CONTAINERS
Containers used for single-stream collection in the MCIA’s program include:
• A rectangular blue container with lid
• A round blue container

Write your name and address on the containers. Place your recyclables in the containers and put the containers out on the curb before 6 a.m. on your collection day. Collection times are subject to change, and all materials must be ready for pick-up by 6 a.m.

NOT ACCEPTED!
• Recyclables in plastic bags
• Recyclables in containers not at the curb, such as those left near the house, garage or at the top of the driveway

Replacement Containers: If your containers are lost, stolen or broken, replacement containers can be purchased from your municipal recycling coordinator. The phone number is listed in the municipal section of this brochure. We sell these containers to your municipality at the same price we pay the manufacturer.

New Homeowners: Contact your municipal recycling coordinator within three months of moving in to obtain free containers. Contact numbers can be found in the municipal section of this brochure.

CUSTOMER SERVICE PLEDGE
The Middlesex County Improvement Authority strives to provide the best quality of services to ensure our residents and patrons have a satisfactory experience. Should you have any questions, concerns or compliments, feel free to contact the Recycling Manager at mcarecycling@mciauth.com.

THE NEW REUSE-IT BOOK
The New Reuse-It Book is a guide to area locations where Middlesex County residents can freecycle or donate their unwanted goods for reuse. The MCIA has made this most recent edition available online at www.mciauth.com for anyone who would like electronic access to the most up-to-date information.

E-CYCLING
By law, most consumer electronics, including personal computers (desktops and laptops), monitors and televisions are not allowed in the trash. Check with your municipality’s Department of Public Works to inquire if they maintain a recycling drop-off and if these items are accepted. For additional drop-off locations, please contact the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection at (866) 337-5669 or the Middlesex County Division of Solid Waste Management at (732) 745-4170.

ACCEPTED RECYCLABLE ITEMS

NEWSPAPER & MIXED PAPER
Newspaper, magazines, catalogs, junk mail, brown paper bags, nonmetallic wrapping paper, office records, computer paper, file folders, receipts, telephone books, softcover books, hardcover books, greeting cards, paperboard, such as non-wax-coated food and cereal boxes, pizza boxes, tissue boxes, shoe boxes and gift boxes.

If you have more newspaper and mixed paper than you can fit in your container, place the overflow in brown paper grocery bags (not plastic grocery bags). Additional newspaper may be bundled, tied and placed next to your container.

NOT ACCEPTED!
• Newspaper and mixed paper in plastic bags or paper leaf bags

CARDBOARD/PAPERBOARD
Corrugated cardboard, layered cardboard with a center that is shaped into ridges, folds or grooves (such as shipping boxes and the packaging for most appliances or larger household items). Flatten, bundle and securely tie the cardboard and tie the sheets into stacks no larger than 48 inches square and 12 inches high. These items may be placed next to recycling containers.

NOT ACCEPTED!
• Cardboard in bundles larger than 48 inches square
• Cardboard in plastic bags

NOTE: The maximum number of recycling bundles of cardboard and/or paper bags of mixed paper that the collector will pick up from individual households, each collection, is six (6).

CANS, BOTTLES AND PLASTIC
COMMINGLED RECYCLABLES
Place metal cans, glass and plastic bottles in an appropriate container. Any overflow can be placed in your own unlidded plastic or metal container (no larger than 52 gallons in capacity or exceeding 50 pounds in weight). Please do not overfill containers.

Metal: Tin, steel, aluminum and bimetal cans (such as soda, beer, canned pet food, soup and tuna cans). Rinse the cans and crush them to maximize capacity. We take the lids too.

Glass: Glass bottles and jars of all colors (such as juice, soda, beer and liquor bottles, mayonnaise and spaghetti sauce jars). Rinse the bottles and jars. Remove and dispose of lids.

Plastic: #1 PETE and #2 HDPE containers (such as milk and juice jugs, water bottles, laundry detergent, shampoo and soda bottles). Check the bottom of the container to make sure the plastic is either #1 PETE or #2 HDPE. Rinse the containers and crush them to maximize capacity. Remove and dispose of caps.

NOT ACCEPTED!
• drinking glasses
• window glass
• mirrors
• Pyrex® glassware
• light bulbs
• plastic toys
• plastic packaging
• aluminum foil
• gardening or garage plastics
• polystyrene or Styrofoam™ (such as plastic cups or food trays)

(800) 488-6242 (MCIA)
Municipal recycling schedules available at www.mciauth.com

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The Middlesex County Improvement Authority’s Program collects recyclables in single-stream fashion. Now all curbside recyclable items, such as bottles, cans, paper and small flat cardboard can be mixed together in a single recycling container as long as they are kept separate from trash.

