

ATTENTION SOMERSET COUNTY RESIDENTS!

While recycling alone cannot solve New Jersey's garbage problem, recycling programs have a significant effect on reducing the volume of waste going to landfills and preserving our natural resources. According to the most recent information from NJDEP, Somerset County is falling behind other counties in recycling tonnage and our citizens' participation rate.

In order to increase the recycling rate, residents must cooperate by recycling all designated materials curbside. Curbside recycling provides the most convenient means for households to recycle a variety of materials. These materials are worth money to the County and every time you recycle the designated materials you help raise the participation rate and help offset the costs of the recycling program. The more you recycle, the higher the recycling rate and the less the program costs the taxpayer!

Starting January 1, 2012, Somerset County will expand its curbside program to accept all empty pizza boxes. No food waste is to be included in pizza boxes.

Please remember, the curbside program accepts all plastic bottles and containers that are imprinted on the bottom with #1- #7. Examples of acceptable plastics bottles #1- #7 are: water, soda, milk, juice, soap, detergent, bleach, shampoo and cleaning-agent bottles. You may also include peanut butter, yogurt and diaper-wipe containers, margarine tubs and clear plastic clam-shell containers from salad bars.

Please note:

- Somerset County does not recycle #6 polystyrene (Styrofoam®) containers.
- To increase the efficiency of plastics recycling, rinse all plastics, remove the caps and crush all bottles to save space.
- When shopping, choose plastic containers you know you can recycle as opposed to ones that must be thrown in the trash.

NEW MATERIAL ADDED TO THE FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH DROP-OFF

Starting January 1, 2012, the First Saturday of the Month drop-off program will now accept for recycling empty, dried, steel paint cans with no free-flowing product. **No plastic paint cans or 5-gallon pails accepted.** Please see page 2 for drop-off dates.

2012 Backyard Composting Workshops

Wednesday, April 4, 2012

Somerset County 4-H Center
310 Milltown Road, Bridgewater
10 -11:30 am & 6:30 - 8 pm

Thursday, Sept. 13, 2012

Somerset County Training Academy
402 Roycefield Road, Hillsborough
10 -11:30 am & 6:30 - 8 pm

For more information or to register call 908-231-7109.