

**Before the inspector leaves your premises, please be sure you understand what action you need to take to correct any deficiencies.**

If the inspection discloses any violations, you will also receive by mail a formal Notice of Violation for each provision of the Middlesex County Solid Waste Management Plan that has been violated.

If your business has not had prior violations, you will have (30) thirty days to correct the noted violations without penalty. If your business has had prior violations, you will receive a penalty notice in the mail.

After 30 days, if compliance has not been achieved, penalties will be issued. Initial penalties start at \$100 per section violated. Continued noncompliance will result in additional penalties up to a maximum of \$5000 per day per section violated.

Businesses which fail to comply after receiving substantial penalties will be referred to the Middlesex County Environmental Prosecutor.

**The Middlesex County Recycling regulations are approved by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and are enforceable throughout Middlesex County.**

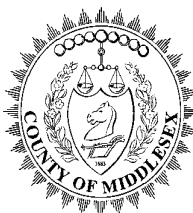
If you have any questions, please call the Middlesex County Public Health Department's Environmental Division at 732-745-8492.

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### **Recycling Program**

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**Middlesex County  
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***A Guide for  
Commercial Businesses  
On Complying with  
Middlesex County  
Recycling Requirements***

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This brochure is a brief overview of Middlesex County Public Health Department's Recycling Generator Enforcement Program, explaining what you need to do as a generator of recyclable materials in order to comply with Middlesex County's recycling requirements.

The Middlesex County Public Health Department conducts recycling inspections on a daily basis to ensure compliance with our recycling laws. The department is responsible for inspecting over 10,000 sites throughout the county.

Middlesex County is recognized as one of the top counties in the nation for its recycling efforts. We are grateful for the efforts of our residents and business owners. By recycling we help protect our environment, save tax dollars, and lower disposal costs.

The Middlesex County Public Health Department conducts inspections at all Middlesex County businesses including retail stores, malls, restaurants, offices, warehouses, factories, schools, parks, apartment buildings, condominium complexes, townhouses and other locations.

It is your responsibility under the law to ensure that your business remains in compliance at all times.

As a part of the inspection process, our inspector will review in detail what is required to bring your business into compliance with the Middlesex County Recycling Regulations.

The current list of mandated recyclable materials includes the following:

- ▶ Office paper
- ▶ Newspaper
- ▶ Glass
- ▶ Plastic
- ▶ Yard-waste
- ▶ Tires
- ▶ Masonry and paving materials
- ▶ Rechargeable batteries
- ▶ White goods electronics (non-residential)
- ▶ Florescent-bulbs (non-residential)
- ▶ Plastic film (non-residential large quantity generators)
- ▶ Scrap wood (from construction sites).
- ▶ Mixed Paper
- ▶ Cardboard
- ▶ Aluminum
- ▶ Steel-containers
- ▶ Textiles



**To be in compliance with the regulations:**

1. Your business must have a system in place to handle all mandated recyclables you generate.
2. All containers used for the storage or collection of recyclables, both inside the facility and outside, must be clearly labeled.
3. It is not permissible to mix recyclables with non-recyclable waste.



4. You must check with your waste hauler to see which recyclables can be commingled.
5. The size and quantity of all containers must be adequate to handle the volume of material your business generates.
6. Containers should not be overflowing onto the ground nor should excess material be placed in the wrong container. To encourage compliance and prevent unsanitary conditions, the recycling and waste storage areas must be neatly maintained.
7. The number and locations of the containers should be such that the system is convenient for those who use it. Generally, locations provided with trash containers should also be provided with recycling containers in order to discourage noncompliance due to cross contamination.

**Landlords are responsible for compliance by tenants on commercial and residential properties for which the landlord provides the waste collection services.**

At the conclusion of your inspection, you will be provided with a copy of the inspection report and the inspector will explain the inspection results to you and provide you with a copy of the report.