



County of Burlington

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Dear Mayor/Administrator:

Burlington County has been directed by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to work with municipalities to increase local recycling rates to achieve the state-mandated goal of recycling 50% of the municipal waste stream.

As part of this effort, we are providing each municipality with a semi-annual recycling tonnage report so you can track the amount of recycling collected in your town through Burlington County's Regional Recycling Program. Attached is the first of these reports for your municipality.

The report includes curbside homes, municipal drop-offs, multifamily complexes, and schools that are serviced by the County program. The report lists the amount of recyclables (paper, cardboard, bottles, and cans) collected and the associated landfill tipping fee savings.

While Burlington County is one of the leaders in recycling efforts, we can do more.

Here are a few guidelines to help our program continue to be successful and move closer to the State's goal of 50% recycling.

- **Distribute the 2022-2023 Recycling Brochure:**
All municipal recycling coordinators were provided with 2022/2023 recycling brochures this May. Please make sure to distribute them to all residents, including new residents who move into your municipality.
- **Promote the RecycleCoach app:**
More than 50,000 users in Burlington County use the app to receive information and education.
- **Ensure new homeowners can receive a recycling cart:**
All new housing developments should receive recycling carts. Supply chain issues are delaying cart shipments and it may require up to 5 months for cart orders to be filled.
- **Recycle Right:**
Help spread the word about what to recycle and what cannot be placed in the recycling bin.

Contamination (non-recyclable items in carts) is a growing problem and has sparked fires and damaged equipment at the Recycling Center. We need your town's assistance

to prevent non-recyclables from ending up in carts. To help with that, we continue to send curbside contamination reports to your municipal recycling coordinator.

These reports list addresses where recycling carts were not collected because of contamination. We are asking you to please notify those residents as to why their cart was not collected and include a copy of the recycling brochure to help educate them.

We are here to help and welcome suggestions on how we can work together to improve recycling efforts in Burlington County. If you have any questions, please reach out to Ann Moore, Burlington County District Recycling Coordinator at amoore@co.burlington.nj.us

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Pullion". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Tom Pullion

Burlington County Commissioner
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