Press Release for Immediate Distribution

Township of Long Hill

May 5, 2022

The Township of Long Hill (and the Morris County Municipality Utilities Authority's (MCMUA) Recycling Department) will begin random inspections of residential curbside recycling containers effective May 9, 2022.

In an effort to capture only acceptable materials during curbside recycling collections, the MCMUA (or the municipality) will implement a "Tag-it and Leave-it" inspection program in the municipality. Due to recent enforcement of rigorous restrictions banning unacceptable materials in curbside recycling bins, the MCMUA has been assessing contaminants in the recycling stream.

The most common and problematic unacceptable materials (contaminants) found mixed with acceptable recyclables include, plastic bags, plastic film/plastic packaging, foam (Styrofoam), hangers (plastic, metal, wood), food waste, wood scraps, and plastic bottles/containers coded #3, #4, #6 & #7 (only plastic bottles/containers coded #1, #2 & #5 are acceptable).

• For curbside collection, recyclables must be loose in a reusable container with handles (lids are strongly recommended to reduce moisture and to prevent litter)
• Recyclables must be empty, clean and dry (no food residue)

The MCMUA's updated guidelines for the proper preparation of recyclables exclude shredded paper, pizza boxes, aerosol or pressurized cans, and paint cans. The plastics acceptability guidelines limit plastic recycling collection to only bottles/containers coded #1, #2 & #5.

Due to strict requirements for collecting only acceptable materials in the recycling stream, the MCMUA will leave those recycling set-outs with unacceptable items in the recycling containers at the curb. After, contaminated recyclables are left at the curb, residents will have to CORRECT the issues and wait until the next scheduled collection day to put their now acceptable recyclables out for curbside collection.
The main goal is to make your bottles, cans, paper and cardboard into other products that can be used over and over again. Contaminated loads are rejected at the materials recycling facility, and cannot be separated into the individual materials that make up the recycling stream. Cleaner loads result in less cost while rejected loads, due to contamination, result in a greater cost for all involved.

When in doubt, throw it out and keep the acceptable recyclables clean, empty and dry! For additional information, and to obtain the recycling flyers and trash or recycling decals for your containers, please visit www.MCMUA.com or contact your municipal recycling coordinator at 908-647-0070.
RECYCLE RESPONSIBLY

Prepare material properly

◊ Use a lid to prevent the wind from blowing recyclables out of your container(s). Lids will prevent rain and snow from getting into your container(s).
◊ If your recyclable material does not fit into one container, use more than one so that loose material is not sticking out. Never use a plastic bag.
◊ Flatten corrugated cardboard boxes and stack them into reusable containers or into another cardboard box.
◊ All recyclable materials must be empty, clean, dry, and free of food residue.
◊ Containers with contamination may not be collected. Remove contamination by next scheduled recycling day for pick up by the recycling crews.
◊ Recycling containers must be at the curb by 6:00 AM on the day of collection.
◊ Report missed recycling collection by 10:00 AM the day following collection.

Use properly sized containers

◊ The weight limit for a single container is 50 pounds when full.
◊ It is recommended that containers be no larger than 32 gallons each to avoid exceeding the weight limit. Use multiple containers if necessary.
◊ Retail stores sell recycling carts with wheels that are too big. They will exceed the 50 pound weight limit when full. Do NOT use large 64 and 95 gallon carts.
◊ Containers must have handles.

Only recycle what is acceptable

◊ Be careful to follow the recycling guidelines as advertised by your town and on the MCMUA’s website at www.MCMUA.com. Guidelines provide specific details about the materials that are and are not acceptable.
◊ Unacceptable materials increase the cost of operation and lower the value of recyclables. Your cooperation with these guidelines is greatly appreciated.
◊ If you have questions or would like recycling decals for your container, please contact your town’s recycling coordinator or the MCMUA at 973-659-3490 or visit www.mcmua.com.
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.

All items must be empty, dry, and free of food residue.
No liquids
No cups
No plastic items smaller than 8-ounce yogurt cups; for example, do not recycle small plastic caps or pill bottles
No VHS/VCR tapes
No hangers
No hardcover books
No flower pots or trays
No plant material or food waste
No window panes, mirrors, glass vases, ceramics, or Pyrex® dishes
No glass, plastics or metal other than what is listed
No electronic waste (batteries, cell phones, computers, etc.)
No paint, pesticides, oil and cleaners
No waxed paper
No waxed cardboard
No Styrofoam™ or paper to go containers
No stickers or address label sheet waste
No spray pumps or nozzles
No straws
No motor oil, gas or anti-freeze containers
No clothing, textiles, or shoes
No hoses
No diapers
No garbage
Do not tie newspapers or cardboard
No pizza boxes
No aerosols or pressurized containers
No plastic bags
No shredded paper
DO NOT PUT INTO THE RECYCLING RECEPTACLE

- No clay pots, window panes, mirrors, glass vases, ceramics, light bulbs, Pyrex®
- No plastics coded V LDPE PS OTHER
- No plastic wrap or drink wrap
- No spray pumps, nozzles, straws
- No plastic bags
- No flower pots or trays
- No batteries
- No VHS/VCR tapes, CDs/DVDs
- No shredded paper
- No hoses
- No insulation box liners
- No hardcover books
- No aerosol or pressurized containers
- No auto, paint, gas containers
- No propane tanks
- No electronics
- No clothing, shoes, flip flops, textiles
- No metal appliances, pots, pans
- None of the above

No liquids • No garbage • No small plastic caps
No plastic items smaller than an 8-ounce yogurt cup • No scrap metal • No cups
No pesticides • No oil or cleaners • No stickers/label sheet waste • No plant material
No food waste • No waxed cardboard or waxed paper • No items that can be plugged in

No plastic bags

To recycle electronics or Household Hazardous Waste, make an appointment at

WWW.MCMUA.COM

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