### SOMERSET COUNTY CURBSIDE RECYCLING HOW-TO GUIDE

Follow these instructions if you are still using the smaller 20-gallon recycling containers.

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| GLASS BOTTLES, ALL PLASTIC BOTTLES & CONTAINERS (#1 - #7), STEEL, BIMETAL & ALUMINUM CANS | - Glass bottles (all colors)  
- Glass jars (all colors)  
- Steel cans  
- Bimetal cans  
- Aluminum cans  
- All plastic bottles and containers #1 - #7 (NO STYROFOAM®)  
#1 - #7 Examples: Water, soda, milk, juice, soap, detergent, bleach, shampoo and cleaning-agent bottles. You may also include peanut butter, yogurt and diaper-wipe containers, margarine tubes, and clear plastic clamshell containers from restaurant salad bars. |
| NEWSPAPERS | - Newspaper  
- Inserts that come w/newspapers, such as comics, glossy coupons, TV/magazine sections & colored food/store ads |
| OTHER PAPER/JUNK MAIL | - Magazines  
- Writing/school paper  
- All envelopes  
- Copy paper  
- Paperback books  
- Hardcover books w/hard covers removed  
- Catalogs  
- Phone books  
- Store flyers w/mailing labels  
- Office paper  
- Non-metallic gift wrap  
- Greeting cards  
- Shredded paper |
| CORRUGATED CARDBOARD, CHIPBOARD & PIZZA BOXES | - Brown bags  
- Chipboard boxes including: cereal, cookie, pasta, cake, cracker, detergent (remove plastic liners), gift, shoe, shirt and any retail boxes. Poster board & backing from writing pads also accepted.  
- Corrugated cardboard  
- Paper towel rolls  
- Pizza boxes (clean!)  
- Tissue boxes |

Recyclables are the property of Somerset County when placed at the curb. Please notify your local police department or the Somerset County Recycling Center if anyone other than county employees remove recyclables from your curb. Theft of recyclable materials is illegal.

### WHAT NOT TO RECYCLE CURBSIDE...

- **PLASTIC:** Un-numbered plastics  
- Microwave trays  
- Plastic bags  
- Motor oil and anti-freeze bottles  
- Plastic toys  
- Plastic cups, plates, knives, forks, spoons  
- Plastic flower pots  
- Beer balls  
- Pesticide containers  
- Paper plates  
- Plastic coat hangers  
- Plastic drums & crates  
- Styrofoam® 5-gallon buckets (spackle & paint containers)  
- Pool chemical containers  
- Plastic caps  
- Prescription bottles  
- **PAPER:** Waxed paper  
- Tissue paper  
- Napkins  
- Paper towels  
- Frozen food boxes  
- Cups  
- Metallic & plastic-coated paper  
- Paper with metal objects (file folders, binders, etc.)  
- **APPLIANCES:** Refrigerators  
- Air Conditioners  
- Dehumidifiers  
- Humidifiers (call 908-231-7109 for information)  
- **FIRE EXTINGUISHERS:** Bring to Household Hazardous Waste Days  
- **BATTERIES:** Alkaline go in garbage  
- Bring rechargeable & button-cell batteries to Household Hazardous Waste Days  
- **TEXTILES:** Take clothing, linens, drapes and other textiles to any local nonprofit collection bin

### DUAL STREAM PROGRAM

The Somerset County Recycling Division is phasing this program to one area at a time. They will be providing two 65-gallon wheeled recycling totes to residents over the next few years. Each tote has a different color lid (yellow and lime green).

Stickers on the lids indicate what materials are to be placed in the totes.

Regular scheduled pickups with the new totes will begin on your next scheduled recycling date after delivery of totes.

The tote with the **lime green lid** is for the cardboard and paper products, and the tote with the **yellow lid** is for commingled glass, cans, and plastic materials.

**Accepted Items are as follows for the paper tote (lime green lid):** Newspapers, inserts, junk mail, magazines, catalogs, envelopes, paperback books, corrugated cardboard, colored paper, clean pizza boxes, office and school papers, shredded paper (loose), chipboard boxes including cereal, cookie, pasta, cake, cracker, detergent (remove plastic liners), gift, shoe, shirt and any retail boxes, paper egg cartons, paper bags, books (hard covers must be removed), phone books, non-metallic gift wrap and greeting cards.

**Accepted Items are as follows for the commingled tote (yellow lid):**
- Aluminum, steel and bimetal cans, glass bottles (all colors), glass jars (all colors), plastic bottles and containers #1 - #7 (Examples: water, soda, milk, juice, soap, detergent, bleach, shampoo, and cleaning-agent bottles). You may also include peanut butter, yogurt and diaper-wipe containers, margarine tubes, plastic trays and clear plastic clamshell containers from restaurant salad bars.

We will NOT take the following items: Plastic bags, Styrofoam®, garbage cans, flower pots, or kitty litter containers.