

# BOROUGH OF METUCHEN

## RESIDENTIAL GARBAGE & RECYCLING COLLECTION SCHEDULE

January, 2024						
SUN	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> <b>HOLIDAY</b> <b>NEW YEARS</b> <b>DAY</b>	2 Garbage (NW) Single Stream – Recycling (NW) X-Mas Trees & Brush	3 Garbage (SW) Single Stream Recycling (SW) Single Stream Recycling X-Mas Trees & Brush <b>(Business District &amp; All Non- Automated Areas)</b>	4 Garbage (SE) Single Stream – Recycling (SE) X-Mas Trees & Brush	5 Garbage (NE) Single Stream – Recycling (NE) X-Mas Trees & Brush	6 <b><u>Cardboard</u></b> <b><u>Drop off at</u></b> <b><u>44 Jersey Ave.</u></b> <b><u>8:00 a.m. -</u></b> <b><u>12:00p.m.</u></b>
7	8 Garbage (NW) Single Stream – Recycling (NW) Brush & Tree Parts	9 Garbage (SW) Single Stream – Recycling (SW) Brush & Tree Parts	10 <b>**Metal</b> Single Stream Recycling <b>(Business District &amp; All Non- Automated Areas)</b>	11 Garbage (SE) Single Stream – Recycling (SE) Brush & Tree Parts	12 Garbage (NE) Single Stream – Recycling (NE) Brush & Tree Parts	13
14	<b>15</b> <b>HOLIDAY</b> <b>CLOSED</b> <b>MARTIN LUTHER</b> <b>KING DAY</b>	16 Garbage (NW) Single Stream – Recycling (NW)	17 Garbage (SW) Single Stream Recycling (SW) Single Stream Recycling <b>(Business District &amp; All Non- Automated Areas)</b>	18 Garbage (SE) Single Stream – Recycling (SE)	19 Garbage (NE) Single Stream – Recycling (NE)	20
21	22 Garbage (NW) Single Stream – Recycling (NW)	23 Garbage (SW) Single Stream – Recycling (SW)	24 <b>**Metal</b> Single Stream Recycling <b>(Business District &amp; All Non- Automated Areas)</b>	25 Garbage (SE) Single Stream- Recycling (SE)	26 Garbage (NE) Single Stream – Recycling (NE)	27
28	29 Garbage (NW) Single Stream – Recycling (NW)	30 Garbage (SW) Single Stream Recycling (SW)	31 <b>**Metal</b> Single Stream Recycling <b>(Business District &amp; All Non- Automated Areas)</b>			

**February, 2024**

SUN	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Garbage (SE) Single Stream – Recycling (SE)	2 Garbage (NE) Single Stream – Recycling (NE)	3
4	4 Garbage (NW) Single Stream – Recycling (NW)	6 Garbage (SW) Single Stream – Recycling (SW)	7 **Metal Single Stream Recycling <b>(Business District &amp; All Non- Automated Areas)</b>	8 Garbage (SE) Single Stream – Recycling (SE)	9 Garbage (NE) Single Stream – Recycling (NE)	10
11	<b>12 HOLIDAY CLOSED LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY</b>	13 Garbage (NW) Single Stream – Recycling (NW)	14 Garbage (SW) Single Stream – Recycling (SW) Single Stream Recycling <b>(Business District &amp; All Non- Automated Areas)</b>	15 Garbage (SE) Single Stream – Recycling (SE)	16 Garbage (NE) Single Stream – Recycling (NE)	17
18	<b>19 HOLIDAY CLOSED PRESIDENT'S DAY</b>	20 Garbage (NW) Single Stream – Recycling (NW)	21 Garbage (SW) Single Stream – Recycling (SW) Single Stream Recycling <b>(Business District &amp; All Non- Automated Areas)</b>	22 Garbage (SE) Single Stream – Recycling (SE)	23 Garbage (NE) Single Stream – Recycling (NE)	24
25	26 Garbage (NW) Single Stream – Recycling (NW) Leaves	27 Garbage (SW) Single Stream – Recycling (SW) Leaves (SW)	28 **Metal Single Stream Recycling <b>(Business District &amp; All Non- Automated Areas)</b>	29 Garbage (SE) Single Stream – Recycling (SE) Leaves (SE)		

