

2026 Reuse & Recycle in Hopewell Valley

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Curbside Recycling

Mercer County Improvement Authority (609) 278-8086

Call your Public Works Department if you need more recycling buckets.

List of acceptable materials in curbside recycling bucket: mcianj.org.

Do NOT put recyclables in plastic bags! Remove caps from bottles.

All plastic containers must be **clean**.

Dates (schedule reminders: 'Recycle Coach' app recyclecoach.com)			
Jan. 13, 27	April 7, 21	July 14, 28	Oct. 6, 20
Feb. 10, 24	May 5, 19	Aug. 11, 25	Nov. 3, 17
March 10, 24	June 2, 16, 30	Sept. 8, 22	Dec. 1, 15, 29

More Ways to Reuse or Recycle

See hopewellvalleygreenteam.org/recycling/recycling-tips for the most up-to-date version of this information with web links. Asterisk* indicates a paid service. Note: mail-in programs may require you to pay postage.

Batteries: learn more at batterynetwork.org

- **Alkaline Batteries:** Select Staples stores (call ahead)
- **Button Cell:** local Farmers Markets, see **Events**
- **E-Bike:** Sourland Cycles, Halter's, REI
- **Rechargeable:** Home Depot, Lowe's, Staples

Bikes: Boys & Girls Clubs of Mercer County Bike Exchange

bgcmercercor.org/bgc-bike-exchange; Pedals for Progress, p4p.org

Books: Mercer County Library Hopewell Branch; New Legacy Books newlegacybooks.com (books must have ISBN barcode); Bryn Mawr-Wellesley Book Sale (in Princeton) bmandwbooks.com

Bras & Lingerie: The Bra Recyclers thebrarecyclers.com; I Support the Girls isupportthegirls.org/get-involved/how-to-donate

Building Materials: Habitat ReStore habitat.org/restores/donate-goods

Cell Phones: phone companies, electronics stores, HVGT (see **Events**)

CFL Bulbs: MCIA Household Hazardous Waste Collection.

Clothes and Shoes: Consignment stores, local charities (listed on our website: hopewellvalleygreenteam.org/re-home-unwanted-goods), collection boxes. Helpful NYT article: how-to-get-rid-of-old-clothes

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 program at Eye Care Associates (in Princeton), via bauschrecycles.com

Crayons: mail-in program nationalcrayonrecycleprogram.org

Electronics: MCIA and Hopewell Valley (see **Events**); Best Buy bestbuy.com; TechnicianX (in Montgomery) technicianx.com

Eyeglasses and Sunglasses: Lions Club njlerc.org boxes at Pennington Quality Market, Hopewell Township Library, Hopewell Village Square on East Broad St (outside Michael's Deli & Bakery).

Fire Extinguisher (Recharging): fyrfyter.net

Fluorescent Bulbs: MCIA Household Hazardous Waste Collection.

Food Scraps: Compost in your backyard. Set up an indoor worm composting bin. Or subscribe to a pick up service. Learn more here: hopewellvalleygreenteam.org/composting

Furniture: Habitat ReStore habitat.org/restores/donate-goods; HomeFront homefrontnj.org/donate-items; Princeton Elks Thrift Shop

Holiday Lights: Lowe's; mail-in holidayleds.com/free-light-recycling

Ink/Toner Cartridges: Staples, Best Buy.

Mattresses and Box-Springs: northeastrecycle mattress* on Facebook

Medical Equipment: goodwillhomemedical.org/equipment-donation

Medication: 24/7 Drop-off box at the Hopewell Township Police Department hopewelltpw.org/735/Prescription-Drug-Disposal

Metal: sell ferrous & non-ferrous scrap metals to Sims (in Ewing); Scarpati Recycling or Alpha (in Trenton); Klein (in Hillsborough).

Pet Food, Treat, and Litter Products and Packaging: in-store collection box at PetSmart (in Princeton).

Plastic Film (clean, dry, and free of food residue)

NexTrex programs accept newspaper sleeves, produce bags, grocery bags, bread bags, Ziploc bags, cereal box liners, dry cleaning bags, bubble wrap, plastic shipping envelopes, air pillows, ice bags, salt bags, wood pellet bags, plastic film labeled with ♻ or ♻♻, case overwrap. Drop-off boxes at: Hopewell Boro Town Hall, McCaffrey's, Wegmans. FAQ at: nextrex.com/view/educate (scroll down)

Refrigerators and Freezers: Contact your gas or electric utility for more information on available recycling programs and rebates:

- PSE&G homeenergy.pseg.com/recycling
- JCP&L Appliance Recycling Program

For Hopewell Township, see freon appliances under **Events**.

