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Dispose of hazardous waste the right way

Last year, Bergen County expanded the household hazardous waste management program to eight one-day events. During 2008, 11,542 Bergen County households delivered 925,545 pounds of unwanted hazardous waste materials for proper disposal. These events continue to be the largest attended one-day events in the State of New Jersey.

This year, the BCUA will continue to provide the household hazardous waste man-



agement and disposal program at eight one-day collection events. All of these collections are free, but are open to *Bergen County residents only*. (Proof of residency is required.)

Events are held between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., rain or shine. The first event for 2009 was held in March. The remaining events will be held as follows:

- Sunday, April 5, Bergen Community College, 400 Paramus Road, Paramus
- Saturday, May 16, Bergen County Campgaw Mountain Reservation, 200 Campgaw Road, Mahwah
- Sunday, June 28, Bergen Community College, 400 Paramus Road, Paramus
- Saturday, July 18, BCUA, Foot of Empire Boulevard, Moonachie
- Saturday, Sept. 12, Bergen County Campgaw Mountain Reservation, 200 Campgaw Road, Mahwah
- Sunday, October 4, Bergen Community College, 400 Paramus Road, Paramus
- Saturday, November 21, Bergen County Campgaw Mountain Reservation, 200 Campgaw Road, Mahwah

At these household hazardous waste (HHW) drop-offs, we will accept a wide range of materials used in and around your home, such as aerosols, artist and hobby paints and glues, automotive fluids, batteries, drain cleaners, fire extinguishers, fluorescent lamps and bulbs, fuel, mercury thermostats and thermometers, paints and related products, rat and rodent poisons, weed and bug killers, and more. No computers, electronics, or tires will be accepted at these events. For a complete list of materials accepted, visit www.bcu.org or call the BCUA Environmental Programs Hotline at 201-807-5825.

Attention, businesses

Bergen County businesses which are classified as Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generators (CESQG's) may participate in this program for a nominal fee. All interested CESQG's must receive prior approval from the BCUA to participate. For further details, please contact Richard Baroch, Solid and Special Waste Program Administrator, at 201-807-8696.

Environmental Awareness Challenge Grant program



The BCUA introduced an Environmental Grant Program in 2007 as a way to reinvigorate recycling and environmental awareness in Bergen County schools. This program continues to offer educators in all Bergen County schools, both public and private, the opportunity to apply for grants of up to \$1,000.

A total of 47 applications were selected for grants in 2008. On September 24, 2008, County Executive Dennis McNerney and Freeholder Vernon Walton distributed Environmental Awareness Challenge Grant checks to the following schools:

- Northern Highlands High School, Allendale, \$975
- Bergenfield High School, Bergenfield, \$1,000
- Carlstadt Public School, Carlstadt, \$1,000
- Cliffside Park School #4, Cliffside Park, \$1,000
- Dumont High School, Dumont, \$940
- Gantner Avenue Elementary School, Elmwood Park, \$1,000
- Gilbert Avenue School, Elmwood Park, \$960
- Japanese Children's Society, Englewood Cliffs, \$1,000
- Lyncrest School, Fair Lawn, \$1,000
- Warren Point School, Fair Lawn, \$1,000
- Bergen County Academies, Hackensack, \$1,000
- Holy Trinity School, Hackensack, \$1,000
- Leonia Middle School, Leonia, \$1,000
- Immaculate Conception High School, Lodi, \$1,000
- South Bergen Jointure Commission, Lodi, \$1,000

