

Events

Hopewell Township (Township Residents Only)

Electronics Collection & Paper Shredding

April 24 and October 2: 9 am - 1 pm

hopewelltp.org/198/Electronics-RecyclingShredding

Freon appliances, tires collections

See hopewelltp.org/173/Public-Works for dates and fees.

Hopewell Valley Green Team hopewellvalleygreenteam.org

Collection of clean white Styrofoam coolers and blocks used for shipping, DVDs/CDs, wine corks February 6: 12 - 3 pm, Toll Gate Grammar School, September 11: 12 - 3 pm location TBD.

Mercer County Improvement Authority mcianj.org

Document Shredding April 10 and October 9: 9 am - 12 pm

Lot 4 / across from 640 South Broad Street, Trenton

Household Hazardous Waste & Electronics Collection

March 27, June 5 and September 11: 8 am - 2 pm

Dempster Fire School, 350 Lawrence Station Rd., Lawrence

Pennington Farmers Market penningtonfarmersmarket.org

The Hopewell Valley Green Team collects **clean #5 plastic containers, Brita products, button cell batteries, CDs/DVDs, dental care products (toothpaste tubes with cap, toothbrushes, floss containers etc.), stick deodorant containers, and wine corks (not plastic)** on June 26, July 31, Aug. 28, Sept. 25, Oct. 30: 9 am - 1 pm, Rosedale Mills, 101 Route 31 N, Pennington.



Learn more about living sustainably at hopewellvalleygreenteam.org

Email questions or suggestions to hvgreenteam@gmail.com

Visit our booth at the Pennington Farmers Market on the last Saturday of the month, June-October.

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Recycling in Hopewell Valley 2021

Curbside Recycling

Mercer County Improvement Authority 609 278-8086, mcianj.org

Call your Public Works Department if you need more recycling buckets

Do NOT put recyclables in plastic bags!

Dates (schedule reminders: 'Recycle Coach' App recyclecoach.com)			
Jan. 5, 19	April 13, 27	July 6, 20	Oct. 12, 26
Feb. 2, 16	May 11, 25	Aug. 3, 17, 31	Nov. 9, 23
March 2, 16, 30	June 8, 22	Sept. 14, 28	Dec. 7, 21

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 in trash) • Glass, food/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
- 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 • Carbon and waxed paper • Tissue paper, napkins, paper plates and paper towels • Styrofoam

More Ways to Reuse or Recycle

See hopewellvalleygreenteam.org/recycling/recycling-tips/ for additional items and information and web links. **NOTE: SOME COLLECTIONS MAY BE SUSPENDED DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

Batteries - Button Cell: Pennington Farmers Market

Batteries - Rechargeable: Home Depot, Lowe's; call2recycle.org

Bikes: bgcmercer.org/bgc-bike-exchange; Pedals for Progress, p4p.org

Books: Mercer County Library Hopewell Branch; [BetterWorldBooks services.betterworldbooks.com/individuals/](http://BetterWorldBooks.com/services.betterworldbooks.com/individuals/)

Brita Filters, Pitchers, Bottles etc.: brita.com/recycling-filters/

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

Cell Phones: phone companies and electronics stores
CFL Bulbs: MCIA Household Hazardous Waste Collection; Home Depot
Christmas Lights: holidayleds.com/free-light-recycling
Clothes and Shoes: Consignment stores, charities (check websites), local collection boxes, e.g., the outdoor boxes at all schools of the Hopewell Valley Regional School District accept **clothing (clean, dry), home linens, accessories (hats, 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 in program bausch.com/our-company/one-by-one-recycling
Crayons: mail in program crazycrayons.com/recycle-program
Electronics: MCIA and Hopewell Township (see “Events”); Best Buy, bestbuy.com/recycle
Eyeglasses and Sunglasses: Lions Club njlerc.org; boxes at Pennington Quality Market and Hopewell Township Library
Fire Extinguishers: 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
Alternatively, set up an indoor worm composting bin. Find out more at: epa.gov/recycle/how-create-and-maintain-indoor-worm-composting-bin
Furniture: HomeFront homefrontnj.org/donate-food-furniture-and-clothing; Habitat ReStore habitat.org/restores/donate-goods
Ink/Toner Cartridges: Staples, BestBuy, Office Depot/Office Max
Leaves and Brush: See the website of your Public Works Department.
Mattresses and Box Springs: cjpgroup.net/
Medical Equipment: goodwillhomemedical.org/equipment-donation
Medication: 24/7 Drop off box at the Hopewell Township Police Department, 201 Washington Crossing Rd, Titusville. Clean #5 plastic prescription medicine containers and caps can be recycled, see below.
#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
Plastic Bags and Film packaging: 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. Boxes at: Home Depot, Stop and Shop, Wegmans, and more; trex.com/recycling/recycling-programs/
Refrigerators and Freezers: njcleanenergy.com/recycling, \$50 rebate, schedule pick-up online or call 877 564-4403. Room air conditioner and/or dehumidifier can be picked up along with a fridge or freezer.
Sewing Machines: Pedals for Progress, p4p.org
Shoes: See Clothes and Shoes
Styrofoam Packing Peanuts: Take back to shipping stores for reuse, e.g., Popcorn Packers in Pennington, UPS stores
Styrofoam Coolers and Shipping Blocks: See “Events.” Styrofoam coolers and 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.
Tennis balls: rebounces.com/about-us/recycle-tennis-balls/
Tires: drop off at Mavis Discount Tire, Pennington; for curbside pick-up, check with your Public Works department.
Toys and Games: Plastic Toys: secondchancetoys.org/,
Hasbro Toy Recycling Program: csr.hasbro.com/en-us/toy-recycling,
Lego bricks: givebackbox.com/lego/#xlink
Video Games and Gadgets: Best Buy, 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**, e.g., at: Earth911.com, TerraCycle.com, the Mercer County “Beyond the Bucket” list at mercercounty.org/, and hopewellvalleygreenteam.org/recycling/
- **Find a good home for what you no longer need**, e.g., via Freecycle.org, the Hopewell Valley Cheapskates Facebook group, or donations to the Pennington Goodwill store goodwillnj.org/
- **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.
- **Buy products made from recycled materials.**
- **Reduce overall consumption and opt for durable, reusable items.**