

What Goes Where?



Curbside Organics Cart

The Princeton Curbside Organics Program accepts all food: fruit, vegetables, breads, meat, chicken, fish (including bones), soiled pizza boxes and cardboard, napkins, paper towels, paper plates and cups, tea bags, leaves, weeds, garden and grass clippings and more. Collection is every Wednesday except for holidays. The program currently costs \$65 annually and includes a 32 or 20 gallon cart, a kitchen collector, and a starter roll of BPI® certified compostable bags. Each spring, participants can pick up compost produced from the organic material. To join: sign up online at princetonnj.gov or call 609-688-2566.



Recycling Bin

The Mercer County Improvement Authority (MCIA) is responsible for recycling collection. Accepted materials include: paper, window envelopes, cardboard, telephone books, soft cover books, hard cover books (hard cover must be removed), glass jars/bottles (all colors), aluminum and metal beverage containers, pet food cans, milk jugs, plastic beverage bottles, detergent and shampoo containers, juice/beverage boxes and cartons, plastics with #1 or #2 symbol. NO PLASTIC BAGS. Curbside collection is every other Monday except for holidays. If collection falls on a holiday it will be the following Saturday.



Plastic Bag & Packaging Film Bin

Residents can recycle clean, dry, empty plastic bags and plastic packaging films at several drop-off locations in town. Accepted materials include: single-use plastic bags, newspaper sleeves, bread bags, cereal inserts, bubble wrap, dry cleaner bags, case overwrap, food storage bags, napkin, paper towel, bathroom tissue and diaper wrap, produce bags, and packaging air pillows. For a list of drop-off locations and a complete list of accepted materials: princetonmerchants.org



Trash Cart

If you can't donate, reuse, recycle, resell or compost, put it in the trash cart for the landfill. Curbside collection is provided weekly. To find your scheduled collection day: princetonnj.gov

➔ For more information:
princetonnj.gov



Sustainable
Princeton

1 Monument Drive
Princeton, New Jersey 08540

Princeton Guide to Recycling

Dear Resident,

Recycling is important but it can be confusing. What can be recycled? What bin does it go in? If I can't recycle it, what should I do with it? We created this guide to answer those questions. Recycling creates a closed-loop system that conserves raw materials by making new products out of old ones. By recycling properly, we will save resources and money, prevent pollution and create jobs. We will also reduce the amount of waste Princeton sends to its landfill.

We hope that you use this guide to help make Princeton a more sustainable community.

Sustainable Princeton

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Aerosol Cans **RECYCLE**

MCIA Household Hazardous Waste Event
(SEE BOX)

Aluminum Foil Wrap/Containers **DISPOSE**

■ Trash Cart

Appliances **RECYCLE**

Princeton Convenience Center (SEE BOX)

Automobiles **DONATE**

Local Donation Resources (SEE BOX)

Join Princeton's Curbside Organics Program: 609-688-2566

Batteries (Car/Boat) **DISPOSE**

MCIA Household Hazardous Waste Event

Batteries (Household) **DISPOSE**

AAA, AA, A, C, D, 9 volt

■ Trash Cart

Batteries (Rechargeable) **RECYCLE**

Used in cordless power tools and phones, laptops, cellphones, cameras
Call2recycle.org for drop-off locations

Beverage Cartons **RECYCLE**

Juice boxes, milk cartons, Tetra Pak®, etc.

■ Recycling Bin

Bicycles **DONATE**

Local Donation Resources

Books **DONATE**

Princeton Public Library

Books **RECYCLE**

Soft cover and hard cover with cover removed

■ Recycling Bin

Bubble Wrap **RECYCLE**

■ Plastic Bag & Packaging Film Bin

Cans **RECYCLE**

Aluminum, tin, steel, pet food cans

■ Recycling Bin

Cardboard (clean) **RECYCLE**

Shoebboxes, cereal boxes, tissue boxes, food boxes, corrugated, etc.

■ Recycling Bin

Carpet **DISPOSE**

Contact Access Princeton at 609-924-4141

Cell Phones **RECYCLE**

Princeton Police Department

Christmas Trees **RECYCLE**

Contact Access Princeton at 609-924-4141

Clothes & Shoes **DONATE**

Local Donation Resources or Princeton Convenience Center or S.H.R.R.E.D.temberfest Event (SEE BOX)

Computers **RECYCLE**

Princeton Convenience Center or MCIA Electronics Recycling Event or S.H.R.R.E.D.temberfest Event

Construction Debris **RECYCLE**

Contact Mercergroup.com

or **DISPOSE**

Contact Access Princeton at 609-924-4141

Electronics **RECYCLE**

Camera equipment, CPUs, circuit boards, copiers, DVDs, electric wire, fax machines, keyboards, laptops & peripherals, microwave ovens, monitors, networking equipment, phones, printers, scanners, stereo equipment, televisions, VCRs
MCIA Electronics Recycling Event or S.H.R.R.E.D.temberfest Event

Bring your own bag when shopping.

Food Waste **COMPOST**

Backyard compost bin or

■ Curbside Organic Cart

Furniture **DONATE**

Local Donation Resources

Furniture **DISPOSE**

Small furniture only

S.H.R.R.E.D.temberfest Event

Glass (Jars & Bottles) **RECYCLE**

All colors, unbroken, rinsed (lids/caps OK, removed)

■ Recycling Bin

Glass (Other) **DISPOSE**

Window glass, mirrors, Pyrex, ceramics

■ Trash Cart

Household Goods **RECYCLE**

Pots and pans, dishes, tools

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Use a refillable water bottle. Avoid buying bottled water.

