

## Events

### Borough-Wide Yard Sales

Pennington Borough: May 4; Hopewell Borough: June 8 and 9.

### Hopewell Township (Township Residents Only)

[hopewelltpw.org/173/Public-Works](http://hopewelltpw.org/173/Public-Works)

### **Electronics Collection & Document Shredding**

April 27 and October 5: 9 am - 1 pm.

**Freon appliance and tire collection days:** see web site.

### Hopewell Valley Green Team [hopewellvalleygreenteam.org](http://hopewellvalleygreenteam.org)

**Collection of clean white Styrofoam blocks used for shipping, Styrofoam egg containers, DVDs/CDs, wine bottle corks**

February 2 and September 7: 12- 3 pm.

In front of Toll Gate Grammar School, Pennington. In addition, a

**Document Shredding** truck will be available on September 7.

### Mercer County Improvement Authority [mcianj.org](http://mcianj.org)

**Document Shredding** February 23 and November 2: 9 am - 2 pm.

Lot 4 / 651 South Broad Street, Trenton.

### **Household Hazardous Waste & Electronics Collection**

March 30, June 29 and September 28: 8 am - 2 pm.

Dempster Fire School, 350 Lawrence Station Rd, Lawrence.

### Pennington Farmers Market [penningtonfarmersmarket.org](http://penningtonfarmersmarket.org)

**Collection of clean #5 plastic containers, wine bottle corks (made of real cork, not plastic ones), DVDs/CDs, Brita and Pur filters, dental care products (toothpaste tubes with cap, toothbrushes, floss containers etc.), Styrofoam egg containers, and button/cell batteries:** June 29, July 27, August 31, September 28, October 26:

9 am - 1 pm, Rosedale Mills, 101 Route 31 N, Pennington.



*Hopewell Valley Green Team, January 2019*

*Email questions or suggestions to [hvgreenteam@gmail.com](mailto:hvgreenteam@gmail.com)*

*Learn more about living sustainably at [hopewellvalleygreenteam.org](http://hopewellvalleygreenteam.org)*

## Recycling in Hopewell Valley 2019

### Curbside Recycling

**Mercer County Improvement Authority** 609 278-8086, [mcianj.org](http://mcianj.org)

<b>Dates</b> (schedule reminders: 'Recycle Coach' App <a href="http://recyclecoach.com">recyclecoach.com</a> )			
January 8, 22	April 2, 16, 30	July 9, 23	October 1, 15, 29
February 5, 19	May 14, 28	August 6, 20	November 12, 26
March 5, 19	June 11, 25	September 3, 17	December 10, 24

**Single Stream Recycling:** All recyclables can be mixed together.

**Do not put recyclables in plastic bags!** Call your Public Works department if you need more recycling buckets (Hopewell Twp. 609 537-0250, Hopewell 609 466-0168, Pennington 609 737-9440).

### **Accepted Materials in Curbside Recycling Bucket**

- Mixed paper, office paper and window envelopes
- Corrugated cardboard (flatten boxes)
- Telephone books and "soft" cover books
- Hard cover books (remove hard cover and put in trash)
- Glass, food and beverage jars/bottles (all colors)
- Aluminum and metal beverage containers, pet food cans
- Milk jugs, plastic beverage bottles, detergent and shampoo containers
- Juice boxes and juice/beverage cartons
- Plastics with a ♻️ or ♻️ symbol.

### **Materials Not Accepted in Curbside Recycling Bucket**

- PLASTIC BAGS and plastics with a ♻️, ♻️, ♻️, ♻️ or ♻️ symbol (but see "More Ways to Reuse or Recycle" for plastic bags and film, and for ♻️ plastic).
- Pizza boxes
- Light bulbs
- Aluminum foil/baking pans, bandage tins, cookie tins
- Drinking glasses, dishes and broken window glass,
- Ceramics and pottery
- Aerosol cans, motor oil and anti-freeze containers
- Clothes hangers (but see "More Ways to Reuse or Recycle")
- Carbon and waxed paper
- Tissue paper, napkins, paper plates and paper towels
- Styrofoam (but see "More Ways to Reuse or Recycle")

## More Ways to Reuse or Recycle

**Batteries - Button/Cell:** Pennington Farmers Market (see “Events”).

**Batteries - Rechargeable:** Home Depot, Lowe’s.

More information at: [call2recycle.org/locator](http://call2recycle.org/locator).

**Bikes:** NJ Bike Exchange, [bikeexchangenj.org/donate-your-bike.html](http://bikeexchangenj.org/donate-your-bike.html)

**Brita Products:** Pennington Farmers Market (see “Events”).

**Cell Phones:** phone companies and electronics stores.

**CFL Bulbs:** MCIA Household Hazardous Waste Collection (see “Events”), and some stores, e.g., Home Depot and Lowe’s.

**Clothes and Shoes** may be: 1) accepted by local consignment stores, 2) picked up by charities (check web sites), or 3) dropped off at one of the many collection boxes in Hopewell Valley, e.g., the outdoor boxes at all six schools of the Hopewell Valley Regional School District ([hvrsd.org/textiles](http://hvrsd.org/textiles)). The HVRSD boxes accept clothing regardless of quality (items must be dry, but stains and rips are no problem), as well as **sheets, blankets, curtains, towels, scrap fabric, pillows, stuffed toys, gloves, hats, handbags, belts and shoes** (but no carpet).

