

Solid Waste and Recycling Collection Information

Verona provides collection of solid waste twice per week and disposes of this solid waste at the Essex County Resource Recovery Plant through its waste contractor. Residents are requested to place their household garbage for curbside collection no earlier than 7pm on the night before the scheduled collection day, and no later than 6am on the day of collection.

In addition, residents are asked to place their garbage for collection in a garbage container with a suitable cover or heavy-duty disposable bags weighing less than 50 lbs. at the curb. Normal household waste (solid waste) refers to anything related to the normal operation of the household but should not include the **recyclables** listed: glass bottles and jars, tin cans, aluminum cans, Plastic bottles (type 1&2) clamshell containers (type 1&2), magazines, all envelopes, copy paper, paperback books, hardcover books (**with hardcover removed**), phonebooks, catalogs, office paper, newspaper, greeting card, non-metallic gift wrap (**flatten**), tissue boxes, paper tissue rolls, poster board (**without foam backing**), and chipboard boxes including cereal, cookie, cake, cracker, detergent (**remove plastic liner, flatten and shake out crumbs**, pizza boxes (**clean and oil free**) and all sizes of corrugated boxes (**flatten**).

The Township will collect household trash and recyclables as listed on the schedule for Northside and Southside collection days.

These items are not recyclable and should be placed in the trash: empty aerosol cans (which contained food, health or beauty products), microwave trays (glass or plastic trays found in your microwave oven), empty motor oil and antifreeze bottles, plastic flower pots and trays, plastic coat hangers, empty prescription bottles, aluminum pie plates and pans, pots and pans, drinking glasses, Pyrex glass, glass candle jars, glass vases, ceramics, Styrofoam (peanut or panels), wax paper, tissue paper, napkins, paper towels, frozen food boxes, paper plates and cups, metallic and plastic coated paper, manila envelopes with plastic bubble and tyvek envelopes, plasticized overnight letter envelopes, blueprint paper, pet food bags wax coated cardboard and poly-laminated paper beverage cartons (containing juice, drinks)

The Township waste contractor will pick up bulk items twice a month per the Northside/Southside schedule. This will include all items of bulky nature, mattresses, hard plastic toys, furniture, window glass, plastic drums and crates, 5

gallon pails (driveway sealer, spackle), vacuum cleaners, rugs (cut, rolled and tied in 4 ft lengths), irons, microwave ovens, room air conditioners, dehumidifier, air purifier, dish washers, clothes washers, clothes dryers, refrigerators, refrigerator/freezer and freezers etc.

Carbon Monoxide and Smoke/Fire Detectors: Do not throw in the garbage. Return to manufacture but please call to confirm the return address

Plastic Bags: Verona now collects plastic bags for recycling at the Recycling Depot or at the kiosk in the Verona Community Center Foyer, 880 Bloomfield Ave. Most grocery stores (Kings, Foodtown and ShopRite) accept plastic bags and have recycling bins at the store as well.

Plastic #5: Any #5 plastic can be placed in the Gimme5 bin at the Whole Food store located in West Orange

Batteries-Alkaline : (non rechargeable) AAA, AA, C, D and 9 volt now fall below federal and state hazardous waste standards and may now be placed in the garbage.

Batteries-Rechargeable: NiMH (Nickel Metal Hydride), Ni-Cd (Nickel Cadmium), Ni-Zn (Nickel Zinc), Li Ion (Lithium Ion) button batteries and Rechargeable AAA, AA, C, D, 9volt require that these batteries be individually bagged or have their terminals covered with tape and disposed as hazardous waste at one of the ECUA's Household Hazardous Days or at the Public Works Garage.

Electronic Waste – SEE RECYCLING BROCHURE FOR THE LIST OF DROP-OFF DATES AT THE PUBLIC WORKS GARAGE. Desktop or personal computers, computer monitors, portable computers, desktop printers, desktop fax machines, or televisions sold to a consumer (**Please not if the cathode ray tube/picture tube is broken, damaged or separated from its host television or other device it must be accepted for collection**)

If you are unable to drop your electronic waste at the County or Verona's scheduled dates, it can be brought to Advance Recovery, 50 Grafton Ave., Newark, N.J.

Prescription Drugs-the Verona Police Department hosts two Prescription Drug take back days. One is held during the Verona Green Fair towards the end of May and the other is held at the Fair in the Square at the beginning of December. Should

you miss one of these days you can take your prescription drugs any day to the North Caldwell Police Department located at 136 Gould Ave. ,North Caldwell and Caldwell Police Department located at 1 Provost Square, Caldwell.

Medical Waste-Disposing of used syringes, lancets, needles, etc. can be disposed with household trash from homes only.

You must use an empty rigid container as your receptacle such as a opaque liquid detergent bottle etc. with a screwed on top. Use a nail clipper to clip off the needle from the syringe and place both pieces in the rigid container. When disposing of the filled container seal the top on with duct tape and place this container in the trash. **It is against the law to improperly dispose of used syringes and hypodermic needles.**

Latex Paint- There is no recycling program for leftover latex paint. It can be disposed of with the rest of your household trash if you follow this simple method pour paint into a cardboard tray (from soda cans) lined with newspaper in a way so that the paint remains in the tray. Leave top off paint can, place can and tray on a flat surface in the sun to allow the paint to dry. Wrap newspaper containing dried paint in a plastic bag for disposal. Do the same for the paint cans and lids or place sand or kitty litter in wet paint. Once paint is adsorbed and dry, place lid back on paint can. Then place these items at the curb with the trash. There are commerical products available that can be added to the paint to solidify it. If these products are used the paint must be solid not slushy when it is disposed of with the trash.

Cooking Oil, Fat and Grease: These materials should never be pored down a kitchen drain because as it cools this material begins to stick to the inside of the pipes in your home. Over time the pipes become clogged or blocked. In addition, raw sewage could overflow into your homes, yards, and streets. Also, use a strainer in the sink to catch food scraps and other solids. All food scraps have the potential to cause blockage in your homes pipes.

Here's how to properly dispose of grease and oil.

For fats that solidify, allow the fat to cool down then place this material in a sealed jar and dispose with the trash. The same process can be done for cooking oils.

The Township of Verona has changed how we recycle by instituting curbside pick up. However, **contamination** in recycling is a **Big Deal**. It reduces efficiency of recycling and wastes otherwise usable materials. Instead, this commingled material will end up in a landfill. Follow the information below for a successful recycling program. Curbside pickup is an important first step in the residential recycling

process. What to include in your recycling bins and why are the keys to a successful recycling program. This reduces confusion and results in higher quality materials going to the Recycler. Higher quality materials means more materials will be actually sent to a manufacturer for processing.