

January Recycling Calendar: Holiday Closing, 'First Saturday of the Month' Drop-off

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Recycling Pick-up Date Adjusted for New Year's Day Holiday

BRIDGEWATER - The Somerset County Recycling Center, located at 40 Polhemus Lane, will be closed Monday, Jan. 2, in observance of the New Year's Day holiday.

Recycling pickup for residents of Branchburg, Raritan and Western Hillsborough will be Tuesday, Jan. 3.

Due to the holiday, some recycling pickups scheduled in Somerset County the week of Jan. 2 may be delayed. Residents are asked to leave their recyclables at the curb. Remaining collections will be completed as soon as possible. The Somerset County Recycling Division thanks residents for their patience and understanding.

County offices will be closed Jan. 2 for New Year's Day and Jan. 16 for the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. The Recycling Center will be closed Jan. 2, but will be open on Jan. 16. Recycling pickups will proceed as scheduled on Jan. 16.

To view the 2017 Recycling Collection Schedule, go to <http://bit.ly/RecySchedule>.

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'First Saturday of the Month' Drop-off on Jan. 7

BRIDGEWATER - Somerset County Freeholder Mark Caliguire, recycling liaison, invites residents to take advantage of the next First Saturday of the Month Drop-off event Jan. 7 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Somerset County Recycling Center, located at 40 Polhemus Lane, Bridgewater, NJ 08807.

First Saturday drop-off events enable busy residents to recycle tires, clean textiles and usual curbside items in one fell swoop. They also enable residents to help people in the community who are less fortunate by donating food items for a local food bank.

As part of the program, residents can drop off up to eight tires - with or without rims - scrap metal, used motor oil, oil filters, antifreeze and usual curbside materials, including chipboard items and plastic bottles and containers, marked #1 through #7. Chipboard includes gift, shoe, shirt and all retail boxes, as well as cereal, cookie, pasta, cake and cracker boxes, without the plastic liners. Also poster board, greeting cards, backing from writing pads and empty, dried-out steel paint cans are accepted.

Residents have the option of disposing of clean, dry textiles throughout the year at scheduled Saturday drop-off events. Textiles include drapes, curtains, sheets, towels, belts, handbags, shoes (pairs), clean cloth and small stuffed animals. Textiles only are accepted in plastic bags.

No household hazardous waste or electronics are accepted at First Saturday drop-off events.

Residents can recycle electronics free of charge on designated Saturdays and weekdays. Following is a listing of upcoming days, drop-off locations and times:

* Saturday drop-offs: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the South County Public Works Garage, 410 Roycefield Road, Hillsborough, NJ 08844 on Jan. 7, Feb. 4, March 4, April 1, May 6, June 3, July 1, Aug. 5, Sept. 9 (due to the Labor Day holiday), Oct. 7, Nov. 4 and Dec. 2.

* Weekday drop-offs: Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the North County Public Works Facility, 411 Chimney Rock Road - north of Route 22 - Building B, Bridgewater, NJ 08807 and the South County Public Works Garage, 410 Roycefield Road, Hillsborough, NJ 08844.

For more information about recycling electronics, visit www.co.somerset.nj.us/e-waste, contact the Somerset County Road Division at (908) 541-5021 or email roaddiv@co.somerset.nj.us

For a complete listing of recyclable items, recycling events and much more, visit www.co.somerset.nj.us/recycle or call the Somerset County Recycling Center at (732) 469-3363.

Residents wishing to help the needy during these difficult economic times can bring canned goods and non-perishable food donations to First Saturday of the Month drop-off events or they can put out canned goods in a plastic bag on their usual recycling pickup dates. Items are delivered to the Food Bank Network of Somerset County. Perishable items and foods in glass containers are not accepted.

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