March, 2024						
SUN	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Garbage (NE) Single Stream – Recycling (NE) Leaves (NE)	2
3	4 Garbage (NW) Single Stream – Recycling (NW) Leaves (NW)	5 Garbage (SW) Single Stream – Recycling (SW) Leaves (SW)	6 **Metal Single Stream Recycling <b>(Business District &amp; All Non- Automated Areas) Brush &amp; Tree Parts (S)</b>	7 Garbage (SE) Single Stream – Recycling (SE) Leaves (SE)	8 Garbage (NE) Single Stream – Recycling (NE) Leaves (NE)	9
10	11 Garbage (NW) Single Stream – Recycling (NW) Leaves (NW)	12 Garbage (SW) Single Stream – Recycling (SW) Leaves (SW)	13 **Metal Single Stream Recycling <b>(Business District &amp; All Non- Automated Areas)</b>	14 Garbage (SE) Single Stream – Recycling (SE) Leaves (SE)	15 Garbage (NE) Single Stream – Recycling (NE) Leaves (NE)	16
17	18 Garbage (NW) Single Stream – Recycling (NW) Leaves (NW)	19 Garbage (SW) Single Stream – Recycling (SW) Leaves (SW)	20 **Metal Single Stream Recycling <b>(Business District &amp; All Non – Automated Areas) Brush &amp; Tree Parts (N)</b>	21 Garbage (SE) Single Stream – Recycling (SE) Leaves (SE)	22 Garbage (NE) Single Stream – Recycling (NE) Leaves (NE)	23
24	25 Garbage (NW) Single Stream – Recycling (NW) Leaves (NW)	26 Garbage (SW) Single Stream – Recycling (SW) Leaves (SW)	27 Garbage (SE) Single Stream – Recycling (SE) Leaves (SE) Single Stream Recycling <b>(Business District &amp; All Non – Automated Areas)</b>	28 Garbage (NE) Single Stream – Recycling (NE) Leaves (NE)	29 <b>GOOD FRIDAY HOLIDAY</b>	30
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<b>If you have **Metal items (appliances, cast iron sink or tub, lawn furniture, pipes and any other items made of a metal component) Call Public Works @ 732-632-8519 to schedule for Wednesday metal collection.</b>						

**JANUARY, FEBRUARY & MARCH 2024 RECYCLING SCHEDULE**

**IMPORTANT RECYCLING NOTES!**

- **Single Stream Recycling** - All paper products including newspapers, cardboard, and junk mail are to be placed in the blue recycling container along with your commingled recyclables. Cut up all cardboard to ensure that it fits into the blue recycling container. Cardboard and paper will no longer be permitted to be placed at the curb in any other container except for the blue automated container that residents are currently utilizing for commingle products. For further information and guidelines please visit Borough website @ [www.metuchennj.org](http://www.metuchennj.org).
- Please remember to place out your items the night before collection, as this will help alleviate missed items. **Do not put any big bulk items in your automated garbage can where the lid can not close.**
- **Electronic Recycling** please see below for information.
- **Drop off Cardboard Only Saturday December 30<sup>th</sup> 2024 & January 6<sup>th</sup> 2024 from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at 44 Jersey Ave., Public Works yard.**

**GARBAGE & BULK TRASH**

**What and how to put out your garbage.**

- 32-Gallon container or bag, Limit 50 lbs. per container.
  - Do **NOT** use boxes for containers.
- Any container out for garbage containing recyclables will be left!  
Bulk Trash Examples: Couch, mattress, furniture, empty paint cans (Lids Off), carpeting must be cut to 4ft. rolls 50 lbs. per roll and tied- lumber 4ft.bundles and tied. 50 lbs.

The Borough does **NOT** collect construction & demolition debris such as sheet rock, shingles, and lumber. **For gas, pesticides, paint, driveway sealer and other such household hazardous wastes call Middlesex County at 732-745-4170 or go to the website: [www.middlesexcountynj.gov/recycle](http://www.middlesexcountynj.gov/recycle) .**

**AUTOMATED COLLECTION GUIDELINES**

Simply roll the cart out on the night before your collection day, and place the can at the bottom of the driveway in the same spot your container was delivered. Make sure the arrow points toward the street as directed on the lid and the wheels face the curb. Make sure the container is clear of poles, parked cars, or any other obstructions.

