

RECYCLING PLAN

Borough of Surf City

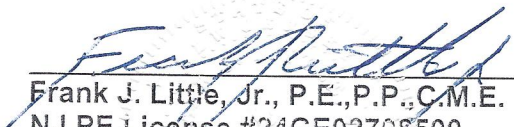
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Surf City Borough Recycling Plan Element

This recycling element is intended to provide guidance for the efficient management, containment, processing and reuse of recyclable materials. The purpose of recycling is to reduce the amount of waste going to landfills and reuse materials, which protects the environment and helps to conserve natural resources.

The Ocean County Department of Solid Waste Management maintains a list of items required to be recycled under New Jersey law. The Borough of Surf City administers its own recycling program and recycled materials are collected via curbside collection or through Bulk Pickup weekly year round. No call is necessary to the Borough for a bulk pickup as it is completed the same day as curbside pickup. This list is as follows:

Residential Sector - Picked up curbside unless otherwise noted.

- Aluminum and tin cans
- Glass Containers
- Plastic beverage containers
- Newspapers (bundled with string and stacked)
- Leaves
- Brush (i.e., tree limbs/branches bundled in 3 FT lengths weighing 40 lbs or less)
- Mixed Paper
- Auto Batteries (Bulk Pickup)
- Motor oil *
- Gasoline **
- White Goods, i.e., large household items (Bulk Pickup)
- Tires (Bulk Pickup) or *
- Concrete, cement blocks, bricks, asphalt (curbside if project completed by homeowner)
- Paint Cans (Empty Dry) *
- Ferrous Containers (Bulk Pickup)

Commercial and Institutional Sectors - All of the above and the following:

- Cardboard
- High grade office paper
- Stumps and tree trunks *
- Concrete, cement blocks, bricks, asphalt - * (Responsibility of Contractor)
- Ferrous or non-ferrous scrap (Bulk Pickup) *

* - Drop at Southern Ocean County Recycling Center during normal business hours

** - Drop off at designated Public Works facilities during the Ocean County Household Waste Disposal Program. Dates can be obtained from the Ocean County Solid Waste Management Office.

To promote recycling Borough-wide, recycling containers are available either on the beach or at the street ends during the tourist season.

Recycled materials may also be delivered to the Southern Recycling Center, which is located by the State Motor Vehicle Inspection Station at the intersection of Recovery Road and Hay Roads (off Route 72) in Manahawkin, Stafford Township.

Residents may drop off the following recyclables at the recycling center 24 hours per day.

- Aluminum and tin cans
- Glass Containers
- Plastic beverage containers
- Aerosol cans
- Newspapers
- Mixed Paper and residential cardboard

However, the recycling of the following materials is restricted to the regular operating hours of 7:30am to 3:00pm Monday through Saturday:

- Household dry cell batteries and auto batteries
- Motor Oil
- Oil Filters
- Antifreeze
- Tires
- Empty steel paint cans
- Boat shrink wrap
- Telephone books
- Computers
- Cell Phones
- Leaves
- Light brush
- Christmas trees

As of February 4, 2008, all mixed paper and cardboard, with the exception of telephone books, does not have to be bundled and can instead be placed in a designated container for curbside pickup. This change is possible due to a newly constructed commingled separation system at the Ocean County Recycling Center. This system is being enacted with the goal that more people will recycle if the burden of separating recyclable items is diminished.

Other

- Medical waste is to be handled by private disposal company only
- Propane tanks can be handled one of four ways:
 1. Left curbside for bulk pickup
 2. Return to where the tank was originally purchased for disposal
 3. Drop off at Modern Gas in Manahawkin for a nominal fee
 4. Drop off during the Ocean County Hazardous Waste Disposal Program held twice per year at varying Public Works garages. Contact the Ocean County Department of Solid Waste Management for dates.

Issues

1. The need to continually reassess and reevaluate the recycling system to address the waste stream, disposal and recycling market.
2. As a means to further reduce the amount of solid waste and recyclable materials that require processing, green building techniques should be emphasized in remodels and new construction.

Recommendations

1. The Borough should increase the recycling awareness throughout the municipality through school programs, outreach, and increased recycling containers in high traffic areas such as business districts.
2. The Borough's Building Department and Land Use Review Board could increase awareness of green building techniques by including handouts with all construction permits and Land Use Board applications.

Conclusion

Since the Borough of Surf City is almost fully developed, it is unlikely that 50 or more units of single family residential housing or 25 or more units of multi-family residential housing will be constructed. However, the current ordinance would support recycling in a development of this magnitude. In addition, all commercial and industrial properties utilizing 1,000 SF or more of land are currently addressed under the Borough's recycling ordinance. Therefore, no new recycling regulations are necessary.

The Borough should continue to administer its recycling program to achieve the County and State Goals of 50 percent for Municipal Solid Waste and 60 percent for total solid waste and coordinate efforts with Ocean County and surrounding municipalities to explore new and innovative ways to collect, store, process, and recycle materials. Recycling is an important element in maintaining a clean environment while at the same time conserving resources.