

Recycling Update



February 2012

2012 Household Hazardous Waste Events

Bergen Community College
400 Paramus Rd., Paramus
Sun., April 15, 2012
Sun., June 10, 2012
Sun., Oct. 14, 2012

Bergen County Utilities Authority
Foot of Empire Blvd., Moonachie
Sat., March 10th and Sat., July 21st

Bergen County Campgaw Mountain Reservation
200 Campgaw Rd., Mahwah
Sat., May 19, 2012
Sat., Sept. 8, 2012
Sat., Nov. 17, 2012

Collection Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. (Rain or Shine!)

Composting grows on you!

The BCUA sells the "Earth Machine" compost bin throughout the year at a reduced price of \$53.00 by appointment at the BCUA in Moonachie.

Advise your residents to call the BCUA Environmental Programs Hotline at 201-807-5825

Get on the phone!

If you haven't heard of the 911 Cell Phone Bank, please take note. 911 Cell Phone Bank, an initiative of The Charitable Recycling Foundation is a worthy charity that provides free emergency cell phones to senior citizens and victims of abuse throughout the United States.

They are looking for a group or municipality to setup a collection program. They will provide all of the materials needed to promote the program and pay the



shipping for all phones sent to them. They will process the phones and determine the best uses.

These phones will be programmed to permit the user to call 911 in any type of emergency. No other calls can be received or transmitted by any of the 911 emergency phones.

They will also provide a Certificate of Participation in recognition of your municipality's support. Your municipality will be included on 911's website and listed as a program participant in a press release letting everyone in the area know that they can donate an old cell phone at your location to support this important program.

Contact Barbara Willis, 911 Service Representative at 866-290-7864 X 204.
E-mail: bwillis@911cellphonebank.org

Remember that the old cell phones you have laying around can be put to good use and may even save a life. For more information about the program, visit www.911cellphonebank.org

Meeting Reminder

On February 7th in Paramus and February 16th in Little Ferry, the BCUA will host the first Recycling Workshop of the year.



Go to the calendar section of our website for additional information: www.bcua.org. Please RSVP to Mark Vangieri 201-807-5823 or mvangieri@bcua.org as soon as possible.

“Swap and share” date announced

The Association of New Jersey Recyclers (ANJR) invites you to attend a regional share & swap session. Attend one, attend both—the discussions are different and informative. The goal is to have an informal exchange about whatever is on your mind, to share and learn from each other. This class is worth 3 Recertification Meeting Credits for Recycling Professionals.



Southern Session— Wednesday, February 29th
Vineland, Cunningham Park Building
9:30AM –12:30PM

Northern Session— Tuesday, March 8th
Morris County MUA
9:30 AM—12:30PM

Please notify ANJR if you plan to attend either or both of the sessions. Call the ANJR office at 908-722-7575, or by email: anjr@optimum.net.

Also, bring a reusable beverage mug with you, as well as **copies of any literature which you’d like to distribute to other attendees.**

If the weather is inclement, call 908-722-7575, or 908-578-4050 early in the morning to find out whether the session will be held as scheduled.

Pack-it-Back right here in Bergen!

Pack-It-Back, a new program formed in Elmwood Park, NJ, was created to help address items that are traditionally “hard to recycle” such as expanded polystyrene or EPS (commonly known as Styrofoam®) and various types of media including VHS tapes, CDs/DVDs, and books, through an innovative mail back program that ensures this material gets recycled.



EPS is a lightweight packaging material that is widely used as a protection medium for boxed consumer products. As a result of its popularity, EPS is a material that most people cannot recycle in their local programs. This is primarily due to the fact that the material is

lightweight and it is very expensive to transport it to recycling facilities. Pack-it-Back is a voluntary program allowing everyone interested in recycling EPS material to do so.

Pack-It-Back is a program of RecycleTech, based in Elmwood Park NJ with its southeast US facility located in Lakeland FL. RecycleTech was formed in 2005 to address the issue of polystyrene recycling through technology. The company has produced a line of equipment which shreds and processes via heat, polystyrene and other plastics into a solid ingot. RecycleTech will purchase the condensed ingot from the customer to close the loop and keep EPS out of the waste stream.



For more information interested recyclers can call Pack-It-Back at 201-475-5000 or check out the website at <http://www.recycletechno.com/packitback.htm>.



If you’d like more information about this topic, please call Adam Schlachter at 813-416-7127 or 201-475-4000 or you can e-mail: adam@recycleyourwaste.com.

2012 Tire Recycling, Mobile Paper Shredding, and Electronics Program

Bergen County Campgaw Mountain Reservation
200 Campgaw Rd., Mahwah
Saturday, June 23, 2012
Saturday, Nov. 3, 2012
Collection Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
(Rain or Shine)

Bergen County Community Services Bldg.
327 East Ridgewood Ave., Paramus
Sunday, April 29, 2012
Saturday, August 18, 2012
Collection Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
(Rain or Shine)

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