

## Events

### Hopewell Township (Township Residents Only)

#### **Electronics Collection & Paper Shredding**

April 4 and October 3: 9 am - 1 pm

**Freon appliances, tires:** collection dates listed at:

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

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

#### **Collection of clean white Styrofoam blocks used for shipping,**

**DVDs/CDs, wine corks** September 12: 12- 3 pm, Location TBD.

See also Pennington Farmers Market.

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

#### **Document Shredding** April 25 and October 17: 9 am - 12 pm

Lot 4 / across from 640 South Broad Street, Trenton

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

March 28, June 6 and September 19: 8 am - 2 pm

Dempster Fire School, 350 Lawrence Station Rd., Lawrence

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

The Hopewell Valley Green Team collects **clean #5 plastic containers,**

**dry and clean (free of food residue) plastic bags and wrap,**

**Brita water filters, button cell batteries, CDs/DVDs, dental care**

**products (toothpaste tubes with cap, toothbrushes, floss containers**

**etc.), and wine corks (not plastic)** on: June 27, July 25, Aug. 29, Sept.

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

### Yard Sales

Pennington Borough: May 2; Hopewell Borough: June 13 and 14.



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

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

Visit our booth at the Mercer Green Fest (March 14), Pennington Day

(May 16), the Hopewell Harvest Fair (Sept. 26) and/or the Pennington

Farmers Market (June-Oct, last Saturday of the month).

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## Recycling in Hopewell Valley 2020

### Curbside Recycling

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

Dates (schedule reminders: 'Recycle Coach' App <a href="http://recyclecoach.com">recyclecoach.com</a> )			
Jan. 7, 21	April 14, 28	July 7, 21	Oct. 13, 27
Feb. 4, 18	May 12, 26	Aug. 4, 18	Nov. 10, 24
March 3, 17, 31	June 9, 23	Sept. 1, 15, 29	Dec. 8, 22

**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 Township: 609 537-0250, Hopewell Borough: 609 466-0168, Pennington Borough: 609 737-9440).

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

- Mixed paper, window envelopes
- Corrugated cardboard (flatten boxes)
- Phone books and soft cover books
- Hard cover books (remove hard cover and put cover 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 wrap, 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

**Batteries - Car:** see “Vehicle Waste”

**Batteries - Rechargeable:** Home Depot, Lowe’s; [call2recycle.org](http://call2recycle.org)

**Bikes:** NJ Bike Exchange; [bikeexchangenj.org](http://bikeexchangenj.org)

**Brita Filters, Pitchers, Bottles:** [brita.com](http://brita.com) (free shipping)

**Building Materials:** Habitat ReStore [habitat.org/restores/donate-goods](http://habitat.org/restores/donate-goods)

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

**CFL Bulbs:** MCIA Household Hazardous Waste Collection

**Clothes and Shoes:** Consignment stores and charities (check websites), or outdoor collection boxes. Also, all schools of the Hopewell Valley Regional School District have outdoor boxes for the collection of **clothing (clean, dry), home linens (sheets, towels, curtains, etc.), accessories (hats, purses, bags, belts, etc.), and shoes (pairs).**

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

**Contact Lenses and Empty Blister Packs:** drop off or mail (free shipping) [bausch.com/our-company/one-by-one-recycling](http://bausch.com/our-company/one-by-one-recycling)

**Electronics:** MCIA and Hopewell Township (see “Events”); Best Buy accepts a wide variety of products, check listings at [bestbuy.com/recycle](http://bestbuy.com/recycle) (fee for some products)

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

**Fire Extinguishers:** [fyrfyter.net](http://fyrfyter.net); recharging or recycling

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

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

**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

**Lego Bricks:** [givebackbox.com/lego/#xlink](http://givebackbox.com/lego/#xlink) (free shipping)

**Leaves and Brush:** See the website of your Public Works Department.

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

**Medication:** 24/7 Drop off box at the Hopewell Township Police Department, 201 Washington Crossing Rd, Titusville

**#5 Plastic: Rigid Containers and Caps Stamped with a ♻️ Symbol:**

Preserve’s Gimme 5 Program. Drop off clean number 5 plastic at Whole Foods in Princeton, or mail it to Preserve, [preserve.eco](http://preserve.eco)

**Plastic Bags and Wrap:** Stores that participate in the Trex recycling program collect the following household plastic bags and wrap: **store bags, produce bags, ziploc and other reclosable bags, bread bags, cereal box liners, case overwrap, newspaper sleeves, dry cleaning bags, ice bags, bubble wrap, and plastic mailing envelopes.** Plastic must be dry and free of food residue. Peel or cut off paper labels. Trex boxes at: Stop and Shop, Target, and more; [trex.com/recycling](http://trex.com/recycling)  
**Plastic Plant Trays, Pots and Tags:** Home Depot and Lowe’s.

**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.

**Sewing Machines:** Pedals for Progress, [pfp.org](http://pfp.org)

**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.

**Toys and Games:** [csr.hasbro.com/en-us/toy-recycling](http://csr.hasbro.com/en-us/toy-recycling) (free shipping)  
See also “Lego Bricks”, and “Video Games and Gadgets”

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

**Video Games and Gadgets:** Best Buy, [bestbuy.com/recycle](http://bestbuy.com/recycle)

**Wine Corks:** Whole Foods; Pennington Farmers Market

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

### Other Tips:

Learn more about how and where to recycle at: [Earth911.com](http://Earth911.com)  
Find a good home for what you no longer need at: [Freecycle.org](http://Freecycle.org)  
Explore the recycling programs, zero-waste boxes, and the Loop program (shopping with refillable containers) at: [TerraCycle.com](http://TerraCycle.com)  
**Buy products made from recycled materials.**

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