



Recycling Update

January 2022

Bergen County Utilities Authority • Foot of Mehrhof Road, Little Ferry, NJ 07643



2022 Document Shredding, Electronics Recycling and Tire Recycling Event Dates

Bergen Community College

400 Paramus Rd., Paramus

Sunday, April 24, 2022

Saturday, August 6, 2022

Bergen County Campgaw Reservation

200 Campgaw Rd., Mahwah

Saturday, June 4, 2022

Sunday, October 2, 2022

Document shredding, electronics and tire collection hours are 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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Are apps the answer?

Recycling apps are an interactive mobile or online tool increasingly used by communities and haulers to communicate with residents. These apps allow residents to search for specific packaging and material types to learn the appropriate ways to recycle or discard them. Additionally, they can provide customized information on pick-up schedules, holiday breaks and other details pertaining to local materials recovery.

RRS conducted research on 3,277 local recycling programs in the U.S. and 282 recycling programs in Canada over the course of 2020-2021. The Canadian programs were much

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2022 Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Event Dates:

Bergen County Utilities Authority

Foot of Empire Blvd., Moonachie

Saturday, March 12, 2022

Saturday, November 19, 2022

Bergen County Campgaw Reservation

200 Campgaw Rd., Mahwah

Saturday, May 14, 2022

Saturday, July 16, 2022

Saturday, September 10, 2022

Bergen Community College

400 Paramus Rd., Paramus

Sunday, April 3, 2022

Sunday, June 12, 2022

Sunday, October 16, 2022

HHW event collection hours are 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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Flyers available soon!

Be on the lookout for the 2022 household hazardous waste collection flyer in your mail. Both flyers will be available on www.bcua.org shortly.



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more likely to use search tools and apps – 28% of the programs surveyed used one of the apps, a group which represented 70% of the population in the survey. In contrast, U.S. programs were relatively unlikely to take advantage of these tools, with only 9% of programs, representing 17% of the population surveyed, using a search app or tool.

These apps have the potential to reduce costs and improve safe, sustainable material handling from several angles.

First, the tools can help cut down on “wishcycling” (when residents think an object should be recyclable even though it is not an accepted material/item) by providing clarifying information and additional instructions for various materials. This can reduce contamination, a problem that can increase MRF downtime as well as disposal costs.

Further, apps can help bolster safety for collectors and processors by providing instructions to properly dispose of materials like oils, medicines, paints and batteries – including lithium-ion batteries, which have been documented to cause fires at the MRF.

Recycling apps can also serve as an extension of a customer service department to provide answers to frequently asked questions about pick-up schedules, operating hours for drop-off facilities, and other key pieces of information.

Each community should strive to understand how its residents seek out information and then customize outreach and education efforts. Mobile apps can be used in conjunction with traditional outreach methods such as mailers, emails, community events and other program collateral that help to convey the right way to recycle.

Please be reminded that the Recycle Coach App is available free of charge for your municipality. For additional information, please contact, Kim Stuart 1.855.343.3363 ext. 121; kstuart@recyclecoach.com.

Source: Resource Recycling



Register today for the next Sustainability Speaker Series

The next installment of the NJDEP Sustainability Speaker Series will take place on January 12, 2022. The Sustainability Speaker Series is an initiative of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Office of Sustainability. The Office of Sustainability, a part of the Bureau of Energy & Sustainability is dedicated to promoting sustainability principles and programs to NJ businesses and communities.



All events are planned and managed by the [NJDEP Office of Sustainability](#). Register [here](#). Click [here](#) for a complete copy of the agenda.

Rid homes of mercury!

What is TRC? The Thermostat Recycling Corporation (TRC) was founded in 1998 as is an industry-funded nonprofit. It is supported by 31 manufacturers who branded and sold mercury thermostats, in the U.S., prior to clean technology becoming more readily available. With a network of more than 3,600 collection sites nationwide, the agency has recovered over 2.4 million thermostats, or 11 tons of mercury, to date. All costs to transport and properly dispose of recovered thermostats are assumed by TRC. Visit www.thermostat-recycle.org to learn more and find a recycling location near you.

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