

# Single Stream Recycling to Begin Jan. 1

## Single stream recycling means EVERYTHING GOES IN ONE CONTAINER!

The Atlantic County Utilities Authority (ACUA) is implementing single stream recycling as of January 1, 2009. Single stream means people no longer need to keep bottles and cans separate from paper and cardboard; all materials can be combined in the same recycling container. This new program should make recycling even easier for residents, and especially for businesses and schools. In addition, the ACUA will also expand its recycling program by including more types of plastic.

#### More items to recycle

The ACUA has been investigating this new model for several years, and has changed its operations to reduce costs and improve efficiencies. Recycling in Atlantic County has changed from the initial three "streams" (paper and cardboard, metal and glass, plastics) when the ACUA's collection service began in 1988, to "dual stream" recycling in 1992, when the ACUA's Recycling Facility opened. For the past 16 years, residents and businesses have needed only to separate paper from bottles and cans. Moving to single stream recycling and including more plastics, the ACUA hopes that participation will increase, and Atlantic County will increase its lead as a county with one of the highest recycling rates (currently 55 percent) in the State.

## ACUA MISSION STATEMENT

The Atlantic County Utilities Authority is responsible for enhancing the quality of life through the protection of waters and lands from pollution by providing responsible waste management services.

The Authority is an environmental leader and will continue to use new technologies, innovations and employee ideas to provide the highest quality and most cost effective environmental services.

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## Recycling Center no longer separates materials

In March, the ACUA ceased operating its Recycling Center as a materials separation facility. This change has allowed us to reduce staff, energy and maintenance costs.

#### **Reduced costs, fewer emissions**

Single stream recycling enables the ACUA to reduce collection costs. Since a specialized truck with separate compartments for different materials is not needed, recycling can be collected in a trash truck or "packer." Packer trucks hold up to three times more material than the Labrie recycling trucks used by the ACUA. This means that the truck can cover more stops and collect more material before driving back to the ACUA to unload. This saves gas, man hours, and money. For the

ACUA, this also means there is only one type of fleet to maintain, further improving efficiencies. As the ACUA converts its fleet to run on compressed natural gas (CNG) the fuel savings, along with emissions reductions, will increase.

#### Recycle plastics numbered 1 - 7

As a further enhancement and as a result of these changing markets for materials, the ACUA will now be able to accept plastic types with the recycling symbol and the numbers 1 to 7. Previously, plastic containers with the recycling symbol and the number 1 PET (Polyethylene terephthalate) or number 2 HDPE (high-density polyethylene) designations were recycled. Now, additional plastic materials including yogurt cups, margarine tubs and other containers with a number 1 through 7 can be recycled curbside. This is a great opportunity for residents to increase the amount of materials they recycle, which in turn, reduces how much trash is generated and the cost of trash disposal paid by the municipality. The only plastics not collected curbside are styrofoam, plastic bags, items with no numbers and rigid plastics. See rigid plastic information on page 5.

For more information on single stream recycling and what can be recycled, please visit www.acua.com or call 609.272.6950.





# ALL TOGETHER NOW

Single Stream Recycling means putting EVERYTHING IN ONE CONTAINER



#### **PLASTICS**

Recycle #'s

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Soda Bottles, Detergent Containers, Shampoo Bottles, Milk/Orange Juice Containers, Yogurt/Margarine & other plastic food containers.



#### **METALS**

Aluminum Cans Steel & Tin Cans (Soup, Tuna, Pet Food, Vegetables, etc. **Empty Paint Cans** (lids removed)



#### GLASS

All Glass Bottles and Jars, all colors.



#### **CARDBOARD**

(flattened) Corrugated Cardboard Pizza Boxes (remove any food residue); other boxes: Cereal, Food Boxes, Gift Boxes, Shoe Boxes



Newspaper, Office Paper (all colors)

Computer / Copier paper Magazines / Catalogues,

Paper Bags, Junk Mail, Phone Books, Paperback Books, Shredded Paper, Hardback Books (covers removed), Egg Cartons (paper, not styrofoam)



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**Note:** Every ACUA residential customer is entitled to one recycling bucket per year

#### **DO NOT RECYCLE THESE**

plastic bags, styrofoam, aluminum foil, wax-coated material, mugs, vases and bulbs

# New materials to recycle!

## **Plastics**

As of January 1, 2009, recycle any plastic container with a recycling symbol and a number between 1 and 7. PLEASE no styrofoam or plastic bags!