- Sacred Heart School, Lyndhurst, \$1,000
- Memorial School, Maywood, \$1,000
- Highland School, Midland Park, \$570.22
- Pascack Hills High School, Montvale, \$1,000
- Saint Joseph High School, Montvale, \$824.50
- Berkley Street Elementary School, New Milford, \$1,000
- Bertrand F. Gibbs School, New Milford, \$1,000
- North Arlington High School, North Arlington, \$1,000
- Queen of Peace High School, North Arlington, \$1,000
- Charles De Wolf Middle School, Old Tappan, \$1,000
- Northern Valley High School, Old Tappan, \$940
- Palisades Park Jr./Sr. High School, Palisades Park, \$996.52
- Hillcrest School – BC Special Services, Paramus, \$971
- The Frisch School, Paramus, \$1,000
- Ridge Ranch Elementary School, Paramus, \$1,000
- West Brook Middle School, Paramus, \$1,000
- Ridgefield Park Jr./Sr. High School, Ridgefield Park, \$1,000
- Washington School, Ridgewood, \$1,000
- Rutherford High School, Rutherford, \$970
- St. Mary's High School, Rutherford, \$1,000
- Helen I. Smith School, Saddle Brook, \$1,000
- Memorial School, South Hackensack, \$1,000
- Bogert School, Upper Saddle River, \$951
- The Village School for Children, Waldwick, \$929.60
- Waldwick High School, Waldwick, \$1,000
- Jefferson & Gavlak Schools, Wallington, \$989
- Immaculate Heart Academy, Washington Township, \$1,000
- Jessie F. George Elementary School, Washington Township, \$968
- Woodcliff Middle School, Woodcliff Lake, \$975
- Catherine E. Doyle School, Wood-Ridge, \$1,000
- Calvin Coolidge School, Wyckoff, \$1,000
- Eastern Christian Middle School, Wyckoff, \$823

Letter from the County Executive

As Bergen County Executive, I work closely with the BCUA in developing and implementing programs that help protect the environment and citizenry of Bergen County. During these difficult economic times, it is important that our stewardship of the environment is not jeopardized while we stabilize the economic impact these important programs have on the ratepayers of Bergen County. Through our combined efforts, the BCUA will continue to provide the same level of programming in 2009.

The BCUA will continue to implement the household hazardous waste management and disposal program with a total of eight one-day collection events scheduled in 2009. These public events ensure the proper disposal of many common items that contain hazardous materials and can contaminate our soil and water.

The School Lab Hazardous Waste Removal Grant and Environmental Challenge Grant programs continue to provide financial

and technical assistance to county schools to create a safer school environment and foster environmental awareness. In 2008, 47 grants totaling \$45,782.84 were distributed to Bergen County public and private schools. The School Lab Grant continues to lead the way in environmental cleanups, as well.

I am proud of the important work that the BCUA performs in promoting environmental stewardship, and I look forward to working with the Authority Commissioners and staff on future projects.

*Dennis McNerney
Bergen County Executive*



Recycle computers, too!

During 2008, the BCUA collected 773,838 pounds of computer and electronic equipment for recycling from both residents and businesses.

The BCUA operates a NJDEP-approved Computer and Electronics Recycling Depot for all Bergen County residents. All types of computer and electronic equipment, including cell phones, are collected for recycling, by appointment only. The Computer and Electronics Recycling Depot is located at the BCUA, at the foot of Empire Boulevard, Moonachie, and is open Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and noon. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please contact the BCUA Environmental Programs Hotline at 201-807-5825.

In addition, the BCUA will also host four one-day computer and electronics collection

events for *residents only*. These events will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the following dates at the locations listed:

- Sunday, April 26, Bergen County Community Services Building, 327 East Ridgewood Avenue, Paramus
- Saturday, June 13, Bergen County Campgaw Mountain Reservation, 200 Campgaw Road, Mahwah
- Saturday, August 22, Bergen County Community Services Building, 327 East Ridgewood Avenue, Paramus
- Saturday, November 7, Bergen County Campgaw Mountain Reservation, 200 Campgaw Road, Mahwah

Businesses: The Computer and Electronics Recycling Depot accepts equipment from businesses for a nominal fee. Payment

must be made by check only and materials must be received by appointment only. Contact the BCUA Environmental Programs Hotline at 201-807-5825 for complete details. Businesses may not drop off computers and electronics at the one-day events.

10 tips for Greener Cleaning



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Read more about it!