CURBSIDE COLLECTION SCHEDULE
MONDAYS: Generally bordered by Morgan Creek to the north; Thomas Bay on the east, Tompkins Road, Crystal Brook Road and the Whale Creek to the south; Rt. 34 to the east. Includes Laurence Harbor, Cliffwood Beach, Biondi Street Section, Bridge Road and the Whale Creek to the south; Rt. 34 to the west. Includes Sayre Woods South (both sides of Trans Old Bridge Road), Lake Ridge West, Lake Woods, Ellen Heath and Central Park Development.

TUESDAYS: Generally bordered by East Brunswick to the north; Rt. 18 to the east; Manalapan to the south and Monroe to the west. Includes portions of South Wood Development between 18th and South Wood Drive, all developments on both sides of Englishtown Road up to Texas Road, Presidential Estates, Hills of Matchaponix and Rock Creek Estates.

THURSDAYS: Generally bordered by Rt. 516 to the north, Rt. 9 to the east; Manalapan/ Marlboro Townships to the south and Englishtown Road to the west. Includes Sayre Woods South from Rt. 18 to South Wood Drive, Bausman Road, Foxborough Village, Birch Hill Estates and Camelot Estates.

FRIDAYS: Generally bordered by By Municipal public works holidays do NOT affect the recycling collection, service matters & general information.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS
(732) 721-5600 ext. 7302 Kyle Harris, Director of Public Works
(732) 721-5600 ext. 6143 Barbara Grippi, Recycling Coordinator

Recycling Hotline: (800) 488-6242 (MCIA) for curbside recycling collection, service matters & general information.

To determine the cause of a service interruption or missed pick-up:
- It’s your municipality’s day and/or week
- Your recycling was put out the curb no later than 6 a.m.
- Your entire string has been affected
- A container no larger than 32 gallon has been used
- Any unapproved items are mixed within your recycling
- Your recycling was placed in plastic bags, which are not permitted

If you still have a concern, comment or question regarding your recycling pickup, please send an email to mcirecycles@mciauth.com, making sure to leave a name, address and telephone number in the body of the message so that a representative may contact you at their earliest availability.

LEAVES & BRUSH
LEAVES are accepted in manageable leaf bags. Please purchase leaf bags at any home center. Please check the Township website, www.oldbridge.com, for collection schedule.

BRUSH tied in bundles is collected curbside by appointment only in March – September biweekly. Call (732) 721-5600 ext. 6140 to arrange a collection appointment.

CHRISTMAS TREES Check the township website.

SPECIAL ITEMS
OLD BRIDGE’S RECYCLING DROP-OFF CENTER is at the Public Works Yard, Municipal Complex, on Rt. 516 between Rt. 9 and the entrance to the municipal complex. The hours of operation are Monday – Saturday, 7 a.m. – 3 p.m. Closed on Sunday and on all holidays. Items recycled curbside, motor oil (up to 5 gallons daily) and auto batteries are accepted.

Additional items recycled at the recycling center:
Metal, Copper/Brass/Steel, Block & Brick
Metal, Computers/TVs
Paint

WASTE DISPOSAL
- Tire Disposal
- Cooking Oil
- Hazardous Waste
- Compost Bins
- Fixtures (bath/laundry)

WHAT DO THE STICKERS ON MY RECYCLABLE ITEMS MEAN?
They are rejection stickers. The most common reasons for rejection are:
- Trash mixed in with recyclables
- Containers larger than 32 gallons
- Recyclables in plastic bags
- Cardboard not properly prepared

Only recyclables that are properly prepared will be collected.

WHAT IF MY RECYCLABLES WERE NOT COLLECTED?
Your recyclables should be placed curbside the night before your scheduled pick-up or by 6 a.m. on the day of the pick-up. Collection times are subject to change, and all material must be ready for pick-up by 6 a.m.

If your recyclables were out at the curb and time were not collected, leave the recycling at the curb and contact us within 24 hours. If we do not hear back from you, your recyclables may not be picked up until your next collection date.

Keep in mind to check our website at www.mciauth.com, under the Recycling Division’s Customer Notification page, for updates, instructions or information on service interruptions.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION
As part of our commitment to protect the environment and promote good recycling practices, the MCIA Education Department offers free recycling presentations to schools, civic and business organizations, senior groups and more.

We now have the latest version of M.C. Blue, the County’s fully recyclable robot. Accompanied by an MCIA representative, M.C. Blue is the star of our recycling programs. He has both audio and video capabilities and his presentations are entertaining, as well as educational.

Offerings:
"Planet Beauty" - pre-K to grade 2
"Recycling It or Not" - pre-K to grade 2 or grades 3-6
"Recycling Trivia Challenge" - grades 3-6 or adult
"Recycling Show & Tell" - grades 3 - adult
"Energy Less is More" - grades 3-6

"Recycling & the Landfill" - high school and adult

BOOKINGS: Are on a first-come, first-serve basis. For information and reservations, call the MCIA Education Office at 609-409-5033 or email jmcc@mciauth.com.