



# Wall Township Single Stream Recycling Program

## Frequently Asked Questions



### What is Single Stream Recycling?

“Single stream” is a system that takes the two recycling “streams” – newspaper and commingled containers – and puts them together in one bin. In other words, all the items that are acceptable for recycling can now be put together in one trash can that you place at the curb on your assigned pickup days.

These commingled materials will then be hauled to a processing plant specifically designed to mechanically separate the mixed materials so they may be sold (the town gets part of the profit) and re-processed.

### What else is new about Wall Township’s recycling program?

There are many new items that can be placed in your recycling trash can including flat cardboard, magazines, junk mail and newspapers! Please do not tie up your newspaper or cardboard, simply place them in the same container as all your other recyclables. Please see the [recycling guidelines](#) for more information regarding recyclable items.

Recycling will be picked up at the curb **twice a month**. Please see the [recycling map](#) for your assigned pickup days.

Your current household “kitchen” trash and bulk schedule will NOT be affected.

### Why Single Stream Recycling?

Wall Township chose to implement a single stream recycling program to make it easier for you to recycle. Using just one trash can for all your recyclable items increases the ease and convenience of recycling so that more people participate and more resources are saved. Single stream recycling offers more efficient collection for the haulers who normally have to run two recycling routes to collect the two streams.

Wall Township has to pay by the ton for trash disposal at the landfill. Increased recycling by residents will decrease the amount of trash we send to the landfill and thereby reduce the cost of garbage disposal for the town. The town also gets paid for recyclables, but the amount it is worth depends on how much contamination is in the recycling, which is why we ask residents to only throw acceptable items into their recycling bins. Please see the town [recycling guidelines](#) for information about what can be recycled in Wall Township’s curbside collection program.

### **How are the materials separated?**

Automated sorting equipment separates the comingled materials at the recycling facility. Quality control personnel are on duty as well to monitor the process. Once the materials are separated, they can be marketed to recyclers who make new products.

### **Why should I recycle?**

Recycling reduces the emissions of many greenhouse gases and water pollutants, saves energy, supplies valuable raw materials to industry, creates jobs, stimulates the development of greener technologies, generates less solid waste, conserves resources for future generations, and reduces the need for new landfills and combustors.

Wall Township is proud of the active role it takes in helping the environment. Now it is easier than ever to recycle at your curb and you can use our centrally-located Recycling Center to recycle many items that you cannot place at the curb.

By law, citizens are required to recycle and we absolutely encourage every family to recognize the importance of this civic responsibility. Not only does recycling benefit our environment, but it provides additional funds for Wall Township thereby helping to stabilize your taxes.

### **What items can I recycle?**

- For curbside collection, please refer to the [recycling guidelines](#).
- Wall Township also has a Recycling Center located off of Tiltons Corner Road which accepts additional items including car batteries, electronics, computers, scrap metal, large appliances, and clothing.
- Plastic bags can be recycled at local supermarkets.
- Used oil should be brought to local gas stations or the Monmouth County Household Hazardous Waste Facility (call 732-922-2234).
- Button batteries and rechargeable batteries should be recycled at the Monmouth County Household Hazardous Waste Facility (call 732-922-2234). Alkaline non-rechargeable batteries (e.g. AA, AAA, C & D) can be thrown in the trash.
- Compact florescent light bulbs (CFL) can be recycled at Home Depot.
- To find out where to recycle additional items visit [www.earth911.com](http://www.earth911.com) or call 1-800-CLEANUP.

### **Can I recycle batteries?**

Button batteries and rechargeable batteries should be recycled at the Monmouth County Household Hazardous Waste Facility (call 732-922-2234). Alkaline batteries (e.g. AA, AAA, C, D) can be thrown in the household "kitchen" trash.

Non-rechargeable batteries: Due to stricter federal manufacturing regulations, alkaline non-rechargeable batteries now contain very small amounts of toxins and are no longer considered a hazardous waste by federal and state standards. In addition, Monmouth County no longer accepts these alkaline non-rechargeable batteries for recycling, so Wall Township no longer has a facility to bring them to for recycling.

Rechargeable batteries: Rechargeable batteries, including those found in cordless power tools, wireless phones, laptop computers and digital cameras, should still be recycled. Rechargeable batteries can be recycled at participating retail locations including: Radio Shack, Best Buy, Staples, Target, Office Max, Lowes, Home Depot, Sears, Wal-Mart and Verizon Wireless. To find a retail collection site, use the collection site locator at [www.call2recycle.org](http://www.call2recycle.org) or call the consumer helpline 877-2-RECYCLE.

Button batteries: Button cell batteries still contain enough mercury that they need to be kept out of household trash and should be recycled. These batteries are frequently found in hearing aids, digital thermometers, insulin pumps, watches, toys and calculators. These batteries are accepted at the Wall Township Recycling Center. Please ask the recycling attendant where they should be placed.

### **Where are the Recycling Drop-Off Centers and when are they open?**

There are two Recycling Centers in Wall Township:

**South Wall Recycling Center** – located on Tiltens Corner Road adjacent to the South Wall Little League fields.

**Marconi Park Maintenance Facility** – located at Marconi Park off Monmouth Blvd adjacent to the North Wall Little League fields.

Both Recycling Centers are open: Monday – Friday 7:30 am – 3:15 pm and Saturdays 8:00 am – 3:00 pm.