485 Ways to Clean, Polish, Disinfect, Deodorize, and Remove Stains
Clean and Green: The Complete Guide to Nontoxic and Environmentally Safe Housekeeping by Annie Berthold-Bond (Ceres Press, 1994)

All-Purpose Cleaners Buying Guide
www.thegreenguide.com/buying-guide/all-purpose-cleaners

Clean Your House Without Hurting the Planet
www.grist.org/advice/possessions/2003/03/18/possessions-cleaning/

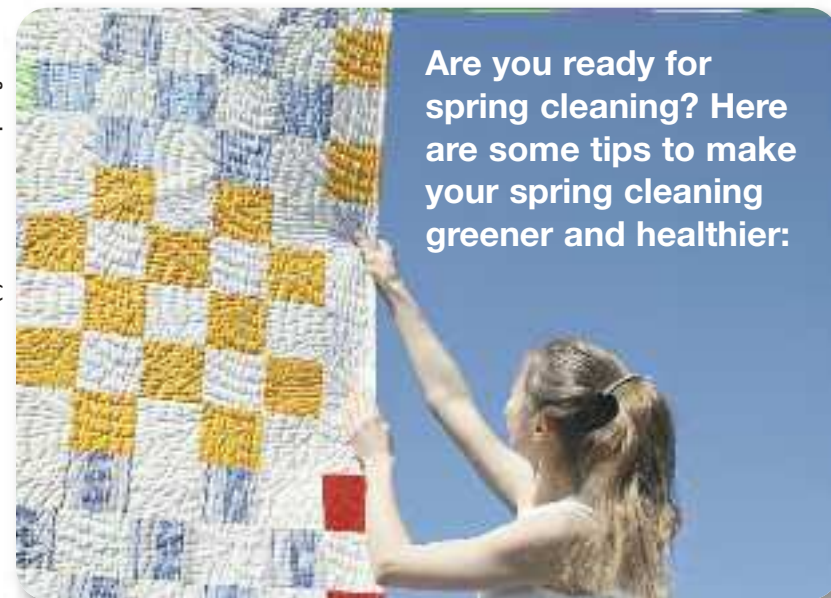
Greener Cleaning
www.thegreenguide.com/home-garden/cleaning

How to Go Green: Cleaning
<http://planetgreen.discovery.com/go-green/green-cleaning/>

How to Make a Non-Toxic Cleaning Kit
www.care2.com/greenliving/make-your-own-non-toxic-cleaning-kit.html

Non-Toxic Home Cleaning
www.earthesy.com/live_nontoxic_solutions.htm

A Test of Green Cleaners
www.grist.org/advice/products/2008/03/25/



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Are you ready for spring cleaning? Here are some tips to make your spring cleaning greener and healthier:

1. Open the windows. After the house has been closed up for most of the winter, the best thing to do is to give it a good airing out. On a pleasant spring day, throw open the windows and give the house a few hours to breathe in the fresh air.
2. Think mechanical first. A scrub brush, a dish scrubber, and a retired toothbrush can provide a lot of cleaning power with no chemicals at all. Drain baskets keep drains free of debris that can lead to clogs.
3. Use up chemicals that you have on hand before purchasing replacement products. If you have cleaners stored in multiple locations (some in the laundry room, others under the kitchen sink, and a few in the garage), find them and inventory what you have available.
4. Consider creating your own cleaners from common household products, such as vinegar, baking soda, salt, lemon juice, and mineral oil. Many of these cleaners are easy to make, effective, and less expensive than pre-mixed chemical solutions. (Remember that even homemade cleaners can be irritating to skin and eyes. Always use caution in mixing, storing, and using homemade cleaners.)

