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Transfer Station News & Notes

What Type of Hauler Are You; Commercial, Limited or Homeowner? - Commercial solid waste collectors transport solid waste from various generators. Commercial collectors are required to have an A-901 approval from the NJDEP and are also required to have NJDEP decals on the vehicles and containers that identify them as commercial collectors. Limited or exempt haulers are those individuals or companies that generate solid waste in the course of their primary business activity such as roofers, landscapers or builders. Limited haulers must certify to NJDEP that they will only transport waste generated in the course performing their own business activities. Limited/exempt haulers must register with the NJDEP and display decals different from commercial haulers. Homeowners may transport their own solid waste to the MCMUA transfer stations if transporting the waste in a vehicle weighing less than 9,000 pounds and having passenger plates. Homeowner vehicles do not require any NJDEP decals. Please contact NJDEP's Economic Regulation Unit at 609-984-2080 for any clarifications.

You Must Maintain Your Minimum Balance – All waste generated in Morris County is required to be disposed of at the MCMUA transfer stations. If your account with the MCMUA falls below your established minimum account balance and you were turned away at the transfer stations for this reason, it is still a violation of the NJDEP approved Morris County Solid Waste Management Plan if you dispose of Morris County waste anywhere but the MCMUA facilities. Be aware that you may be subject to legal action by the MCMUA for such waste flow violations. Please watch your transfer station account balance and replenish funds prior to your account balance reaching its established minimum. Feel free to contact the MCMUA at 973-829-8585 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday to check on your current account balance

NJDEP Licensing and Registration Unit (L&R Unit) Has a New Web-based Computer System – Effective July 1, 2010, the NJDEP will no longer accept payments at the NJDEP's L&R Unit Office. Solid waste transporters will, however, still be required to submit their paperwork to the NJDEP's L&R Unit Office. Once the L&R Unit processes the paperwork, the Department of the Treasury, Division of Revenue will mail an invoice (bill). Once a transporter receives its bill, payments will be required to be mailed directly to the Division of Revenue or or bill can now be paid online using a credit card or e-check by visiting the NJDEP Online Portal at:<http://www.nj.gov/dep/online/> . Once the Department of Treasury receives a payment, decals will be mailed directly to you by NJDEP. Any payments mailed to NJDEP after July 1, 2010 will be returned to sender and may cause delays in processing decals.

2010 Transfer Station and Office Schedule - Below is the remainder of the 2010 holiday list of dates when the MCMUA transfer stations and/or MCMUA administrative offices will be open or closed.

<u>Holiday</u>	<u>Transfer Stations</u>	<u>MCMUA Offices</u>
Monday, September 6, 2010 – Labor Day.....	Closed	Closed
Monday, October 11, 2010 - Columbus Day	Open	Closed
Tuesday, November 2, 2010 - Election Day	Open	Closed
Thursday, November 11, 2010 - Veteran's Day	Open	Closed
Thursday, November 25, 2010 - Thanksgiving Day	Closed	Closed
Friday, November 26, 2010 - Day After Thanksgiving.....	Open	Closed
Friday, December 24, 2010 – Christmas Vacation Day	Open	Closed
Saturday, December 25, 2010 – Christmas Day	Closed	Closed
Friday, December 31, 2010 – New Year's Vacation Day	Open	Closed

Safety at the Transfer Stations - Waste Management of New Jersey, Inc. is currently under contract to operate the MCMUA transfer stations and is required to adhere to all Federal, State and Local regulations and to provide a safe, healthy and sanitary workplace. Each of us has the responsibility to make the safety of each other a primary concern. It is imperative that all persons entering the transfer stations know, understand and abide by the safety rules.