## **Recycle only these numbers:**



#### Plastic containers include:

- Baby Wipe Containers
- Flower Pots (3 gallon size max.)
- Plastic Tubs, Trays, Pails
- Microwave Trays
- Medicine Bottles
- Food Containers
- Yogurt, Cream Cheese, Margarine Containers, etc.

### If no recycling number, do not recycle



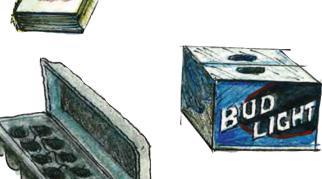
## **Paper & Cardboard**

Paper includes:

- Hardback Books (covers removed)
- Beer and Soda Cases
- Egg Cartons (paper)
- All Food Boxes



Newspaper, Office Paper (all colors) Computer / Copier paper Magazines / Catalogues Paper Bags, Junk Mail **Phone Books** Paperback Books **Shredded Paper** 









plastic bags, styrofoam, aluminum foil, wax-coated material, mugs, vases, bulbs, any plastic container without a recycling symbol

## **Residential Recycling Collection Schedule**

## Please place materials curbside by 7 a.m.

#### **Absecon**

#### **JANUARY '09**

Tue. Jan. 13, 27 – Recycling Tues. Jan. 6 – Yard Waste Sector A Wed. Ian. 7 – Yard Waste Sector B Yard Waste Sec. A (includes East side of

Shore Rd. to the bay, North Curran to WHP, South WHP to California Ave.) Yard Waste Sec. B (incl. West side of Shore Rd. to Galloway Twp. border, Upland

#### **FEBRUARY '09**

Tues. Feb. 10, 24 – Recycling Tues. Feb. 10, 24 – Yard Waste Sector A Wed. Feb. 11, 25 – Yard Waste Sector B

#### MARCH 409

Tue. Mar. 10, 24 – Recycling Tue. Mar. 10, 24 - Yard Waste Sector A Wed. Mar. 11, 25 – Yard Waste Sector B

#### **Atlantic City**

#### **JANUARY '09**

Wed. Jan. 7, 21 – Recycling

#### **FEBRUARY '09**

Wed. Feb. 4, 18 - Recycling

#### **MARCH '09**

Wed. Mar. 4, 18 – Recycling

#### **Brigantine**

#### **JANUARY '09**

Tue. Jan. 13, 27 – Recycling

#### **FEBRUARY '09**

Tues. Feb. 10, 24 – Recycling

#### **MARCH '09**

Tue. Mar. 10, 24 – Recycling

#### **Buena Borough**

#### **JANUARY '09**

Fri. Jan. 9, 23 - Recycling

**FEBRUARY '09** Fri. Feb. 6, 20 – Recycling

**MARCH '09** 

Fri. Mar. 6, 20 – Recycling

#### **Buena Vista Twp.**

#### **JANUARY '09**

Fri. Jan. 9, 23 – Recycling & Yard Waste\*

**FEBRUARY '09** 

Fri. Feb. 6, 20 – Recycling

#### **MARCH '09**

Fri. Mar. 6, 20 – Recycling & Yard Waste\*

\*yard waste collected in Collings Lakes, Newtonville, Cedar Gal

#### **Egg Harbor City**

#### **JANUARY '09**

Wed. Jan. 14, 28 - Recycling

#### **FEBRUARY '09**

Wed. Feb. 11, 25 – Recycling

#### **MARCH '09**

Wed. Mar. 11, 25 - Recycling & Yard Waste

#### **Egg Harbor Twp. - North**

Includes all homes along the Black Horse Pike and streets north (towards Absecon)

#### **JANUARY '09**

Wed. Jan. 7, 21 – Recycling

#### **FEBRUARY '09**

Wed. Feb. 4, 18 – Recycling

#### **MARCH '09**

Wed. Mar. 4, 18 – Recycling

#### Egg Harbor Twp. - South

Includes streets south of the Black Horse Pike (towards Somers Point/Mays Landing Rd.), including all of West Atlantic City

#### **JANUARY '09**

Thurs. Jan. 8, 22 - Recycling

#### **FEBRUARY '09**

Thurs. Feb. 5, 19 – Recycling

#### **MARCH '09**

Thurs. Mar. 5, 19 – Recycling

#### **Egg Harbor Twp. - West**

South of Black Horse Pike, west of English Creek Ave. and north of Ocean Heights Ave.

