



Phoenix House c. 1820

The Borough of Mendham

RECYCLING, BULK, BRUSH, HAZARDOUS WASTE and SOLID WASTE GUIDE

When In Doubt Throw It Out!

The Borough of Mendham strives to decrease contaminants in the recycling process. If there is a doubt whether an item is recyclable it is best to throw it in the trash.



Municipal Building

2 W. Main Street

Mendham, NJ 07945

973-543-7152

Public Works

37 Ironia Road

Mendham, NJ 07945

973-543-6535

mendhamnj.org

GUIDE TO SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING

RECYCLE:

**Paper and Flattened
Cardboard**



**Plastic Bottles
and Food
Containers**

Empty and rinse containers.



**Glass Bottles
and Jars**

Labels are okay!



Metal & Aluminum

Other metal items
can harm
workers and
equipment.



Cartons



**SET RECYCLING
OUT BY 6 AM**

DON'T RECYCLE:

NO hoses, cords,
hangers, etc.



NO hardback books, food
soiled, or frozen food boxes



NO wax coated cardboard

NO foil items

NO bulbs, glassware,
or window glass



NO motor oil, pesticide
bottles, or propane tanks



NO batteries



NO plastic with a
3 4 6 or 7
(like Styrofoam)



NO plastic wrap/sleeves

NO plant pots, trays,
or bulky plastics



NO lids/cups/straws

NO loose shredded paper
Shredded paper must be in clear plastic bags



NO PLASTIC BAGS

They jam sorting machinery!
Shredded paper ONLY in plastic bags!

CURBSIDE RECYCLING

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

1. Curbside recycling is picked up every Thursday by Blue Diamond Disposal.
2. Recycling in the Borough is Single Stream, meaning all acceptable recyclable material can be mixed in the same can. No need to separate!
3. Cans should be no larger than 50 gallons. Residents can choose their can. If a can is used that does not have a recycling logo on it, the Borough recommends a recycling sticker be placed on the can. Stickers are available at the Phoenix House and Public Works upon request.
4. Pick-up can start as early as 6am so best to have your can out Wednesday night, if not prior to 6am Thursday.
5. If your recycling was missed or there is an issue, please contact Public Works after 1pm on Thursday.
6. If recycling pick-up day falls on a Holiday and Blue Diamond is closed pick-up will occur the following day. An alert will be posted on the Borough's website under News and Announcements and also under Recycling.
7. Do not place recycling in plastic bags.

RECYCLE COACH

YOU HAVE QUESTIONS...RECYCLE COACH HAS ANSWERS



- Recycle Coach helps you drastically reduce contamination and become a force for good in the fight against climate change.
- Visit <https://recyclecoach.com/> or download the app from the Apple Store or Google Play.
- Set up your location and sign up for collection day alerts.
- Have a question about a specific item and how to properly dispose of it, search for the item and disposal details will be provided.



RECYCLING CENTER @ PUBLIC WORKS

WHAT IS ACCEPTED and WHEN?

- The Recycling Center at Public Works is open Monday – Friday from 7:00am – 3:00pm and Saturday from 8:00am – 2:30pm. The following items are accepted:

- **Grass and Leaves** – Accepted all open days.
 - Grass and Leaves must be removed from bags.
 - No twigs, sticks, branches, tree parts or any material that is hard is accepted.



- **Books** – Accepted all open days.
 - Hardcover, paperback and textbooks that have an ISBN barcode are accepted. Books should be in good readable condition.
 - Not accepted are encyclopedias, magazines, or water damaged books.



- **Electronics (e-waste)** – Only accepted on Saturday.
 - Accepted items include TV's (including CRT's), computers, computer monitors, computer accessories, copiers, desktop printers and fax machines, laptops, and tablets.
 - Check the Electronics (E-Waste) Recycling page on the website for information on how to dispose of other electronics.