1. Hardhat, high visibility clothes/reflective safety vests, safety shoes and eye protection are to be worn when outside the vehicle.
2. All vehicles must comply with the posted traffic signs, with special attention to the posted speed limit of 5 MPH.
3. All vehicles must come to a full stop before proceeding onto the scales.
4. A minimum distance of ten (10) feet must be maintained between all personnel, trucks, rolling stock and heavy equipment with in the facility except on tipping floor see rule #18.
5. All commercial solid waste vehicles entering the facility shall be equipped with external audible back up alarms; a minimum 85 dBa alarm must sound whenever the machine is in reverse.
6. Loads must be tarped prior to entering the facility. Tarps are to be removed in designated tarp removal areas only. Tarps are not to be removed before entering the facility.
7. Drivers preparing to enter tipping areas must await directions from the Traffic Coordinator and/or Heavy Equipment Operator. Driver is to maintain eye contact with operating personnel.
8. Blind side backing is not to be attempted without guidance.
9. Passengers and Helpers must remain in the cab of the vehicle. Drivers must stay within six feet of their vehicle when outside of their vehicle. When out of vehicle please keep clear of tipping area bay door(s) as loader will be backing out.
10. Riding on the outside of the vehicle or standing on the vehicle rear step is forbidden when vehicle is moving on site.
11. Cleaning out from behind the blade of a vehicle (truck cleanouts) must be done in designated clean out areas separate from the work zone.
12. While dumping the load, stay clear of the back of the vehicle. Never stand under the open tailgate or raised hopper.
13. Tailgates, bodies, and hoists should be lowered before exiting the building to ensure compliance with DEP permit. Equipment should not be moved around with the tailgates, doors, hoist, or bodies open or in the extended position. All open top trucks must be completely empty before exiting the tipping floor.
14. The backs of packer trucks and roll-off containers must be opened and closed on the tipping floor.
15. The operator/driver of a vehicle needing to be pulled shall hook and unhook the towing equipment. Pull hooks should be mounted on the front and rear of all refuse vehicles.
16. "Jake Brakes" may not be used on site at any time.
17. Heavy Equipment Operators have the right-of-way on the tipping floor. All vehicles are to yield to operating machinery and pedestrians.
18. A fifteen-foot safe zone should be maintained between heavy equipment and trucks working on the tipping floor.
19. Conforming safety chains must be used to hold open roll-off container doors while unloading. Use of bungee cords, wire, ropes, etc. will not be permitted.
20. All passengers must remain inside the vehicle. No children. No pets.
21. Do not pass moving vehicles.
22. To increase visibility, it is required that headlights and 4 way flashers be operating during disposal.
23. Report all injuries/accidents to the Traffic Coordinator or at the scalehouse.
24. Smoking is prohibited while outside your vehicle.
25. Horseplay, scavenging or picking through the loads is strictly forbidden.
26. Firearms, and/or weapons of any type are not allowed on the property for any reason.



27. The use of intoxicating beverages or any other restricted substance on the facility is strictly prohibited.
28. Photography is prohibited unless there is written permission from the Facility Manager.
29. All visitors must check in at the scalehouse and/or main office.
30. Drivers are not to use cell phones or two-way radios while driving on the transfer stations' property, especially during a backing maneuver.
31. In the event a post collection employee needs to enter the tipping area on foot, all movement of equipment and vehicles must stop before and during this process. Movement cannot resume until the person(s) on foot has communicated to the vehicle operator(s) that the ground is clear.
32. Radio, tape or CD player earphones are not to be worn.
33. Upon entering the facility all collection vehicles must yield to any transfer trailer traffic going to the inbound scale.

Recycling is Mandatory for Specific Materials



Morris County has designated specific materials to be source separated and recycled. This 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 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 website at: <http://mcmua.com/recycling>.

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

MCMUA 2010 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 2010 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 9:00am to 2:00pm, 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. Please visit the MCMUA Web site at www.MCMUA.com for more information on these programs.

- **Saturday, September 11, 2010**
Morris County Public Safety Training Academy
(formerly the Firefighters & Police Training Academy)
500 West Hanover Avenue, Parsippany, N.J.
- **Sunday, November 7, 2010**
Jefferson Township D.P.W.
1033 Weldon Road, Lake Hopatcong, NJ



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.

Closing Stagnant Accounts - Customers who would like to close their accounts because of non-usage and have a current balance must call the office at 973-829-8585 to make the appropriate arrangements.

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>.