**Clothes Hangers:** Dry cleaners may take metal hangers back for reuse. Clothing stores can reuse hangers that are left at the store.

**Contact Lenses (disposable lenses and packaging):**

[bausch.com/our-company/one-by-one-recycling](http://bausch.com/our-company/one-by-one-recycling)

**Electronics:** MCIA and Hopewell Township (see “Events”), and some stores, e.g., [bestbuy.com/recycle](http://bestbuy.com/recycle).

**Eyeglasses and Sunglasses:** Lions Club boxes at Pennington Quality Market and Hopewell Township Library: [njlerc.org](http://njlerc.org).

**Fluorescent Bulbs:** MCIA Household Hazardous Waste Collection.

**Food Scraps:** Compost indoor or in your backyard, more information: [epa.gov/recycle/how-create-and-maintain-indoor-worm-composting-bin](http://epa.gov/recycle/how-create-and-maintain-indoor-worm-composting-bin); [mgofmc.org/here/wp-content/uploads/Compost\\_Flyer\\_2017.pdf](http://mgofmc.org/here/wp-content/uploads/Compost_Flyer_2017.pdf)

**Furniture:** HomeFront [homefrontnj.org/donate-food-furniture-and-clothing](http://homefrontnj.org/donate-food-furniture-and-clothing), Habitat ReStore [habitat.org/restores/donate-goods](http://habitat.org/restores/donate-goods)

**Ink Cartridges:** Staples, Office Depot/Office Max.

**Leaves and Brush:** Check with Public Works in your municipality.

**Medical Equipment:** [goodwillhomemedical.org/equipment-donation](http://goodwillhomemedical.org/equipment-donation).

**Medication:** 24/7 Drop off box at the Hopewell Township Police Department. [njconsumeraffairs.gov/meddrop](http://njconsumeraffairs.gov/meddrop).

**Plastic Bags and Film Packaging:** clean, dry plastic bags and film, free of food residue, are accepted by many stores, e.g., participants in

the Trex program (e.g., Stop and Shop; see [trex.com/recycling](http://trex.com/recycling)) accept a wide range of plastic bags and film packaging, including **bread bags, bubble wrap, case wrap, dry cleaning bags, grocery bags, ice bags, newspaper sleeves, plastic wrap around many products (e.g., around paper towels, napkins, etc.), produce bags, and zip-lock bags**. Peel or cut off paper labels before dropping off your bags/film.

**Plastic Bottles, Containers and Lids with a ♻️ Symbol:**

Preserve’s Gimme 5 Program ([preserve.eco](http://preserve.eco)). Drop off clean number 5 plastic at the Whole Foods Market in Princeton or the Pennington Farmers Market (see “Events”), or mail it to Preserve.

**Plastic Plant Trays, Pots and Tags:** Lowe’s Garden Centers.

**Refrigerators and Freezers:** [njcleanenergy.com](http://njcleanenergy.com), \$50 rebate, schedule pick-up online or call 866 657-6278. Room air conditioner and/or dehumidifier can be picked up along with a fridge or freezer.

**Stuffed Toys:** see “Clothes and Shoes” above.

**Styrofoam Egg Containers:** see “Events” Pennington Farmers Market and Hopewell Valley Green Team.

**Styrofoam Packing Peanuts:** Take back to shipping stores for reuse, e.g., Popcorn Packers in Pennington, UPS stores, or Mail Boxes Etc.

**Styrofoam Shipping Blocks:** see “Events” Hopewell Valley Green Team. Shipping blocks can also be dropped off at Princeton Moulding, 76 Fourth Street, Somerville NJ. Call ahead to make sure they will be open: 908 291-1180. This facility will also accept Styrofoam food containers if they are very clean and separate from other Styrofoam.

**Tires:** drop off at Mavis Discount Tire, Pennington (\$1.50/tire); for curbside pick-up, check with your Public Works department.

**Vehicle Waste (batteries, engine oil, hydraulic oil, transmission fluid):** [pepboys.com/auto-care/lifestyle/earth-day](http://pepboys.com/auto-care/lifestyle/earth-day)

**Yard Waste:** Compost in your backyard (see Food Scraps) and/or use municipal pick-up programs (for Hopewell and Pennington Boroughs).

## Other Tips

**Find more recycling solutions** at [Earth911.com](http://Earth911.com) and/or [TerraCycle.com](http://TerraCycle.com). (free recycling programs, zero waste boxes).

**Join a local Freecycle group** at [freecycle.org](http://freecycle.org) (e.g., Trenton and/or Princeton) and find a good home for what you no longer need.

**Buy products made from recycled materials.**

**Reduce overall consumption and opt for durable, reusable items.**