



RESIDENTIAL TRASH AND ORGANICS FAQS

TRASH COLLECTION

Central Jersey Waste & Recycling will collect and dispose of Princeton's residential trash and bulky items for 2015-2018.

- ✓ Residential trash must be placed curbside **BEFORE 6:00 am on the day of collection** or **AFTER 6:00 pm the night prior to collection (off the road surface)**.
- ✓ Residents shall provide their own lidded containers for trash collection. You are allowed a maximum of four plastic or metal lidded containers (with or without wheels), which are 32 gallons or under. **DO NOT PUT TRASH IN PLASTIC BAGS OR RECYCLE BUCKETS.**
- ✓ Empty containers shall be removed from the curb by 12:00 midnight after collection.
- ✓ There is a limit of **two (2) large bulky items per week** in addition to normal household trash. Examples of bulky items include: a mattress, a box spring, a small (2 seat) couch, a desk, a chair. Mattresses and box springs must be wrapped in plastic for disposal. **Each bulky item must weigh no more than 50 lbs.**
- ✓ Bulky materials shall be placed curbside (off the road surface and sidewalks) in an area no larger than 6' long x 3' wide, **each bulky item must weigh no more than 50 lbs.**



This collection DOES NOT INCLUDE:

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| • Recyclables | • Building materials | • Computer monitors |
| • Leaves, brush / yard debris, dirt | • Broken concrete, bricks/pavers | • Electronics & Televisions |
| • Hot Tubs, Spas & covers | • Ashes | • Swing Sets |
| • Construction debris | • Tires | • Automotive parts |
| • Appliances (washers, dryers, refrigerators, etc.) | • Propane Tanks | • Fences/Fencing |

For questions regarding disposal of common household items, please review pages 2, 3 & 4 of this newsletter.

HOLIDAYS

There will be no trash collection on New Year's Day, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. **If your trash collection falls on a listed Holiday it will be collected the next day.**

Regular collection occurs on all other holidays.

MISSED COLLECTION

AFTER 7 PM on the day of missed collection, please contact the Public Works Department at 609-688-2566 or jpellichero@princetonnj.gov and provide the following information:

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| ✓ Date | ✓ Time left at Curb | ✓ Email Address |
| ✓ Name | ✓ Address | ✓ Telephone No. |
| ✓ # of Containers | | |

Please leave your missed containers at the curb for collection, unless notified otherwise by the Public Works staff.



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CURBSIDE ORGANIC PROGRAM

Started in June 2011 as a 3 month pilot program for the collection of organic material, our award winning program is now here to stay! Over 1,200 households have already joined and participants have diverted over 700 tons of waste from going to our landfill in Pennsylvania. Princeton residents may participate in the weekly collection of organics through subscription and payment of an annual fee. The fee to have your green organic cart collected every Wednesday will be \$65.00. You will receive everything you need to start participating in the program;

- ✓ A 32 gallon wheeled cart with attached lid
- ✓ A counter top kitchen collector
- ✓ A supply of bags to line the kitchen collector
- ✓ **FREE** compost each spring!

To join the program:

- ✓ Go to www.princetonnj.gov & click on the "Curbside Organic Program" tab to register online with a personal check
- ✓ Fill out the registration form, (on reverse side) enclose your check for \$65.00 made payable to Princeton and mail it to: Janet Pellichero, CRP Department of Public Works 1 Monument Drive, Princeton NJ 08540

What Items Can I Put In The Green Organic Cart?

A tremendous amount of organic material: not just left-over food (including meat, fish & bones) but also pizza boxes, waxed cardboard, soiled paper products, and most yard waste, including weeds. Click here for the "Guide to Your Containers":

What Happens To The Organics Once It Has Been Collected?

It is turned into compost. Huge amounts of organic waste are involved so the compost piles get very hot. This means that compost can be made using items that can't be easily composted in a back yard, such as meat & bones, fish skins, pizza boxes, and yard waste, including sticks and branches. Organics become compost in just 90 days after you put them out for weekly collection.

**Have a question about how to dispose of something?
The guide below provides information you may find helpful.**

What Do I Do With? ...	
Household Item	Disposal Location
Appliances (Any item with Freon must have the Freon removed prior to disposal; a small appliance repair man can do this for you.)	Convenience Center on River Road A permit is necessary to access the center and must be obtained at the Princeton Sewer Operating Committee, Monument Hall, 1 Monument Drive Call 609-497-7639 for further information.
Automobiles	Wheels for Wishes: The NJ Chapter of the Make A Wish Foundation will pick up your automobile and issue a charitable tax deduction. Call 1-877-712-9474 or visit their website http://newjersey.wheelsforwishes.org/
Batteries - Alkaline (dry cell) i.e., AAA, AA, A, C, D & 9 volt	Dispose with your regular household trash. DO NOT RECYCLE
Batteries - Car and Boat (wet cell)	Mercer County Household Chemical Waste Disposal Day or Check with local repair facilities to see if they accept or turn it in when you get a new battery.
Batteries - Rechargeable and batteries less than 2 lbs. (watch, cell phone)	Drop off container at locations such as Radio Shack, Lowe's, Home Depot, Sears



