BOROUGH OF METUCHEN
RESIDENTIAL GARBAGE & RECYCLING COLLECTION SCHEDULE

October, 2026

SUN	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Garbage (SE) Single Stream – Recycling (SE) Grass (SE)	2 Garbage (NE) Single Stream – Recycling (NE) Grass (NE)	3
4	5 Garbage (NW) Single Stream – Recycling (NW) Leaves (NW)	6 Garbage (SW) Single Stream – Recycling (SW) Leaves (SW)	7 **Metal Single Stream Recycling **(Business District & All Non-Automated Areas)** **Brush & Tree Parts (S)**	8 Garbage (SE) Single Stream – Recycling (SE) Leaves (SE)	9 Garbage (NE) Single Stream – Recycling (NE) Leaves (NE)	10
11	**12** **HOLIDAY CLOSED INDIGENOUS DAY**	13 Garbage (NW) Single Stream – Recycling (NW) Leaves (NW)	14 Garbage (SW) Single Stream – Recycling (SW) Leaves (SW) Single Stream Recycling **(Business District & All Non-Automated Areas)**	15 Garbage (SE) Single Stream – Recycling (SE) Leaves (SE)	16 Garbage (NE) Single Stream – Recycling (NE) Leaves (NE)	17
18	19 Garbage (NW) Single Stream – Recycling (NW) Leaves (NW)	20 Garbage (SW) Single Stream – Recycling (SW) Leaves (SW)	21 **Metal Single Stream Recycling **(Business District & All Non-Automated Areas)** **Brush & Tree Parts (N)**	22 Garbage (SE) Single Stream – Recycling (SE) Leaves (SE)	23 Garbage (NE) Single Stream – Recycling (NE) Leaves (NE)	24
25	26 Garbage (NW) Single Stream – Recycling (NW) Leaves (NW)	27 Garbage (SW) Single Stream – Recycling (SW) Leaves (SW)	28 **Metal Single Stream Recycling **(Business District & All Non-Automated Areas)**	29 Garbage (SE) Single Stream – Recycling (SE) Leaves (SE)	30 Garbage (NE) Single Stream – Recycling (NE) Leaves (NE)	31

November, 2026

SUN	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Garbage (NW) Single Stream – Recycling (NW) Leaves (NW)	**3** **HOLIDAY CLOSED ELECTION DAY**	4 Garbage (SW) Single Stream – Recycling (SW) Leaves (SW) Single Stream Recycling **(Business District & All Non-Automated Areas)**	5 Garbage (SE) Single Stream – Recycling (SE) Leaves (SE)	6 Garbage (NE) Single Stream – Recycling (NE) Leaves (NE)	7
8	9 Garbage (NW) Single Stream – Recycling (NW) Leaves (NW)	10 Garbage (SW) Single Stream – Recycling (SW) Leaves (SW)	**11** **HOLIDAY CLOSED VETERANS DAY**	12 Garbage (SE) Single Stream – Recycling/Leaves (SE) Single Stream Recycling **(Business District & All Non- Automated Areas)**	13 Garbage (NE) Single Stream – Recycling (NE) Leaves (NE)	14
15	16 Garbage (NW) Single Stream – Recycling (NW) Leaves (NW)	17 Garbage (SW) Single Stream – Recycling (SW) Leaves (SW)	18 **Metal Single Stream Recycling **(Business District & All Non-Automated Areas)**	19 Garbage (SE) Single Stream – Recycling (SE) Leaves (SE)	20 Garbage (NE) Single Stream – Recycling (NE) Leaves (NE)	21
22	23 Garbage (NW & SW) Single Stream – Recycling (NW & SW)	24 Garbage (SE) Single Stream – Recycling (SE)	25 Garbage (NE) Single Stream – Recycling (NE) Single Stream Recycling **(Business District & All Non-Automated Areas)**	**26** **HOLIDAY CLOSED THANKSGIVING DAY**	**27** **HOLIDAY CLOSED**	28
29	30 Garbage (NW) Single Stream – Recycling (NW) Leaves (NW)	**If you have **Metal items (appliances, cast iron sink or tub, lawn furniture, pipes and any other items made of a metal component) Call 632-8519 by Tuesday 2:30 P.M. to schedule for Wednesday collection.**				

December, 2026

SUN	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Garbage (SW) Single Stream – Recycling (SW) Leaves (SW)	2 **Metal Single Stream Recycling **(Business District & All Non-Automated Areas)**	3 Garbage (SE) Single Stream – Recycling (SE) Leaves (SE)	4 Garbage (NE) Single Stream – Recycling (NE) Leaves (NE)	5
6	7 Garbage (NW) Single Stream – Recycling (NW)	8 Garbage (SW) Single Stream – Recycling (SW)	9 **Metal Single Stream Recycling **(Business District & All Non-Automated Areas)**	10 Garbage (SE) Single Stream – Recycling (SE)	11 Garbage (NE) Single Stream – Recycling (NE)	12
13	14 Garbage (NW) Single Stream – Recycling (NW)	15 Garbage (SW) Single Stream – Recycling (SW)	16 **Metal Single Stream Recycling **(Business District & All Non-Automated Areas)**	17 Garbage (SE) Single Stream – Recycling (SE)	18 Garbage (NE) Single Stream – Recycling (NE)	19
20	21 Garbage (NW) Single Stream – Recycling (NW)	22 Garbage (SW) Single Stream – Recycling (SW)	23 Garbage (SE) Single Stream – Recycling (SE) Single Stream Recycling **(Business District & All Non-Automated Areas)**	24 Garbage (NE) Single Stream – Recycling (NE)	**25** **HOLIDAY CLOSED CHRISTMAS**	**26** **DROP OFF CARDBOARD ONLY 8:00 A.M. – 12:00P.M. 44 JERSEY AVE**
27	28 Garbage (NW) Single Stream – Recycling (NW) X-Mas Trees & Brush	29 Garbage (SW) Single Stream – Recycling (SW) X-Mas Trees & Brush	30 Garbage (SE) Single Stream – Recycling (SE) X-Mas Trees & Brush Single Stream Recycling **(Business District & All Non-Automated Areas)**	31 Garbage (NE) Single Stream – Recycling (NE) X-Mas Tress & Brush		

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
44 JERSEY AVENUE
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OCTOBER, NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2026 RECYLING 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 the Borough website @ 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 cannot close.
- **Electronic Recycling please see below for information.**
- **Drop off Cardboard Only Saturday December 26th, 2026 & January 2nd, 2027, 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.middlesexcountnj.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

PLEASE SEE BELOW FOR THE RECYCLING DEFINITIONS FOR RECYCLING COLLECTION GUIDLINES 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

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 @ 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, and 5, including Jars, Jugs, and tubs 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 contain 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, giftwrapping 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!**
- **Leaves** - **Collected in paper biodegradable bags only! Do not place leaves in the 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 that exist of a metal component. Call **by 2:30 p.m. Tuesday for Wednesday's pick-up 732-632-8519.**