BULK TRASH PICK-UP



Mendham Borough Bulk Trash

Collection Guidelines

Acceptable Items

- **Bulky Waste**
Furniture, carpets, mattresses, bed springs, space heaters, water softeners, patio sets, BBQ grills
- **“White Goods”**
Household appliances, automatic dishwashers, washing machines, dryers, air conditioners**, refrigerators**, freezers**

****Refrigerant must be removed. Please call a refrigeration specialist for more information. Items must have a sticker on them indicating refrigerant was removed before Blue Diamond will collect.**

Items must be placed curbside prior to 6:00am Monday

Pick up every Monday
If there is a Holiday on Monday, then Bulk Trash will be picked up Tuesday. Please check the Borough’s website for Holiday updates.

Do NOT place bulky items in bags
If a material fits in a bag then please dispose in your regular trash.

Long items should be cut to 5’ lengths, tied & bundled, weighing no more than 40lbs.

Items Not Accepted

- **Automotive**
Whole vehicles, parts of a vehicle, batteries, tires, accessories such as mufflers and wheels
- **Construction Waste**
Building construction, alteration or demolition waste, toilets, sinks, bathtubs, cabinets, asphalt shingles, concrete slabs, steel, iron, concrete pipes, railroad ties, any type of fencing, wood/plastic pallets
- **Electronics Waste**
Computers, laptops, monitors, televisions, printers, fax machines.
- **Hazardous Materials**
- **Large Cardboard Boxes**
- **Oversize/Overweight**
Any item weighing more than 300 lbs. or too large to be loaded into garbage truck
- **Vegetation**
Brush, tree parts, leaves, grass clippings
- **Wooden Swing Sets**

Mendham Borough contracts Blue Diamond Disposal to pick up bulk trash items every Monday. If a holiday falls on a Monday pick up will be the next day, Tuesday. If the trash is not picked up, please call Public Works at 973-543-6535 after 1:00pm Monday and provide the following information: your address, telephone number and a description of the material left behind.

BRUSH PICK-UP and WOOD CHIPS

The Borough of Mendham offers year-round brush pick-up as a service to residents. The Borough Brush Removal Program is for the homeowner's convenience to assist in seasonal tree maintenance and storm damage to trees. No cut down, whole trees will be picked up. This service shall not be used by private contractors. Persons hired by the property owners are responsible for removing material. Piles deemed excessively large will not be accepted. Public Works Superintendent has the right to refuse any pick-up that does not fall within these guidelines.

GUIDELINES FOR BRUSH PICK-UP:

The following information shall assist residents regarding brush pick-up procedures:

- All brush must be placed in front of the house generating it.
- Brush piles must be placed on the curb not on the road. If limbs are too long, place them parallel to the curb.
- The piles must be stacked in an orderly fashion and not tied in bundles and shall not be larger than six inches in diameter.
- Stack brush with the cut ends facing the road in the same direction.
- Brush will not be picked up unless it is called in.
- Christmas trees can be placed out for brush pick-up. All lights, ornaments and tinsel must be removed.

ITEMS NOT ALLOWED:

- Stumps, root balls, roots, lumber, brush larger than six inches in diameter, metal of any kind, posts, clippings, dirt, grass, flowers, weeds, plants, leaves and bamboo.
- Cut down, whole trees.
- Excessively large piles
- Brush cut or trimmed by Contractors.

WOOD CHIPS:

- Wood chips from the brush program are available to residents at no cost. You can help yourself to them at Public Works or have them delivered to your home free of charge.

Call 973-543-6535, submit a service request on the website or email dpw@mendhamnj.org to schedule pick-up.



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL



The MCMUA opened a year-round Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) facility located at the MCMUA's Mount Olive Transfer Station. This facility operates by appointment only on select Tuesday and Friday mornings, from 9:00am to 11:30am, and most Saturday mornings, from 8:00am to 10:30am. Using the facility is free of charge to Morris County residents delivering residential HHW (fees are charged, however, for propane cylinders and latex paint if delivered).

Call the MCMUA for an appointment at (973) 829-8006 or visit mcmua.com to schedule an appointment online.

