

Events

Hopewell Township (NEW: for ALL Hopewell Valley Residents)

Electronics Collection & Paper Shredding

April 22 and September 30: 9 am - 1 pm

hopewelltp.org/198/Electronics-RecyclingShredding

Hopewell Township (Township Residents Only)

Freon-containing appliances collections (monthly)

Tires collection (May and November)

See hopewelltp.org/695/Collections for dates and fees.

Mercer County Improvement Authority

mcianj.org/SPECIALEVENTS

Document Shredding April 29 and October 7: 9 am - 12 pm

651 South Broad St, Lot 4, Trenton

Household Hazardous Waste & Electronics Collection

March 25, June 10, and September 23: 8 am - 2 pm

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

Pennington Farmers Market (PFM) - Collections by the Hopewell

Valley Green Team • cell phones, MP3 players, chargers, digital cameras, tablets, and Bluetooth devices • Brita water filters • dental care products (including EMPTY toothpaste tubes with cap on, toothbrushes, floss containers, etc.) • stick deodorant containers • 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 nursery pots. Saturdays June 24, July 29, Aug. 26, Sept. 30, Oct. 28: 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 Pennington Day (May 20), the Hopewell Harvest Fair (Sept 23), or the Pennington Farmers Market.(dates listed above).

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2023 Recycling in Hopewell Valley

Curbside Recycling

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

Call your Public Works Department if you need more recycling buckets

List of Acceptable Materials in Curbside Recycling Bucket:

mcianj.org/recycling. Do **NOT** put recyclables in plastic bags!

Dates (schedule reminders: 'Recycle Coach' App recyclecoach.com)			
Jan. 3, 17, 31	April 11, 25	July 8, 18	Oct. 10, 24
Feb. 14, 28	May 9, 23	Aug. 1, 15, 29	Nov. 7, 21
March 14, 28	June 6, 20	Sept. 12, 26	Dec. 5, 19

More Ways to Reuse or Recycle

See hopewellvalleygreenteam.org/recycling/recycling-tips/ for additional items and web links

Batteries:

Button Cell: Pennington Farmers Market, see **Events**

Rechargeable: Home Depot, Lowe's, call2recycle.org

Bikes: Boys & Girls Clubs of Mercer County Bike Exchange bgcmerc.org/bgc-bike-exchange; Pedals for Progress, p4p.org

Books: Mercer County Library Hopewell Branch; New Legacy Books NewLegacyBooks.com/ (books must have ISBN bar code);

BetterWorldBooks services.betterworldbooks.com/individuals/

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

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

CFL Bulbs: MCIA Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Christmas Lights: Lowe's (seasonal);

holidayleds.com/free-light-recycling

Clothes and Shoes: Consignment stores, charities (check websites), local collection boxes.

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, locations: bauschrecycles.com/

Crayons: mail in program crazycrayons.com/recycle-program

Electronics: MCIA and Hopewell Township (see **Events**); Best Buy check bestbuy.com/recycle; TechnicianX 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. 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/composting-home#worms

Furniture: Habitat ReStore habitat.org/restores/donate-goods;
HomeFront homefrontnj.org/donate-food-furniture-and-clothing
(by pre-approval, email warehouse@homefrontnj.org)

Greeting Cards: mail to <https://stjudesranch.org/recycled-card-program/> (check website for exceptions)

Ink/Toner Cartridges: Staples, Best Buy, Office Depot/Office Max

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

Medical Equipment: goodwillhomemedical.org/equipment-donation

Medication: 24/7 Drop off box at the Hopewell Township Police Department hopewelltpw.org/238/Project-Medicine-Drop.

Metal: Household scrap metal can be recycled at Sims Metal in Ewing, simsmm.com/sell-to-us/household/ (you can get paid)

#5 Plastic: Rigid Containers and Caps Stamped with a ♻️ Symbol:
terracyclehome.com/ (paid subscription)

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

Stores that participate in NexTrex programs accept newspaper sleeves, produce bags, grocery bags, bread bags, Ziploc and other resealable food storage 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. Boxes at: Stop & Shop, Home Depot, Lowe's, Wegmans, and more. List of plastic items and FAQ at: nextrex.com/view/educate (scroll down)

Refrigerators and Freezers: Contact your gas or electric utility for more information on available recycling programs, e.g., PSE&G <https://homeenergy.pseg.com/recycling>, and JCP&L: https://www.firstenergycorp.com/save_energy/save_energy_new_jersey/for_your_home_nj/appliance-program.html

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

Sewing Machines: Pedals for Progress, p4p.org

Shoes: See Clothes and Shoes

Snack/Energy Bar Wrappers: TerraCycle Box (sponsored by Subaru) at the REI store in the Mercer Mall.

Sporting Goods terracyclehome.com/ (paid subscription)

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

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

Drop off at Princeton Moulding, 76 Fourth St, Somerville NJ.

Call ahead to make sure they will be open: (908) 291-1180.

Email hvgreenteam@gmail.com for alerts about local collections.

Tires: check with your Public Works department for curbside pickup

Toys and Games:

Hasbro Toy Recycling Program: csr.hasbro.com/en-us/toy-recycling

Lego bricks: lego.com/en-us/sustainability/replay/donate-now

Plastic Toys: secondchancetoys.org/

TerraCycle Home terracyclehome.com/ (paid subscription)

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., Earth911.com
- **Find a good home for what you no longer need,**
e.g., via Freecycle.org, Facebook groups (*Hopewell Valley Cheapskates* and *Buy Nothing Hopewell Valley*), yard sales, and/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. NEW 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.**