Morris Habitat for Humanity ReStore Provides Alternative to Disposal of Various Items



Contractors / Developers / Home Improvers: Did you know that the Morris Habitat ReStore has kept dozens of beautiful kitchens out of the landfill, saving on contractors' and home owners' disposal bills? Donations of these cabinets and countertops, results in further savings by enabling the donor to receive a tax deduction for the value of the items donated. If you are working on a remodeling project, consider donating to and shopping at the ReStore. The ReStore accepts donations of and sells the following items:

- Appliances
- Architectural Items
- Home Improvement Books
- Cabinets
- Doors
- Electrical Wiring
- Flooring Materials
- Furniture
- Hardware
- Insulation
- Lawn and Garden Supplies
- Lighting Fixtures
- Lumber
- Masonry
- Framed Mirrors and Pictures
- Latex Paint and Supplies
- Plumbing Fixtures and Hardware
- Roofing Materials
- Sheetrock
- Siding
- Tools
- Wall Coverings
- Windows

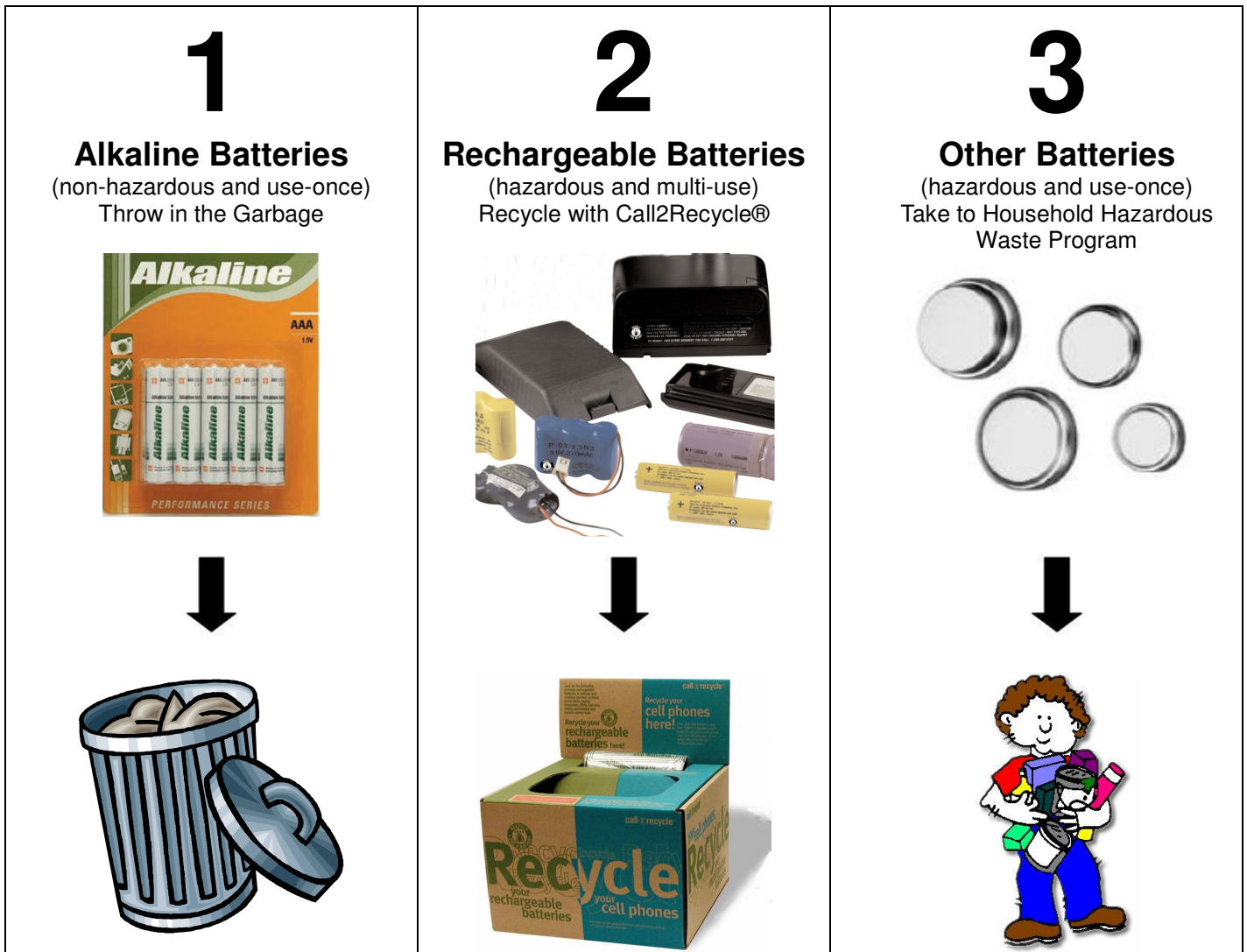
For more information, visit www.morrisrestore.org or call (973) 366-3357 or 3358. The ReStore is located at 102 Iron Mountain in Mine Hill off Route 46 and is open Wednesday through Saturday from 10am to 4pm and on Thursday until 8pm. Pickup of donations may be available.

