

## Events

### Hopewell Township (NEW: for ALL Hopewell Valley Residents)

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

April 27 and September 28: 9 am - 1 pm

[hopewelltpw.org/198/Electronics-RecyclingShredding](http://hopewelltpw.org/198/Electronics-RecyclingShredding)

### Hopewell Township (Township Residents Only)

#### **Freon-containing appliances collections** (monthly)

#### **Tires collection** (May and November)

See [hopewelltpw.org/695/Collections](http://hopewelltpw.org/695/Collections) for dates and fees.

### Mercer County Improvement Authority (MCIA)

[mcianj.org/SPECIALEVENTS](http://mcianj.org/SPECIALEVENTS)

#### **Document Shredding** April 6 and October 19: 9 am - 12 pm

651 South Broad St, Lot 4, Trenton

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

March 30, June 8, and September 21: 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 • plastic film • usable art supplies. Saturdays June 29, July 27, Aug. 31, Sept. 28, Oct. 26: 9 am - 1 pm, Rosedale Town & Country, 101 Route 31 N, Pennington.



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 Pennington Day (May 18), Hopewell Harvest Fair (Sept 21), or the Pennington Farmers Market.(dates listed above).

## 2024 Recycling in Hopewell Valley

Updated February 8, 2024

### Curbside Recycling

**Mercer County Improvement Authority** (609) 278-8086, [mcianj.org](http://mcianj.org)  
Call your Public Works Department if you need more recycling buckets

#### **List of Acceptable Materials in Curbside Recycling Bucket:**

[mcianj.org/recycling](http://mcianj.org/recycling). Do **NOT** put recyclables in plastic bags!

Dates (schedule reminders: 'Recycle Coach' App <a href="http://recyclecoach.com">recyclecoach.com</a> )			
Jan. 2, 16, 30	April 19, 23	July 2, 16, 30	Oct. 8, 22
Feb. 13, 27	May 7, 21	Aug. 13, 27	Nov. 5, 19
March 12, 26	June 4, 18	Sept. 10, 24	Dec. 3, 17, 31

### More Ways to Reuse or Recycle

See [hopewellvalleygreenteam.org/recycling/recycling-tips/](http://hopewellvalleygreenteam.org/recycling/recycling-tips/) for additional items and web links

#### **Batteries:**

**Alkaline Batteries:** Select Staples Stores (call ahead)

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

**Rechargeable:** Home Depot, Lowe's, [call2recycle.org](http://call2recycle.org)

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

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

BetterWorldBooks [services.betterworldbooks.com/individuals/](http://services.betterworldbooks.com/individuals/)

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

**Crayons:** mail in program [crazycrayons.com/recycle-program](http://crazycrayons.com/recycle-program)

**Electronics:** MCIA and Hopewell Valley (see **Events**); Best Buy check [bestbuy.com/recycle](http://bestbuy.com/recycle); TechnicianX [technicianx.com/](http://technicianx.com/)

**Eyeglasses and Sunglasses:** Lions Club [njlerc.org](http://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](http://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: <https://hopewellvalleygreenteam.org/rain-barrels-composting/>

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

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

**Ink/Toner Cartridges:** Staples, Best Buy

**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 [hopewelltpw.org/238/Project-Medicine-Drop](http://hopewelltpw.org/238/Project-Medicine-Drop).

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

**#5 Plastic: Rigid Containers and Caps Stamped with a ♻️ Symbol:** [terracyclepickup.com/](http://terracyclepickup.com/) (paid subscription)

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

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. Drop off boxes at: McCaffrey's, Wegmans, and more. FAQ at: [nextrex.com/view/educate](http://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](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](http://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:** [terracyclepickup.com/](http://terracyclepickup.com/) (paid subscription)

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

**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](mailto: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](http://csr.hasbro.com/en-us/toy-recycling)

**Lego bricks:** [lego.com/en-us/sustainability/replay/donate-now](http://lego.com/en-us/sustainability/replay/donate-now)

**Plastic Toys:** [secondchancetoys.org/](http://secondchancetoys.org/)

**Terracycle:** [terracyclepickup.com/](http://terracyclepickup.com/) (paid subscription)

**Wine Corks:** 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](http://Earth911.com)
- **Find a good home for what you no longer need,**  
e.g., via [Freecycle.org](http://Freecycle.org), Facebook groups (*Hopewell Valley Cheapskates* and *Buy Nothing Hopewell Valley*), yard sales, and/or donations to the Pennington Goodwill store [goodwillnj.org/](http://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](http://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/](http://hopewellvalleygreenteam.org/repair-services/)
- **Buy products made from recycled materials.**
- **Reduce overall consumption and opt for durable, reusable items.**