In addition to the permanent HHW facility, the MCMUA continues to operate several individual HHW disposal events at differing locations. At least one HHW disposal event per year is held at the Morris County Public Safety Training Academy. All HHW disposal events are held either in the Spring or Fall and serve Morris County residents with residential HHW. Visit mcmua.com more info. on disposal events.

MCMUA Household Hazardous Waste Programs Details

- There are no maximum amounts of household hazardous waste that Morris County residents may bring per visit, except no more than 55 gallons of used motor oil and no more than 100 lbs. of asbestos per person.
- Materials will not be accepted in containers larger than five gallons in size.
- All materials must be in clearly marked containers with the contents identified.

MCMUA Household Hazardous Waste **ACCEPTED** Items

- Adhesives
- Aerosol cans
- Asbestos in small quantities, must be under 100 lbs., wet down, double-bagged, sealed with duct tape, and sized to fit into 55-gallon drums
- Automotive cleaning products
- Automotive fluids such as oil, antifreeze and brake, diesel, transmission, and steering fluids, etc.
- Automotive used oil filters
- Batteries for car, boat, motorcycles and/or ATVs (lead-acid)
- Batteries, if they are rechargeable (NiCd, NiMH, Lithium-Ion) and/or hazardous dry-cell batteries (button-cell and lithium). Alkaline batteries are not hazardous and are not accepted (put them into the garbage).
- Caulks
- Caustic cleaning materials
- Cooking oils (vegetable, peanut oil, etc. can be new or used)
- Corrosive liquids and solids
- Driveway sealant and roofing tar if they contain coal tar or petroleum distillates
- Fire extinguishers
- Flammable liquids (lighter fluid, diesel fuel)
- Fluorescent light bulbs and CFLs (compact fluorescent lights) that contain mercury
- Gasoline/diesel gas (must be transported in a certified gas can)

Mount Olive Transfer Station

168 Gold Mine Road

Flanders, NJ 07836



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL Continued



- Household hazardous cleaning products - must be considered hazardous but note, most are not hazardous.
- Kerosene
- Muriatic acid
- Nail polish and nail polish remover (acetone)
- Oil-based paints and varnishes, stains, lacquers (liquid or solidified)
- Pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers (bug sprays, bug killers, home defense and repellents)
- Photography and printing chemicals (fixers, toners and inks)
- Pool chemicals and chlorine
- Propane cylinders (BBQ-sized propane cylinders cost \$5/cyl. at the permanent HHW facility and there is no charge for camping stove-sized propane cylinders)
- Solvents and paint thinners
- Thermometers and thermostats containing mercury

MCMUA Household Hazardous Waste **UNACCEPTABLE** Items

- Explosives or highly reactive materials since these may be dangerous! Always call first for safety instructions. **DO NOT** bring these materials without prior authorization! These dangerous items include, but are not limited to the following:
 - Ammunition
 - Benzoyl peroxide
 - Bromine
 - Calcium carbide
 - "Dangerous When Wet" materials e.g., sodium metal
 - ethyl ether
 - Fireworks
 - Isopropyl ether
 - Perchloric acid
 - Pentachlorophenol (from older cans of Woodlife)
 - Picric acid
- Materials in containers larger than five (5) gallons in size
- Materials in unlabeled containers and/or containers with unknown contents
- E-waste and/or used consumer electronic waste is not accepted at one-day hazardous waste disposal events.
- Dried, hard, solid latex or water-based paint or empty paint cans; these can be disposed of in regular household garbage
- Appliances such as microwave ovens, washers, dryers; freon-containing appliances such as refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, humidifiers
- Biologic agents
- Compressed gas cylinders (oxygen, acetylene)
- Construction materials such as wood, brick, treated lumber, asphalt, or concrete
- Radioactive materials or X-ray machines (ionizing)
- Regulated medical waste, including pharmaceuticals, syringes, sharps and needles
- Smoke and/or carbon monoxide detectors
- Tires

SOLID WASTE

GARBAGE COLLECTION

The Borough of Mendham **does not** provide garbage pickup. It is up to each resident to contract with a private hauler that will collect and dispose their waste. The municipality does not pay for the tipping fees.

