

# Things to know about recycling from Monmouth County

Municipalities in Monmouth County generate tons of garbage each year. Most of it is transported to the landfill in Tinton Falls, where it will stay forever. Special steps are taken to make sure that odor, pests and generated gases are controlled and that fluid run-off does not pollute our groundwater. Currently, only about 52% of the garbage in Monmouth County is recycled. Recyclable items do NOT go to the landfill, which saves money and protects the environment. Recycled items can also be made into new products.

**Learn more. Visit:**

[2018 Recycling Guide - co.monmouth.nj.us](http://co.monmouth.nj.us)



## Mandated Recyclables & Sorting PAPER

Such as cardboard shipping boxes (*waffle section between layers*), flattened; Mixed Paper including: chipboard (*cereal boxes*), white/color paper, junk mail, magazines, softcover books, wrapping paper/non-metallic and Newspapers including inserts are all accepted.

**NO:** grease/food stained cardboard (*pizza boxes*) or waxed cardboard, food wrappers, paper plates and cups, napkins, paper towels or items from food/hygiene use, newspaper used for pet waste or household projects.

## GLASS BOTTLES AND JARS

Food and beverage bottles and jars (no lids)

**NO:** ceramics, dishes, glassware, lightbulbs, windows

## METAL CANS

Aluminum cans, Tin cans and Bi-metal cans (*tin cans with aluminum lids*) are all accepted. Please rinse.

Non-hazardous aerosol cans are also accepted. Empty please. Labels are ok.

**NO:** aluminum foil, plates, trays or cookware or any metal scrap

## PLASTIC CONTAINERS

Sorting plastic helps produce high-quality recycled products. Manufacturers print a standard code (#1-7) on the bottom of every container. **ONLY** recycle Types #1 and #2 with a "pourable" neck smaller than the body.

No. 1 Polyethylene Terephthalate PET, PETE Soft drink, water, soda bottles or No. 2 High Density Polyethylene HDPE Detergent bottles

**NO:** plastic bags, margarine tubs, diaper wipes containers, yogurt cups, clear salad containers, food storage containers

## Not Recyclable Put in Regular Trash

### DRINKING GLASSES, DISHWARE, WINDOWS, ETC

Non-recyclable glass looks different because it's made from different ingredients and has different melting point. If a ceramic mug is put into a furnace with recyclable glass bottles, for instance, it will melt more slowly causing defects in the process.

**NON-RECYCLABLE PLASTIC CONTAINERS, #3 - #7**  
Margarine Tub, Diaper Wipes, Take-Out Plastics, Bottle Caps And Straws, Etc.

- No. 3 Polyvinyl Chloride PVC, V (*Example: Very hard plastic—what salad bar containers are made of*)
- No. 4 Low Density Polyethylene LDPE (*Example: Fresh produce bags, also used in dry cleaning*)
- No. 5 Polypropylene PP (*Example: Bottle caps, drinking straws, yogurt cups*)
- No. 6 Polystyrene (*Example: Styrofoam*)
- No. 7 Other Ex: Polycarbonate baby bottles.

### NON-RECYCLABLE PLASTIC CONTAINERS #1 - #2

Tupperware, Plastic containers with wrong size neck, Some containers, even if they have #1 or #2, are made from a different process, and **CANNOT** be recycled at this time. If the neck is the same size as the body, throw them in the regular trash, (*along with caps, which are made from yet another, harder plastic to withstand twisting/turning*).

**PLASTIC BAGS** These clog machines at the processing plants. Return to store or re-use.

### ALUMINUM FOIL, PLATES, TRAYS OR COOKWARE

Food Stained Pizza Boxes And Waxed Cardboard Food Wrappers, Paper Plates and Cups, Napkins, Paper Towels.



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