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Bubble Wrap/Air Packs	<p>For collection locations in Princeton go to the Princeton Merchants Associations website: http://www.princetonmerchants.org/collection-bins-guidelines</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR Trash OR Call a local shipping outlet to see if they will accept. DO NOT RECYCLE</p>
Cell Phones	<p style="text-align: center;">Drop off container located in the Princeton Police Department lobby All related equipment is accepted including batteries and chargers.</p>
Computers (CPU's, Monitors, Laptops, E-readers)	<p style="text-align: center;">Convenience Center on River Road Saturday and Monday (by schedule) from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm Call the Princeton Sewer Operating Committee at 609-497-7639 for schedule & information on how to obtain a pass for disposal.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR Mercer County Household Hazardous Waste/Electronic Disposal Day Call 609-278-8086 or www.mcyanj.org</p>
Construction Debris, Concrete, Building Materials	<p style="text-align: center;">Check with your building / site contractor for disposal options</p>
Electronics	<p style="text-align: center;">Mercer County Household Hazardous Waste/Electronic Disposal Day Call 609-278-8086 or www.mcyanj.org</p>
CFL & Fluorescent Light Bulbs	<p style="text-align: center;">Drop off containers in Home Depot or Lowes OR Mercer County Household Hazardous Waste/Electronic Disposal Day Call 609-278-8086 or www.mcyanj.org</p>
Insecticides, Insect Repellents	<p style="text-align: center;">Mercer County Household Hazardous Waste/Electronic Disposal Day Call 609-278-8086 or www.mcyanj.org</p>
Mattresses and Box Springs	<p style="text-align: center;">Trash with your bulky waste Mattresses and box springs must be wrapped in plastic for disposal.</p>
Packing Paper	<p style="text-align: center;">RECYCLE Place in YELLOW recycle bin for curbside collection on scheduled recycle day</p>
Packing Peanuts, Styrofoam	<p style="text-align: center;">Trash OR Call a local shipping outlet to see if they will accept. DO NOT RECYCLE . They also make a great drainage aid for your container plants.</p>
Paint – Enamel or oil based paint, paint thinners and turpentine	<p style="text-align: center;">Mercer County Household Hazardous Waste/Electronic Disposal Day Call 609-278-8086 or www.mcyanj.org</p>
Paint – Latex Only	<p style="text-align: center;">Trash Remove lid, air dry the can or fill with sand or kitty litter prior to placing out for refuse collection. DO NOT RECYCLE</p>
Pesticides	<p style="text-align: center;">Mercer County Household Hazardous Waste/Electronic Disposal Day Call 609-278-8086 or www.mcyanj.org</p>
Pizza Boxes	<p style="text-align: center;">Trash or GREEN ORGANIC CART DO NOT RECYCLE</p>



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Plastic Bags and Plastic Film/Wrap (Film/Wrap that encloses Toilet Paper, Paper Towel and Water bottle cases, etc.)	For collection locations in Princeton go to the Princeton Merchants Associations website: http://www.princetonmerchants.org/collection-bins-guidelines OR TRASH~DO NOT RECYCLE CURBSIDE
Plastic Flower Pots and Flower Flats	Trash OR Return to the place of purchase DO NOT RECYCLE CURBSIDE
Pool Chemicals	Mercer County Household Hazardous Waste/Electronic Disposal Day Call 609-278-8086 or www.mcyanj.org
Prescription Medications/Empty Prescription Containers	Princeton Police Department Lobby (24 hr. drop box) For frequently asked questions click on the link below: http://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/meddrop/FAQ.htm
Propane Tanks	Mercer County Household Hazardous Waste/Electronic Disposal Day Call 609-278-8086 or www.mcyanj.org
Scrap Metal	Refer to the Yellow Pages for local scrap metal yards. Many will pay for the metal.
Syringes	Trash Clip needles with a needle clipper and place in a hard plastic container (detergent or soda bottle) with a tightly sealed top. Place a large WARNING label on the container and dispose with household trash. OR Call the University Medical Center of Princeton at Plainsboro at 853-7000 to ask about their syringe return program. DO NOT RECYCLE CURBSIDE
Take Out Containers – Plastic, Styrofoam, Cardboard	Trash or GREEN ORGANIC CART for Cardboard containers only DO NOT RECYCLE CURBSIDE
Televisions	Convenience Center on River Road Saturday and Monday (by schedule) from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm Call the Princeton Sewer Operating Committee at 609-497-7639 for schedule & information on how to obtain a pass for disposal. OR Mercer County Household Hazardous Waste/Electronic Disposal Day Call 609-278-8086 or www.mcyanj.org
Tires (off the rim)	Convenience Center on River Road Saturday and Monday (by schedule) from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm Call the Princeton Sewer Operating Committee at 609-497-7639 for schedule & information on how to obtain a permit. Tires must be taken off the rim for disposal
Used Motor Oil	Convenience Center on River Road Saturday and Monday (by schedule) from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm Call the Princeton Sewer Operating Committee at 609-497-7639 for schedule & information on how to obtain a sticker for your vehicle. OR Mercer County Household Hazardous Waste/Electronic Disposal Day Call 609-278-8086 or www.mcyanj.org

For trash, organics, and recycling questions and concerns, contact: Public Works (609) 688-2566