

# HO-HO-KUS LOVES TO RECYCLE



The Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus, in accordance with the State of New Jersey regulations, participates in the recycling program. Over the years, the structure for recycling has changed as the program advanced from its infancy. Recycling is legally required by the State of New Jersey of all municipalities and residents.

On January 1, 2015 we commenced with a new solid waste and recycling contract that was once again awarded to the low bidder Suburban Disposal. It has become necessary to address our recycling program to reflect new recycling regulations.

Many of our residents have reported to us that the hauler in the past had removed recycling and solid waste in the same truck. This causes our solid waste disposal tonnage to escalate and recycling tonnage to drop. This is not acceptable. We have discussed this problem with our hauler and have devised a system that we feel will help their staff differentiate between solid waste and recycling.

The Borough provides 32 gallon blue recycling cans for our residents. **ALL COMMINGLED RECYCLING WILL BE REQUIRED TO BE IN THESE BLUE CANS.** (Definition: glass, aluminum, plastic and tin.) The recycling, including cardboard, newspaper and magazines are rear-yard/home-side collection. You may see the hauler putting the commingled recycling and paper in the same truck. This is acceptable because they will dispose of them at a single stream site. This means the disposal site has the capability of separating glass, cans, paper, aluminum and plastic with new state of the art equipment.

Every resident in town also has the option of bringing their commingled recycling and their paper and cardboard to our recycling center located at 26 Hollywood Avenue (across from the DPW garage) Monday thru Friday 9:00 am to 2:00 pm and Saturday from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm.

Each pickup zone has a monthly Saturday morning bulk pick-up, which excludes any recycling material. Everything that is picked up on those days contributes to our solid waste tonnage. Once again, if the recycling is included, our solid waste tonnage goes up, causing costs to inflate. Cardboard or other recycling materials will be left at the curb by the hauler. All metal products, including bed frames, lawnmowers, propane grills, tire rims, electronics including TV's and computers must be brought to our recycling center.

Construction materials and remodeling debris are also not picked up on the Saturday morning bulk pickups. These materials should be disposed of by contractors or residents can use a Bagster (<https://www.thebagster.com/>) or a similar service available online.

Should you have any questions, contact Jeff Pattman, Recycling Coordinator and Superintendent of Public Works 201-445-8161 between 8:00 am and 1:00 pm.

## **WHAT WE RECYCLE AT THE HO-HO-KUS RECYCLING CENTER**

**Clean Cardboard:** NO Styrofoam or Plastic Packing Material

**Newspaper / Magazines / Shiny Paper Inserts/ Books:** NO Plastic Bags, may be in paper bags, tied with string or loose

**Glass:** Any color

**Commingled items:** Plastic 1 thru 7  with the recycling triangle, Aluminum, Tin & Glass  
NO Plastic bag / NO packing type material / NO caps on plastic bottles

**Metal:** Anything metal - Bikes, Hot Water Heaters, Refrigerators, Mowers, Bed Frames, Tire Rims etc.

**Electronic Waste:** TV's, Computers, Printers, Fax machines, Copiers, DVR/VCR, Stereos, UPS/Battery Backup, Wires, Keyboards & Computer Mouses, Modems,

## **WHAT WE DO NOT ACCEPT AT THE RECYCLING CENTER**

**Plastic Items** without the Recycling Triangle

**Pizza Boxes** with grease stains on the box

**Wood**

**Rugs**

**Small ride on toys**

**Plastic Bags**

**\*\*ALL NON-ACCEPTED ITEMS CAN BE PUT OUT ON BULK SATURDAY  
PICKUP\*\***

## **IN THE RECYCLING CENTER WE HAVE**

2 Cardboard dumpsters

1 Newspaper and mixed paper dumpster

1 Glass dumpster

1 Commingled dumpster for plastic, aluminum, tin and glass

1 Metal dumpster

1 Electronic dumpster

## **REAR YARD RECYCLING PICK-UP**

Commingled of glass, aluminum, plastic and tin

Newspapers, cardboard, inserts (shiny paper), magazines, books