

February 8, 2011

### **Transfer Station News & Notes**

Decals created for dumpsters to keep inappropriate materials out of the garbage – Certain materials are prohibited from being discarded in the trash and the MCMUA has created dumpster decals for haulers to help keep these materials out of the garbage. One decal has been created to alert people that materials mandated to be source separated and recycled are not allowed in the garbage. A second decal informs people that hazardous wastes are also not allowed to be placed in dumpsters for disposal. The

decals have bright red letters, are 11"x17" and once placed on dumpsters, should help you and your customers dispose of garbage safely and legally.

Samples of these decals are provided and are available in limited quantities free of charge from the MCMUA at its administrative office in Mendham.

Additionally, if you call 973-829-8585 and request decals, arrangements can be made to pick up decals at the transfer stations' scalehouses. No decals will be available at the scalehouse unless a request has been approved in advance.

# Recyclables Are Not Allowed In the Garbage

No cardboard No paper
No bottles No cans
No branches No brush
No leaves No grass

No tires No metal appliances No E-waste: TV's, Computers, Monitors

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#### **Recycling is Mandatory for Specific Materials**

Morris County has designated specific materials to be source separated and recycled. This mandate applies to <u>all</u> Morris County waste generators including residents, businesses, schools, institutions, construction sites, etc. A listing of these mandated recyclable materials is provided in the sidebar on the right, but please note that this listing is a generalized listing. Specific definitions of these

materials and any exceptions that may apply are available on the MCMUA Web site at <a href="https://www.MCMUA.com/recycling">www.MCMUA.com/recycling</a>.

Please realize that Morris County's source separation recycling mandate is nothing new, as these materials have been mandated to be recycled since 1993. 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.

#### 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



**Electronics Recycling Evolves** – In January 2011. New Jersey's new Electronics Recycling Act ("Act") took effect, which impacted how residents recycle and/or discard their used consumer electronics. Starting in 2011, the Act bans covered electronic items from being disposed of in the garbage and mandates them to be recycled through programs provided by manufacturers. The covered electronics include televisions; portable, desktop or personal computers; and computer monitors. Manufacturers of this equipment are now required to provide and pay for recycling programs for these materials.

## Hazardous Waste and Liquids Are Not Allowed In the Garbage

#### No

Hazardous Waste - Medical Waste - Liquid Waste - Electronic Waste
Computers - TV's - Printers - Monitors - Other Electronic Equipment
Acids - Corrosives - Aerosols - Gas Cylinders - Propane - Pool Chemicals - Freon - Asbestos
Gases - Fuels - Oils - Poisons - Solvents - Sealants - Tars - Thinners - Oil-Based Paints
Lead-Acid and/or Hazardous Dry Cell Batteries
Fluorescent Bulbs - PCB Ballasts - Mercury Devices - Thermostats - Thermometers

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This 11"x17" dumpster decal is available from the MCMUA.

As manufacturers roll out their programs to recycle electronics in 2011, residents will be afforded additional opportunities to recycle them as the local collection infrastructure expands. The MCMUA has provided drop-off programs for these items in the past and will continue running these programs, like it has done in the past, into the future. One difference is that the MCMUA will no longer need to charge residents for this service, as the costs of electronics recycling programs are now paid by the electronics manufacturers and not the residents.

The MCMUA envisions 2011 as being a transitional year from the old programs paid for and run by the MCMUA and municipalities, to programs paid for and run by electronics manufacturers. By the end of 2011 the MCMUA expects electronics recycling to be available on a much more convenient basis than was available in the past, but until those manufacturer programs are established, residents can continue to use municipal and MCMUA programs for recycling used consumer electronics. See the MCMUA Web site (<a href="www.MCMUA.com">www.MCMUA.com</a>) for more information on the programs provided by the MCMUA and to follow electronics recycling as it evolves.

MCMUA 2011 Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Days – For 2011, the MCMUA will conduct 2 disposal days in the spring. Fall programs are to be announced later in the year based on state grant availability. All household hazardous waste disposal days also feature electronics/computer recycling. In addition, don't forget about our permanent household hazardous waste facility located at the Mount Olive transfer station which is open year-round. Please visit the MCMUA Web site at <a href="https://www.MCMUA.com">www.MCMUA.com</a> for more information on these programs.

- Saturday, May 7, 2011
- Saturday, June 11, 2011
   Morris County Public Safety Training Academy
   500 West Hanover Avenue, Parsippany, N.J. 07054

All event days are from 9:00am to 2:00pm, rain or shine.