**Please do not place the following materials in the container: Recyclables, bulk waste, (see below for details) brush, household hazardous materials, flammables, paints or thinners, remodeling or construction debris, hot ashes or metal items.**

The normal Borough and County programs will continue for the above items.

**Bulk collection can be scheduled by calling Public Works @ 732-632-8519 or E-MAILING [recycle@metuchen.com](mailto:recycle@metuchen.com)**

**THE JERSEY AVE. RECYCLING CENTER  
IS NOW CLOSED!**

**PLEASE SEE BELOW FOR THE RECYCLING DEFINITIONS FOR RECYCLING COLLECTION GUIDELINES AT YOUR HOME ONCE A WEEK. FOR HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF DAYS, RESIDENTIAL TIRE DROP-OFF, RESIDENTIAL COOKING OIL DROP-OFF, PAPER SHRED EVENTS AND PAINT DROP-OFF PROGRAM GO TO THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY WEBSITE @ [www.middlesexcountynj.gov/recycle](http://www.middlesexcountynj.gov/recycle)**

The NJDEP has compiled a list of locations that will accept your consumer electronics at no charge.

Two locations that are on that NJDEP list are:

[Staples stores](#) (for printers, computers, computer monitors and fax machines only - **no televisions**)

[New Tech Recycling](#) (for all covered electronic devices) **Televisions, computers, monitors, fax machines and printers.**

Ph. 732-564-3110

You can also visit the [New Jersey E-cycles Webpage here](http://www.nj.gov/dep/dshw/ewaste/index.html) @ [www.nj.gov/dep/dshw/ewaste/index.html](http://www.nj.gov/dep/dshw/ewaste/index.html) or call 866-DEP-KNOW.

**Please call the location ahead to confirm this service is ongoing and applicable.**

**RECYCLING DEFINITIONS - AS SHOWN ON CALENDAR SIDE**

**What is recyclable; and how to place it out for pick-up.**

- **Plastic** – Any Plastic container with a 1 - 2 in the recycling symbol on the bottom. **Plastic grocery bags are not recyclable.**
- **Aluminum Cans** - Soda, Beer & Juice Cans. Pie plates & Foil Scrap.
- **Glass Bottles** - Only containers, which contained food or drink.
- **Tin Cans** - Soup, Pet food, empty aerosol cans and similarly constructed containers.
- **Mixed Paper, Newspaper & Corrugated** - Magazines, junk mail, cereal boxes, shoeboxes, office paper, telephone books, gift-wrapping may all be mixed together. **Hard covers must be removed from books and placed out for garbage. Place inserts with single stream recycling. All the above items can be mixed together in your automated container on your scheduled day. Please make sure to break down and cut up all cardboard boxes.**
- **Areas in town that are not automated may use a 32 gallon container. (SINGLE STREAM - RECYCLING)**
- **Brush & Tree Parts** - (4" Dia. Max) Branches, twigs, shrubs and heavy vines - **Bundle in 4ft. Lengths & tied or in containers. WHEN COLLECTED CURB SIDE. UNLIMITED IF TIED IN BUNDLES 50LBS. AND UNDER.**
- **Grass** - **WHEN POSSIBLE CUT IT AND LEAVE IT!** Weeds, tomato, flower plants, and small hedge clippings - Place in garbage cans or biodegradable bags. Maximum 50 lbs. per container or bag. **NO YARD WASTE WILL BE COLLECTED IN PLASTIC BAGS! NO GRASS WILL BE COLLECTED IN CANS AFTER OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup> MUST USE BIODEGRADABLE BAGS ONLY.**
- **Leaves** - **Collected in paper biodegradable bags only!** **Do not place leaves in street or out in plastic bags or garbage cans.**
- **\*\*Metal** - An appointment is **ALWAYS** needed to collect all items. Such as: Stove, washer, dryer, window & door frames, lawn furniture, pipes and any other item or items existing of a metal component. Call **by 2:30 p.m. Tuesday for Wednesday's pick-up 732-632-8519.**