Please note that all donated items must be pre-approved for donation and must be new or very gently used.

Dry-Cell Battery Management Evolves – It Will Be as Easy as “1-2-3”

At the beginning of 2010, new U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) regulations about the management of dry-cell batteries throughout the United States will go in effect. Because dry-cell batteries can short circuit and catch fire while being transported, the DOT will require enclosing each hazardous dry-cell battery in a plastic bag to cover its terminals prior to transport.

Figuring out how to manage batteries under this new regulation can be as easy as “1-2-3.” **One (1)**, throw alkaline (non-hazardous and use-once) dry-cell batteries into the trash; **two (2)**, recycle rechargeable batteries using Call2Recycle® drop-off boxes; and **three (3)**, take all other types of batteries to a household hazardous waste disposal program where they will be properly bagged and managed as hazardous waste. Additional details about proper battery management can found below.



Dry-Cell Battery Management Evolves – It Will Be as Easy as “1-2-3” (Continued)

1. Alkaline Batteries - Use-once alkaline batteries such as AAA, AA, C, D and 9-volt batteries produced by manufacturers like Energizer and Duracell as well as less common and/or generic manufacturers now fall below Federal and state hazardous waste standards and can and should be thrown out in the ordinary garbage. These non-hazardous batteries do not need to be individually bagged prior to throwing into the garbage. It is that easy and accounts for the majority of batteries discarded. The MCMUA will stop accepting batteries for recycling from Morris County municipalities beginning in November 2009.

2. Rechargeable Batteries - The Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation (RBRC) operates Call2Recycle®, a free rechargeable battery recycling program. Call2Recycle® sets up retailers and public agencies as rechargeable battery drop-off locations at no cost to the participant. Currently, Home Depot, Radio Shack, Lowe’s and Verizon Wireless all participate in the Call2Recycle® program at all their retail locations. These locations are provided with a drop-off box with small plastic bags so the batteries can be individually bagged in accordance with the new DOT regulations. The RBRC pays all the costs associated with providing drop-off boxes, including transportation and recycling. Call **1-877-2-RECYCLE** or use their website at <http://www.call2recycle.org> to find the closest public drop-off point.

Additionally, Call2Recycle® will provide free-of-charge drop-off boxes to any non-residential entity for the collection and recycling of their own rechargeable batteries. All one has to do is sign up online at <http://www.call2recycle.org>. Retailers and community recycling centers open to the public will be listed on the Call2Recycle® zip code locator and toll-free help-lines to encourage residents to recycle. Additionally, public agencies and businesses can still participate in the Call2Recycle® program without being advertised as a public drop-off location if they do not want to listed as such. Since everything is free of charge, the MCMUA is encouraging every business and/or public agency to request a drop-off box for its office or work site.

Batteries covered under the Call2Recycle program include:

- Nickel Cadmium (Ni-Cd)
- Nickel Metal Hydride (Ni-MH)
- Lithium Ion (Li-ion)
- Nickel Zinc (Ni-Zn)
- Small Sealed Lead - less than 11 lbs (Pb)



Rechargeable batteries are found in cordless power tools, cellular and cordless phones, laptop computers, digital cameras, two-way radios, camcorders, and remote control toys. Rechargeable batteries sometimes look like regular alkaline batteries. The label on the battery will indicate if it is rechargeable. Note that cell phones can also be collected through the Call2Recycle® program.

3. Other Batteries - Most button cell batteries still contain mercury and should be taken to a household hazardous waste program for proper management. Lead-acid car and boat batteries (over 11 lbs) should also be taken to a household hazardous waste program. Information about Morris County’s household hazardous waste programs can be found at the MCMUA website at <http://mcmua.com/hazardouswaste/index.htm> or by calling **973-829-8006**.