#### **JANUARY 409**

Fri. Jan. 9, 23 – Recycling

#### **FEBRUARY '09**

Fri. Feb. 6, 20 – Recycling

#### **MARCH '09**

Fri. Mar. 6, 20 – Recycling

#### **Estell Manor**

#### **JANUARY '09**

Fri. Jan. 2; Thurs. Jan. 15, 29 - Recycling

#### **FEBRUARY '09**

Thurs. Feb. 12, 26 – Recycling

#### **MARCH '09**

Thurs. Mar. 12, 26 – Recycling

#### **Galloway Residents**

Please contact public works for recycling collection information at 652-9265

#### **Hamilton Twp.**

Sat. Jan. 3\*, Fri. Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30 – Yard Waste Wed. Jan. 14 - Metals\* Wed. Jan. 14, 28 – Recycling

#### **FEBRUARY '09**

Fri. Feb. 6 \*, 13, 20, 27 – Yard Waste Wed. Feb. 11 – Metals\* Wed. Feb. 11, 25 - Recycling

**MARCH '09** Fri. Mar. 6\*, 13, 20, 27 – Yard Waste Wed. Mar. 11 – Metals\*

#### Wed. Mar. 11, 25 – Recycling

\*Yard waste collected in entire Twp. Mizpah, Bears Head & Weymouth areas must call to schedule

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#### **Hammonton**

#### **JANUARY '09**

January 2, 12 – 16, 26 – 30 – Recycling

#### **FEBRUARY '09**

Feb. 9 – 13; 23 – 27– Recycling

#### MARCH '09

Mar. 9 - 13; 23 - 27 - Recycling

#### Linwood

#### **JANUARY 409**

Mon., Jan. 5; Fri. Jan. 16, 30 - Recycling Sat. Jan. 3, 10 – Yard Waste

#### **FEBRUARY '09**

Fri. Feb. 13, 27 - Recycling

#### **MARCH '09**

Fri. Mar. 13, 27 – Recycling Saturday, Mar. 7, 14, 21, 28 – Yard Waste

#### Longport

#### **JANUARY '09**

Mon. Jan. 5, 19 – Recycling

#### **FEBRUARY '09**

Mon. Feb. 2, 16 – Recycling

Mon. Mar. 2, 16, 30 – Recycling

#### **Margate**

#### **JANUARY '09**

Fri. Jan. 2; Thurs. Jan. 15, 29 - Recycling

#### **FEBRUARY '09**

Thurs. Feb. 12, 26 - Recycling

#### **MARCH '09** Thurs. Mar. 12, 26 – Recycling

### **Mullica Twp.**

**JANUARY '09** Fri. Jan. 2; Thurs. Jan. 15, 29 – Recycling

#### **FEBRUARY '09**

Thurs. Feb. 12, 26 – Recycling

#### **MARCH '09**

Thurs. Mar. 12, 26 - Recycling



#### **Northfield**

#### **JANUARY '09**

Tue. Jan. 6, 20 – Recycling

Yard Waste Sec. A – every Monday (Mill Road North)

Yard Waste Sec. B – every Saturday (Mill Road South)

#### **FEBRUARY '09**

Tue. Feb. 3, 17 – Recycling

Yard Waste Sec. A – every Monday Yard Waste Sec. B – every Saturday

**MARCH '09** 

Tue. Mar. 3, 17, 31 – Recycling Yard Waste Sec. A – every Monday **Yard Waste Sec. B – every Saturday** 

#### **Pleasantville**

#### **JANUARY '09**

Tue. Jan. 6, 20 – Recycling

#### **FEBRUARY '09** Tue. Feb. 3, 17 – Recycling

**MARCH '09** Tue. Mar. 3, 17, 31 – Recycling

#### **Somers Point**

#### **JANUARY '09**

Mon., Jan. 5; Fri. Jan. 16, 30 - Recycling

#### **FEBRUARY '09** Fri. Feb. 13, 27 – Recycling

**MARCH '09** Fri. Mar. 13, 27 - Recycling

#### Ventnor

#### **JANUARY '09**

Wed. Jan. 7, 21 – Recycling Mon. Jan. 12, 26 - Yard Waste

#### **FEBRUARY '09**

Wed. Feb. 4, 18 – Recycling Mon. Feb. 9, 23 – Yard Waste

Mon. Feb. 9, 23 – Yard Waste

#### **MARCH '09** Wed. Feb. 4, 18 – Recycling

#### **Weymouth Twp.**

**JANUARY '09** Fri. Jan. 2; Thurs. Jan. 15, 29 - Recycling Thurs. Jan. 15 – Belcoville Yard Waste

#### FERRUARY 409

Thurs. Feb. 12, 26 – Recycling Thurs. Feb. 19 – Belcoville Yard Waste

Thurs. Mar. 19 – Belcoville Yard Waste

**MARCH '09** Thurs. Mar. 12, 26 – Recycling

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