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Transfer Station News & Notes

Insurance Requirements – It's your responsibility to make sure all your insurance is up-to-date and meets all MCMUA requirements. For more information, please check our website at:
<http://mcmua.com/TransferStations/TransferStationvehicleandinsurance.htm>.

Pools Safety Doesn't End at the Pool– In July 2003, and then again in July 2008, fires occurred at the MCMUA's Mount Olive transfer station. In both situations it is believed that small quantities of pool chemicals were improperly disposed of in the regular trash setting off a reaction which in turn caused the fire. The 2003 fire happened in the transfer station building while the more recent 2008 fire happened within a solid waste transfer trailer. If pool chemicals are improperly mixed with wet garbage or other chemicals, reactions and oxidation can begin resulting in fires and the release of toxic fumes. This isn't safe for anyone.

If collecting waste from a home or a business with a pool or a spa, please be aware of the potential dangers of pool chemicals being improperly mixed with the garbage. If collecting dismantled pieces of an old swimming pool, filters, tubing, liners, etc., pay special attention to make sure there are no unwanted pool chemicals in the mix. Ask questions of the pool owner to make sure they have disposed of their pool chemicals correctly and haven't slipped you a potentially dangerous chemical that you may regret.

For more information on how to correctly dispose of pool chemicals, as well as other hazardous wastes, see the schedule of household hazardous waste disposal days below or visit the MCMUA's website at:
<http://mcmua.com/hazardouswaste>. For more information specifically on pool chemicals visit our website at: http://mcmua.com/HazardousWaste/FAQ_Pool_Chem.htm.

MCMUA 2008 Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Days – Help us spread the word and keep the waste stream safe for you and the environment. Below are the remaining dates for the 2008 MCMUA household hazardous waste disposal days which will also feature electronics/computer recycling. The cost for electronics recycling starts at \$3.00 per component. All event days are from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., rain or shine. In addition, don't forget about our permanent household hazardous waste facility located at the Mount Olive transfer station which is open year-round by appointment. Please visit the MCMUA's website at www.MCMUA.com for more information on all MCMUA programs.

- **Saturday, September 13, 2008**
Firefighters & Police Training Academy
500 West Hanover Avenue, Parsippany, N.J.
- **Sunday, November 2, 2008**
Jefferson Township D.P.W.
1033 Weldon Road, Lake Hopatcong, NJ



Recycling is Mandatory for Specific Materials – Morris County has designated specific materials to be source separated and recycled. This recycling mandate applies to all Morris County waste generators including residents, businesses, schools, institutions, construction sites, etc. A listing of these mandated recyclable materials is provided to the right but please note that this listing is a generalized listing and specific definitions of these materials and any exceptions that may apply is available on the MCMUA’s website at: <http://mcmua.com/recycling>.



Of special interest is the required recycling of **metal appliances**. While Morris County does not mandate the source separation and recycling of scrap metal, Morris County does require the source separation and recycling of metal appliances that are composed predominantly of metal. These may include stoves, dishwashers, hot water heaters, washing machines and dryers, if the appliance is predominantly metal. Also included are air conditioners,

refrigerators and dehumidifiers if they are predominantly metal, but if they contain refrigerants that are prohibited by the Clean Air Act from being knowingly vented, the refrigerant must be properly recovered. By the way, while other non-appliance scrap metal is not mandated to be recycled and is permitted to be disposed of at the transfer stations, the MCMUA would encourage all waste generators and haulers to consider the current high value of scarp metal and to have this material recycled at a scrap yard. This will save both disposal costs and resources.

Please realize that Morris County’s source separation recycling mandate is nothing new as these materials for the most part have been mandated to be recycled since 1993 and disposing of designated recyclable materials in the trash is not acceptable and is illegal in Morris County. The MCMUA has been advised that the Morris County Office of Health Management will be inspecting loads and issuing fines for disposing of designated recyclables at the transfer stations. If these designated recyclables come into the transfer stations in open containers a hauler may immediately be issued a notice of violation. It is therefore important to check all open-topped containers prior to pickup and delivery to make sure they do not contain designated recyclables. If the recyclables come into the transfer stations in closed containers you may or may not first be given a warning so you can correct this situation with the waste generator prior to the issuance of any fine.

Fill In the Correct Waste Origin (Town) on the Origin and Destination (O&D) Form. The MCMUA is requesting that when you complete your O&D form that you take care in completing the section regarding the waste origin, which is the town where the garbage was generated. Many towns share similar names such as Boonton and Boonton Township; Chatham Borough and Chatham Township; Morristown, Morris Township and Morris Plains and; Rockaway Borough and Rockaway Township and the MCMUA requests that you accurately designate your load as being from the correct municipality. In addition, if your load is from multiple origins you should specify all the towns in the load by an estimated percentage as provided on the O&D form. Finally, please realize that many towns share zip codes so you cannot use the zip code of the generator to determine the waste origin. You must consider and know where the actual town boundaries are. As an example, many Rockaway Township, Wharton and Denville addresses use the 07801 Dover zip code.

Materials Mandated to be Source Separated and Recycled

- Aluminum Cans
- Glass Bottles and Jars
- Plastic Bottles (coded 1 and 2)
- Steel (Tin) Cans
- Newspaper
- Corrugated Cardboard
- Mixed Paper
- Leaves
- Grass Clippings
- Brush
- Natural Wood Waste
- Oil Contaminated Soil
- Used Motor Oil
- Lead-Acid Batteries
- Hazardous Dry Cell Batteries
- **Metal Appliances**
- Whole Tires