Leaves & Brush **COMPOST**

Backyard compost bin or

■ Curbside Organic Cart

or **RECYCLE**

Check princetonnj.gov for leaf and brush collection schedule or drop off at Joseph Maher Joint Ecological Facility (tree logs OK)

Light Bulbs (Incandescent) **DISPOSE**

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Light Bulbs (CFL, Fluorescent, LED) **DISPOSE**

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Mattresses & Box Springs **DISPOSE**

Wrap in plastic and place curbside on trash collection day

Medical Equipment (home use only) **DONATE**

Canes, wheelchairs, seat cushions, crutches, portable ramps, hospital beds, walkers, grab bars, safety rails, hearing, low vision and speech devices, exercise bands and balls
S.H.R.R.E.D.temberfest Event

Motor Oil (Used/Unmixed) **RECYCLE**

Princeton Convenience Center

Paint (Oil Based/Thinner/Stripper) **DISPOSE**

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Paint (Water Based/Latex) **DISPOSE**

Allow to dry or fill can with sand or kitty litter

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Paper (Clean) **RECYCLE**

Newspaper, magazines, catalogs, paper bags, window envelopes, junk mail, flyers, phone books, office paper, gift wrap

■ Recycling Bin

Paper & Cardboard (Soiled) **COMPOST**

Egg cartons, pizza boxes, paper towels, napkins, tissue, cups, plates, waxed paper, cardboard, butcher paper, coffee filters, tea bags

Backyard compost bin or

■ Curbside Organic Cart

Pesticides, Insecticides, Herbicides **DISPOSE**

MCIA Household Hazardous Waste Event

Plastic Bags **RECYCLE**

■ Plastic Bag & Packaging Film Bin

DO NOT PLACE in Recycling Bin

Plastic Bottles/Containers (#1 & #2) **RECYCLE**

Rinsed (lids/caps OK, removed)

■ Recycling Bin

Plastic Bottles/Containers (#5) **RECYCLE**

Preserveproducts.com for Gimme 5™

collection locations

Plastic Bottles/Containers (#3, #4, #6, & #7) **DISPOSE**

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Plastic Plant Containers **RECYCLE**

Contact nurseries or place of purchase

DO NOT PLACE in Recycling Bin

Pool Chemicals **DISPOSE**

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Printer Cartridges **RECYCLE**

Return at place of purchase or

contact manufacturer

Prescription Medication **DISPOSE**

Princeton Police Department's Project Medicine Drop Off open 24/7, 365 days/year

DO NOT FLUSH medications

Leave your leaves: mulch, compost, or rake them into a woodlot.

Scrap Metal **RECYCLE**

Contact local scrap metal dealers or

Princeton Convenience Center

Styrofoam **DISPOSE**

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Styrofoam Packing Peanuts **RECYCLE**

Contact local shipping outlets

or **DISPOSE**

■ Trash Cart

Syringes **DISPOSE**

FDA-cleared sharps container or clip the tip from the syringe and place both in a hard, sealed container with a warning label before placing in trash cart

Avoid #3-#7 plastics.

Televisions **RECYCLE**

Princeton Convenience Center or

MCIA Electronics Recycling Event

Textiles **DONATE**

Clean, dry, and untornd bedding, towels, sheets, clothes

Local Donation Resources or

Princeton Convenience Center or

S.H.R.R.E.D.temberfest Event

Tires **DISPOSE**

Tires must be taken off the rim

Princeton Convenience Center

Yard Trimmings/Other Organics **COMPOST**

Leaves, grass, branches (up to 1/2" diameter) and stems, floral trimmings, holiday greenery, hair, fur, fireplace ashes (cold)

Backyard compost bin or

■ Curbside Organic Cart

Sustainable Princeton

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Sustainable Princeton is an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit founded in 2009 to reduce energy use and waste in Princeton and to help us become a more environmentally sustainable community. We have partnered with the municipal government, residents, businesses, schools and institutions to advance this important mission.

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Princeton Convenience Center

298 River Road

Go to princetonnj.gov or call

Access Princeton: 609-924-4141 for

hours, days, and list of items

accepted as these are subject to change.

Some items require a Disposal Fee & Permit that can be obtained at Monument Hall, One Monument Drive prior to drop-off. There is an additional fee to remove Freon from refrigerators, dehumidifiers, freezers and air conditioners.

Mercer County Improvement Authority (MCIA)

Every year the MCIA sponsors:

Three Household Hazardous Waste

Collection & Electronics Recycling Events

and Two Electronics Recycling &

Document Shredding Events

For locations and dates: mcianj.org

Proof of Mercer County residency required.

S.H.R.R.E.D.temberfest

Annually on a Saturday in September.

Coordinated by the Department of

Public Works, it provides residents

with an opportunity to recycle or donate

many household items for free.

Witherspoon Hall and Valley Road.

For more info:

princetonnj.gov or 609-688-2566

Local Donation Resources

Goodwill goodwillnj.org

HomeFront homefrontnj.org

Rescue Mission of Trenton

rescuemissionoftrenton.org

Salvation Army satruck.org

Trenton Area Soup Kitchen

trentonsoupkitchen.org

Trenton Boys & Girls Club Bike Exchange

bikeexchangenj.org

Vietnam Veterans of America

pickupplease.org

Check out our Resources page

for more ways to

Donate, Reduce, Reuse and Resell