5. If you choose to purchase a cleaning product, choose the mildest and most benign chemical product available. Although it is not mandatory, a few manufacturers do voluntarily provide a complete list of ingredients. Try to select products that provide you complete information on ingredients, offer the most clear instructions on use, and don't require extraordinary safety measures for use or disposal.
6. When you purchase products or containers, look for recycled-content and recyclable containers. Rather than using paper towels, use reusable towels and old rags. If you purchase paper towels, please choose those made from recycled-content paper.
7. Buying concentrates reduces packaging waste. Some cleaning products are now sold in concentrated form; you finish making the solution by adding tap water at home. Other products, such as laundry detergent, are concentrated and ready to use when you get home. Remember—if you have softened water, you can use even less detergent.
8. Keep unfinished products in their original, labeled containers. *Never* pour potentially harmful chemicals into food or beverage containers for storage. Store all cleaning products out of reach of children and away from pets. Do not store potentially hazardous materials close to sources of heat or in direct sunlight.
9. Dispose of containers and unused chemicals properly. Follow the label instructions. If the instructions are unclear, call the manufacturer for more details or call us.
10. Make sure everyone in your family knows about your new "greener cleaning" habits.

On the GO

If you're trying to trim your expenses, you may be walking or biking more. Walking and biking are good for your health and your pocketbook. Of course, they are also better for our environment because walking and biking don't require fuel or spew out emissions.

However, if you like to take a cup of coffee with you when you leave the house, what are you supposed to do? Reusable travel mugs are fine if you are walking, but may not be fully leak-proof when you bike. There's a simple, waste-free solution—thermal or canteen bottles. The thermal-style bottles keep hot drinks hot and cold drinks cold. These bottles can be sealed, so you can put them into a backpack or bag without worrying about leaks and spills. Many have a built-in loop to allow you to hang the bottle from your handle bars. Others have insulated pouches with handles or loops. Still others will fit right into your bike's water bottle holder.

If your drink of choice is water or a sports drink, you can use the same style bottles. Simply fill the clean bottle with tap water or sports drink from your gallon jug.

Look for leak-proof thermal bottles at local stores. Many carry these bottles and accessories. Or, go online and search for "thermo bottles."



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Hope for harried readers Planet Green

"Like money, books must be kept in constant circulation. Lend and borrow to the maximum."

At a time when many have had to tighten their belts, novelist Henry Miller offers good advice for readers. Enjoying a good book doesn't require buying a new copy or even owning it. Books can be borrowed, shared, and swapped. The pleasure is the same, but the cost is less.

The library is, of course, the least expensive way to enjoy good books. You can borrow from the local library's many resources. All you need is a library card.

Another option is used bookstores. When you buy used books, you often pay only one-quarter to one-half of the original price. Some of the "used" books have never even been read. Many secondhand stores sell books, and books are a common item at garage sales, as well.

Sharing books with friends is free. Often, you and your friends enjoy the same types of books or authors. You can also spread your enthusiasm for a book that you couldn't put down by passing it along to a new reader.

In addition to these local resources, there are many online options as well:

- Book Crossing is a program that allows people to "read and release"

books. If you want to release a book or are hunting for one, visit www.bookcrossing.com.

- Several sites offer readers the chance to trade one or more books with other readers, usually for just the cost of shipping. For more information about book swaps by mail, visit www.bookins.com, www.bookmooch.com, www.paperbackswap.com, or www.swaptree.com.

- If you've ever wondered why there isn't a "Netflix" for books, your wait is over. BookSwim allows readers to rent books. This concept is not new. Before the age of downloadable audiobooks, readers could rent books on tape (and later on CD) by mail. Now, readers can rent bestsellers at a fraction of the purchase price. For more information, go to www.bookswim.com.

Books aren't the only media that can be borrowed, shared, swapped, or purchased used, of course. The same applies to DVDs and CDs, as well as many magazines.

You don't have to give up at-home entertainment, but you can lower its cost by lending and borrowing to the maximum.



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If you have a pay-TV service, such as cable or satellite, you may be getting the Planet Green network. If you enjoy the Discovery channel, you'll like Planet Green.

Planet Green offers a variety of original programs. If you love home renovation or want to know how to live an everyday green life, you'll be able to watch shows like *Living With Ed*, *Renovation Nation*, *Total Wrecklamation*, *Wa\$ted!*, *World's Greenest Homes*, *Focus Earth*, and *Greenovate*. Maybe you're more interested in food. Check out *Emeril Green* or *Supper Club*. If you're wondering what is new in transportation, catch an episode of *Mean Green Machines*. Do you love entertainment news? Watch *Hollywood Green*. How about a game show? Play along with *Go for the Green*.