- **Schedule:** Contact the Hauler for more information.
- **Some Service Providers in the Mendham area:**

Blue Diamond Disposal Inc

5 Howard Blvd.

Mt. Arlington, NJ 07856

Tel: 866-462-5771

Email: custsvc@bluediamonddisposal.com

<https://www.bluediamonddisposal.com/>

Waste Management of NJ

Lafayette, NJ

Tel: 800-633-9096

<https://www.wm.com/>

SOURCE REDUCTION

KEYS TO SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

1. Use a reusable bottle/cup for beverages on-the-go
2. Use reusable grocery bags, and not just for groceries
3. Purchase wisely and recycle
4. Compost food and yard debris
5. Avoid single-use food and drink containers and utensils
6. Buy secondhand items and donate used goods
7. Shop local to reduce shipping/packaging material
8. Buy in bulk to reduce packaging
9. Purchase items made of recycled material
10. Save leftovers for the next day
11. Buy rechargeable batteries



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Where can I dispose of construction waste (Type 13C)?

Construction waste **SHOULD NOT** be left out for bulk trash. Construction waste includes: treated and untreated wood scrap (including wood swing sets), tree parts, tree stumps, concrete, asphalt, bricks, blocks and other masonry, plaster and wallboard, roofing materials, ferrous and non-ferrous metal, non-asbestos building insulation, plastic scrap, dirt, glass (window and door), and other miscellaneous materials; but shall not include other solid waste types.

Construction waste can be disposed of at the Morris County MUA Mt. Olive Transfer Station, 168 Gold Mine Road, Flanders, NJ 07836. For hours, disposal rates, etc. please call the MUA at 973-347-8106.

Can I put out a refrigerator for bulk trash pick-up?

Yes, bulk trash will pick up refrigerator, freezer, and window air conditions but they must have the refrigerant (freon) removed. Please contact a licensed contractor to remove and sticker the item noting the material has been removed. Once this is done the item can go out for bulk trash. Sticker must be visible for pick-up to occur.

If the item is in working condition, please check <https://njcleanenergy.com/recycling> for information about appliance recycling and possible rebates through the state.

How do I dispose of latex paint?

Latex paint is not hazardous and can go out in regular trash. Make sure the can is empty and dry. Kitty litter or a speedy dry mixture can be used to dry up remaining paint in the can. Once dry and paint is no longer pourable place can in a trash bag and dispose.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS...Continued

How do I dispose of batteries?

Single use batteries can be disposed on in the trash. Rechargeable batteries should not be put in the trash. For collection/drop off locations visit <https://www.call2recycle.org/> . No batteries should ever be placed in curbside recycling.

How do I dispose of tires?

Tires are accepted for recycling at the Morris County MUA Parsippany-Troy Hills Transfer Station. Tires are accepted only on Saturdays. The Mount Olive transfer station is not permitted to accept tires at all. Tires are mandated recyclables in Morris County and cannot be put in the garbage for disposal. Tires are rejected at the transfer stations if found in the garbage.

At the Parsippany transfer station, car tires are accepted for a fee of \$200.00 per ton, with or without rims. This includes small truck tires such as pickup trucks, vans, and SUVs.

Small quantities of tires (12 or fewer) are accepted on Saturday mornings at the Parsippany-Troy Hills Transfer Station without an appointment. For large quantities of tires (more than 12) you must first call the transfer station at 973-808-9651 to schedule.

What do I do with Styrofoam?

Styrofoam or Expanded Polystyrene (EPS) should not be placed with curbside recycling. It is not an acceptable single stream recycling material. This material can go into the trash. As an alternative to throwing it in the trash, the Borough hosts a yearly one-day Styrofoam Collection event that is usually in January. For additional event details please call Public Works at 973-543-6535.