

FALL 2024 RECYCLING UPDATE



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FALL SHREDDING EVENTS

OCTOBER 13 & NOVEMBER 10

Events are **SUNDAYS** from 9 AM - 1 PM*
Rain or Shine

"Each pound of paper and plastic we recycle saves landfill space and the local tax dollars spent on disposal fees, so please take advantage of these free recycling events for confidential files and special plastics."

- Commissioner Tom Pullion, liaison to the Department of Solid Waste and Recycling



Burlington County Resource Recovery Complex (Landfill)

22000 Burlington-Columbus Road
Florence, NJ 08518 (Exit 52A off I-295)

***EVENTS MAY END PRIOR TO 1PM IF SHREDDING TRUCKS REACH CAPACITY.**

- ✓ Remain in your car.
- ✓ Put paper in your trunk or truck bed; our staff will remove it from your vehicle.
- ✓ **Confidential files ONLY - ABSOLUTELY NO MAGAZINES/JUNK MAIL!**
- ✓ Limit of 4 bags/boxes of unshredded paper weighing no more than 10 lbs. each. Shredded paper is also accepted.
- ✓ No businesses or non-profits.

2 Special Plastic Collections at Shred Events

Plastic Bags/Film - bubble wrap, air pillows, plastic mailers, and plastic wrap from cases of water & paper products.

PakTech Plastic Handles - Plastic handles used to carry beer, sodas, food jars, etc.

Do not mix the plastic bags/film with the PakTech handles.

BURLINGTON COUNTY RESIDENTS ONLY.

Identification required.

Questions? Call **(609) 499-1001 ext. 4309**
or email recycle@co.burlington.nj.us

Burlington County Launches Program to Recycle Plastic Drink Carriers



Burlington County has a new eco-friendly way for residents to recycle plastic, snap-on beer, soda and seltzer can carriers, also known as "handles."

Though the handles are recyclable, they cannot be sorted by traditional recycling equipment and require special drop-offs.

This fall the County launched a program with Oregon-based plastic handle manufacturer PakTech, and two local breweries to provide drop-off locations for the used plastic handles.

Residents may recycle PakTech handles at the Burlington County Resource Recovery Complex located at 22000 Burlington-Columbus Road in Florence or bring them to Farm Truck Brewing in Medford or Zed's Beer in Evesham. Both breweries use PakTech handles and participate in the company's recycling program.



Lori White, co-founder of Zeds, shows Commissioner Tom Pullion PakTech handles recycled at Zeds and Farm Truck breweries.

"Burlington County residents are environmentally conscious and have helped us earn one of the best recycling records in the state," said Burlington County Commissioner Director Felicia Hopson. "Recycling PakTech plastic handles is a small but meaningful way to keep common plastic items out of our landfill. It helps protect our environment and promotes sustainability."

PakTech handles are made from 100% recycled plastics and are widely used by breweries and major brands like Kirkland, Kraft/Heinz, Pepsi, and Ocean Spray. The handles are replacing the older plastic ring holders that pose a threat to wildlife if littered.

Handles collected at these special drop-offs will be baled by the County and shipped to recycling processors who will sell them to companies, like PakTech, to make new handles, plastic lumber, and outdoor furniture.

Commissioner Tom Pullion, liaison to the Department of Solid Waste and Recycling, is encouraging more breweries to join the program. He noted that the County will also be collecting the handles at its fall paper shredding days and special events in the future.

"The more recycling options we can offer, the easier it will be for residents to participate and recycle right," Pullion said.



For more information about the PakTech recycling program, email recycle@co.burlington.nj.us.



RECYCLING GUIDELINES

ONLY RECYCLE ITEMS SHOWN BELOW



Paper & Cardboard

No paper plates, towels, tissues, or napkins.
No wrapping paper with foil or glitter.



Plastic Bottles & Food Containers



Screw-top caps on plastic bottles are OK.
No Styrofoam or lids.



Glass Bottles & Jars

No ceramics or glassware.

EMPTY and RINSE
all bottles, jars, and containers.

DO NOT CRUSH
plastic bottles or metal cans.



Metal CANS Only

No paint or aerosol cans.



Cartons

No frozen food containers.

WATCH THIS MOVIE

to see how your recyclables are sorted!

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Recycling carts with incorrect items **WILL NOT BE SERVICED!**

DO NOT RECYCLE:

BAGGED RECYCLING

STYRO-FOAM

REUSABLE BAGS

PLASTIC BAGS, FILM, OR WRAP

NO PLASTIC WITH



How to Prepare Your Recyclables

- Recyclables should be clean, dry, and empty.
- NEVER** bag recyclables. Place them loose in your cart.
- Recycling should be at the curb by 6am on collection day.
- Cardboard must be **emptied, flattened, folded** and placed in recycling container or stacked neatly and loosely next to it.

Pizza Box Guidelines

Pizza boxes must be clean and empty. A **small** amount of grease is okay.

Pizza boxes that look like this **CAN** be recycled

DO NOT recycle pizza boxes that look like this

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