In addition to the programming, you'll find "Go Green" tips at the website, <http://planetgreen.discovery.com/>, along with games and video clips. There is even a convenient "channel finder" — all you need to know is your ZIP code and your pay-TV service provider.

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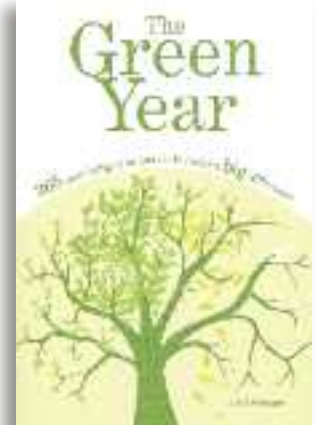
The care of the Earth is our most ancient and most worthy and, after all, our most pleasing responsibility. To cherish what remains of it, and to foster its renewal, is our only legitimate hope.

Wendell Berry, 1934—
American farmer and poet

Greening your year

Looking for small steps that will make a big difference? Check out *The Green Year: 365 Small Things You Can Do to Make a Big Difference* by Jodi Helmer (Penguin Group, 2008). This book has one simple idea for each day of the year. Each page also has a spot for you to check off that you've done the activity or to write your own alternative that will work better for you and your family.

The ideas include reducing waste, saving energy, and much more. Some days suggest things that you probably already do—or have thought about doing—such as replacing incandescent bulbs with compact fluorescents and sharing magazines. Other days give you new and fun ideas. For instance, when you stop at your favorite ice cream shop, don't get ice cream in a cup. Instead, order your ice cream in an edible and waste-free cone. Here's another one: Clean out your car's trunk or cargo area and improve your gas mileage. According to Helmer, an extra 100 pounds in the trunk can reduce your fuel efficiency by 2 percent.



CLIP AND SAVE



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Each year in the U.S., gas-powered lawn mowers consume more than 720 million gallons of gasoline. At the same time, these mowers spit out harmful air pollutants and disturb the peace and quiet of our spring and summer days.

However, gas-powered mowers aren't the only way to keep your lawn looking good. Electric mowers are quieter and exhaust-free. Some electric mowers need an extension cord, but many of the newer ones contain a rechargeable battery. With battery-powered models, you simply plug in the mower to charge it and then unplug it while you cut the grass. These cordless mowers are heavier and a bit more difficult to maneuver than the corded models. Neither type requires oil changes or gasoline. You do have the cost for electricity, but that may be as little as \$5-10 per year.

Another—and even more environmentally friendly—option is a manual reel lawn mower. Here are just a few of the great reasons to use a reel mower:

- Reel mowers leave behind healthier grass plants because they "snip" the grass, cutting it in the same way that a pair of scissors would. (Powered rotary mowers actually tear the grass blades.)
- Manual mowers don't need gasoline, so an empty gas can will never change your plans. They also don't require an electrical charge, so you don't have to remember to plug them in.
- Push reel mowers produce no harmful emissions and emit no exhaust into your face and your neighborhood's air.
- Manual mowers are whisper-quiet, allowing you to hear your children playing and to enjoy the birds chirping. You can still listen to your music on headphones, but you won't have to!
- You'll enjoy a brisk walk and some resistance training while you mow.
- Reel mowers are virtually maintenance-free. Occasionally, the bearings and cutting edges may need a little lubricant and a slight adjustment. The cutters will need to be sharpened every couple of years.
- You'll never struggle with the pull cord on a manual mower. Simply start walking and the mower starts, too.
- Reel mowers take less space in the garage or shed.
- Push reel mowers are the cheapest to purchase, operate, and maintain.

A manual reel mower isn't right for every yard. The mowers are best suited to smaller yards, such as those that are 10,000 square feet (about one-quarter acre) or less. However, many of today's yards are no bigger than this.

If you'd like more information about reel mowers (or about electric mowers), ask at your hardware store, lawn and garden center, or home supply store. You can also learn more at www.cleanaingardening.com, www.planetnatural.com, www.gardeners.com, www.reelin.com, or www.reelmowerguide.com/.



