered a higher quality by the recycling mills, which purchase materials.

If your household needs additional buckets, they can be purchased for \$10 each. Please call the Recycling Center at 732-469-3363 for further information.

### Curb Hunger Program

Somerset County will be collecting canned food donations in June. Please put CANNED food donations in the bag tied to your recycling bucket, or any plastic grocery bag. Place them at the curb on your recycling pickup days in June.

**Canned Goods ONLY**  
**NO Glass • NO Perishables**

Questions? Call 908-344-5571  
[www.curbinghunger.org](http://www.curbinghunger.org)

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