Reusable Shopping Bags: donate to Community Foodbank of NJ cfbnj.org/partner-portal/donate-reusable-shopping-bags

Sewing Machines: Pedals for Progress, p4p.org

Shoes: See Clothes and Shoes

Sporting Goods: RE SPORTS (in Belle Mead) resportsnj.com;

TerraCycle* [Zero Waste Box for Sporting Goods](#)

Styrofoam Packing Peanuts: Take back to shipping stores for reuse, e.g., UPS stores, Pak Mail stores, Popcorn Packers (in Lambertville).

Styrofoam Coolers and Shipping Blocks (remove tape, labels):

- Raybob Packaging Inc. (in Tullytown, PA)
- Northeast Foam Recycling (in Chalfont, PA)

Tires: drop off at Mavis Tire* on Route 31. Check with your Public Works department for curbside pickup.

Toys and Games:

- Hasbro: hasbrotoyrecycling.hasbro.com/en-us/toy-recycling
- LEGO: lego.com/en-us/sustainability/replay/donate-now
- Plastic Toys: secondchancetoys.org
- TerraCycle* [Zero Waste Box for Toys](#)

Water Filters: TerraCycle* [Zero Waste Box](#) or [Pouch](#)

Wine Corks: HVGT at Pennington & Hopewell Farmers Markets.

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**, e.g., Earth911.com
- **Find a good home for what you no longer need**, e.g., via Facebook groups ([Hopewell Valley Cheapstakes](#) and [Buy Nothing Hopewell Valley North East & South West](#)), yard sales, and/or donate to Notable Thrift on Tree Farm Road in Pennington, HomeFront's Treasure Trove on W. Broad St. in Hopewell, Pennington Goodwill on Route 31, Princeton Elks NJ Thrift in Blawenburg, or Capital Thrift in Lawrence. Our website lists even more avenues: hopewellvalleygreenteam.org/re-home-unwanted-goods
- **Repair Instead of Replace:** Repair guides and spare parts for many items can be found on the internet (e.g., ifixit.com/Guide), and/or have your local carpenters, appliance technicians, cobblers, and tailors, fix something for you. The Hopewell Valley Green Team lists **repair services for Hopewell Valley and surrounding areas** at: hopewellvalleygreenteam.org/repair-services
- **Buy products made from recycled materials.**
- **Reduce overall consumption and opt for durable, reusable items.**

Events

Hopewell Township (for ALL Hopewell Valley Residents)

Electronics Collection & Paper Shredding

April 25 and September 26: 9 am - 12 noon

hopewelltpw.org/198/4931/Electronics-RecyclingShredding

Hopewell Township (Township Residents Only)

Freon-containing appliances collections (monthly)

Tires collection (May 1 and November 6)

hopewelltpw.org/695/Collections-bulk-waste-leaves-brush-Freo

Mercer County Improvement Authority (MCIA) mcianj.org

Document Shredding April 11 and October 17: 9 am - 12 noon

651 South Broad St, Lot 4, Trenton

Household Hazardous Waste & Electronics Collection

March 21, June 13 and September 26: 8 am - 2 pm

Dempster Fire School, 350 Lawrence Station Rd., Lawrence Twp.

Collections by the Hopewell Valley Green Team at Farmers

Markets: last Saturday of the month June to October at Rosedale Town & Country store, 101 Route 31 N, Pennington; **2nd Sunday of the month May to November** at Hopewell Village Square shopping plaza, 52 E. Broad St., Hopewell:

- smart/cell phones, tablets, chargers, portable power banks
- Brita water filters
- dental care products (including EMPTY toothpaste tubes with cap on, toothbrushes, floss containers, etc.)
- single-use razors
- wine bottle corks (real, not synthetic)
- button cell batteries (from hearing aids, calculators etc., *note: please put tape over the positive ends*)
- used tennis balls & baseballs
- plastic film
- usable art supplies
- cashmere garments unsuitable for donation. [List on HVGT website](http://www.hvgt.org)



Learn more about living sustainably at hopewellvalleygreenteam.org

Email questions or suggestions to hvgreenteam@gmail.com

Visit our booth at Pennington Day 5/16, Hopewell Harvest Fair 9/19, or the Pennington/Hopewell Boro Farmers Markets (dates listed online).