The BCUA is launching an **environmental shopping program** which teaches consumers about the environmental consequences of their purchases. "A Green Shopping Guide," an eight-page guide for residents with practical, everyday tips, is available. The goal of the program is to support the growing community of environmentally conscious people who want to make choices that are good for their wallets, families, and the environment.

This program offers tips about simple, easy-to-make choices that can make a big difference in and around your homes. Some ideas include:

- Buy organic and locally grown products as much as possible.
- Reduce waste by avoiding overpackaged products.
- Choose recyclable packaging and avoid single-use, disposable items.
- Plan shopping trips to minimize driving and maximize the effectiveness of each trip.
- Take your own reusable shopping bags.
- Know what your community recycles.
- Buy only what you need.
- Repair items rather than buying new ones.

If you would like to know more about this program, please contact Angela Bonanno-Lynch at 201-807-5821.

Bergen County Executive
Dennis McNerney

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School Lab Hazardous Waste Removal and Grant Program

Many school districts store hazardous materials on-site without knowing the dangers to students, teachers, and staff, or without knowledge of the disposal options available to them. The BCUA wants to help correct this. When many school districts join together for the collection and disposal of hazardous waste, all schools should experience a lower disposal rate.

In this program, the BCUA is the lead agency that brings the hazardous waste ven-

dor and the Bergen County schools together. The schools are presented with a vendor

which provides these services on-site: identification, sorting, handling, packaging, transportation, and disposal of hazardous materials. Currently, there are 36 school districts participating in this program. During 2008, nine school districts safely and successfully conducted cleanups.

For further information about this program or to join, please call Rich Baroch at 201-807-8696.



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Did you know?

Engine motor oil doesn't wear out, it just gets dirty and needs to be cleaned. When used motor oil is re-refined, it goes through two cleaning processes to remove dirt, water, fuel, and used additives. The resulting base oil is mixed with new additives, and you have new engine oil. See, it is easy!

Now, you just need to do your part. When you change your vehicle's oil, drain the used motor oil into a clean container and seal the container well with a lid. Don't pour oil down storm drains or onto the ground where it can work its way through the soil and into our ground and surface waters. A single gallon of used oil can foul 1 million gallons of drinking water—don't let that happen. Recycle now!

- Many municipalities collect motor oil for recycling. For details, contact your municipality directly, go to the BCUA website at www.bcu.org.
- Many service stations that perform oil changes will accept your used motor oil (possibly for a nominal fee). Please call your local service station for guidelines.
- All Jiffy Lube stations will take up to 10 gallons of motor oil at no charge. You must bring the used motor oil in closed containers during business hours and take the empty containers away with you.
- All Bridgestone and Firestone Tire and Service Centers will accept up to 2 gallons of motor oil at no charge. You must bring the used motor oil in closed containers, during business hours, and take the empty containers away with you.
- Find a motor oil recycling collection center near your home. Call Earth's 911 at 1-800-CLEANUP, or visit www.1800cleanup.org. Or, go to the American Petroleum Institute's website at www.recycleoil.org.

What to Recycle in Bergen County

The following materials may be recycled in your community. Boldfaced materials are required to be recycled at residences; materials with an asterisk (*) must be recycled by businesses.

- Aluminum Containers*** • Antifreeze
- Asphalt • Auto Scrap • Car Batteries
- Clothing • Concrete • **Construction & Demolition Debris*** • **Corrugated Cardboard*** • **Ferrous Scrap Metals***
- Food Waste • **Glass Beverage Containers*** • **Grass** • High Grade Paper* • **Household Batteries** • **Leaves**
- Magazines • **Mixed Paper*** • Motor Oil
- **Newspaper** • Non-Ferrous Metals
- **Plastic Containers #1 and #2***
- Tree Stumps & Logs • **Steel Containers**
- Tires • **White Goods*** • Wood Chips/Brush/Wood Waste

For more detailed recycling program information or local recycling schedules, contact your local municipal recycling coordinator or visit your municipal website located at www.bcu.org.

Municipal Recycling Coordinators

- Allendale201-818-4411
- Alpine201-768-6942
- Bergenfield201-387-4055, ext. 3
- Bogota201-342-1736, ext. 267
- Carlstadt201-939-2857
- Cliffside Park201-313-2070
- Closter201-784-0753
- Cresskill201-567-2184
- Demarest201-768-6669
- Dumont201-387-5022
- East Rutherford201-729-9751, ext. 278
- Edgewater201-943-1700
- Elmwood Park201-703-2207
- Emerson201-262-6086, ext. 9
- Englewood201-568-3401
- Englewood Cliffs201-568-0242
- Fair Lawn201-794-5341
- Fairview201-943-3300
- Fort Lee201-592-3635
- Franklin Lakes201-891-4333
- Garfield973-546-1429
- Glen Rock201-670-3990

- Hackensack201-646-3955
- Harrington Park201-768-0944
- Hasbrouck Heights201-288-1072
- Haworth201-384-1037
- Hillsdale201-666-4800, ext. 5007
- Ho-Ho-Kus201-445-8161
- Leonia201-592-5771
- Little Ferry201-641-0023
- Lodi973-365-4068
- Lyndhurst201-804-2493
- Mahwah201-529-3344
- Maywood201-845-2920
- Midland Park201-445-5720
- Montvale201-391-1312
- Moonachie201-641-1813
- New Milford201-967-5044
- North Arlington201-955-5665
- Northvale201-767-0210
- Norwood201-767-7200
- Oakland201-405-7732
- Old Tappan201-664-4438
- Oradell201-261-8610
- Palisades Park201-585-4133
- Paramus201-265-2100, ext. 687
- Park Ridge201-391-3933
- Ramsey201-825-3400, ext. 229
- Ridgefield201-945-5319
- Ridgefield Park201-440-4860
- Ridgewood201-670-5500, ext. 266
- River Edge201-599-6275
- River Vale201-664-2346
- Rochelle Park201-587-7752
- Rockleigh201-768-4217
- Rutherford201-460-3004
- Saddle Brook201-587-2903
- Saddle River201-327-2609
- South Hackensack201-440-3283
- Teaneck201-837-4855
- Tenafly201-569-7275
- Teterboro201-288-1202
- Upper Saddle River201-327-2196
- Waldwick201-652-5300, ext. 4
- Wallington973-777-0318
- Washington Township201-664-1734
- Westwood201-664-2349
- Woodcliff Lake201-391-3172
- Wood-Ridge201-939-2438
- Wyckoff201-891-7000

Retired Tires

BCUA hosts several one-day drop-off events for tire recycling. All collections are scheduled from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., rain or shine. Bergen County residents only (no businesses) may drop off tires at these events. However, we will only accept passenger vehicle (car, van, and light truck) tires, and there is a limit of four tires per participant, with or without rims. There is no charge to drop off these tires for recycling. These are the upcoming events:

- Sunday, April 26, Bergen County Community Services Building, 327 East Ridgewood Avenue, Paramus
- Saturday, June 13, Bergen County Campgaw Mountain Reservation, 200 Campgaw Road, Mahwah
- Saturday, August 22, Bergen County Community Services Building, 327 East Ridgewood Avenue, Paramus
- Saturday, November 7, Bergen County Campgaw Mountain Reservation, 200 Campgaw Road, Mahwah

Many municipalities collect tires. Check with your municipal recycling coordinator for details, including a collection or drop-off schedule.

Compost bin sale

Composting allows residents to care for the environment in their own backyards while reducing the amount of waste going to the landfills. To help residents compost, the BCUA will hold a one-day compost bin sale on Sunday, April 26, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., rain or shine, at the Bergen County Community Services Building, 327 East Ridgewood Avenue, Paramus. At this event, we'll be selling the Earth Machine™ home composting bins for only \$52, while supplies last. (This bin normally retails for over \$100.)

For more information, contact the BCUA Environmental Programs Hotline at 201-807-5825.

