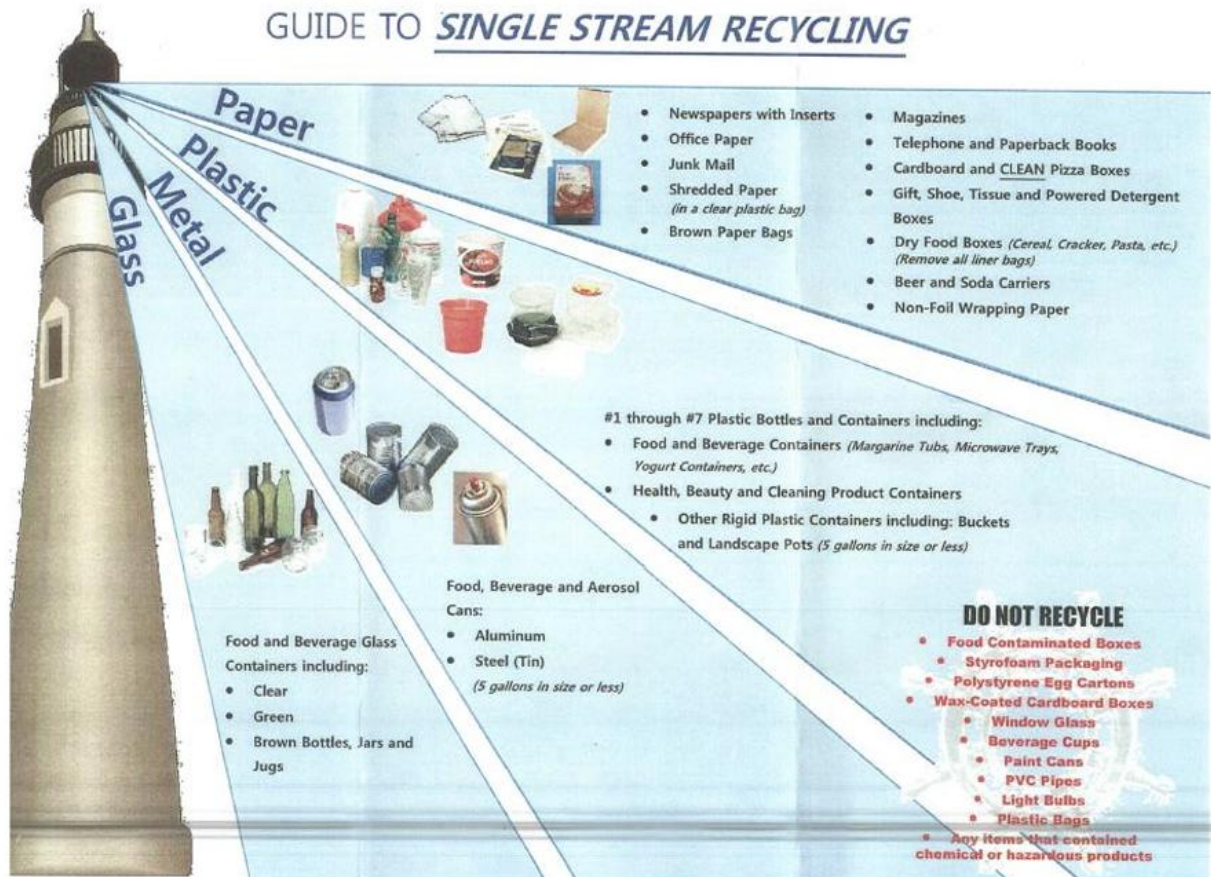


City of Cape May · Department of Public Works
2025 Resident Information



Recycling Materials

Your recycling containers **MUST BE** placed at the curb prior to 6:00am on the morning of your collection day, but not prior to 6:00pm the night before. **PLASTIC BAGS ARE CONSIDERED TRASH.** YOUR RECYCLING WILL NOT BE PICKED UP IF THERE ARE ANY PLASTIC BAGS IN THE CONTAINERS.

Non-Recyclable Materials

Please do not recycle the following materials in your recycling containers: food contaminated boxes, Styrofoam packaging, polystyrene egg cartons, wax-coated cardboard boxes, window glass, beverage cups, paint cans, PVC pipes, light bulbs, plastic bags, and any items that may contain chemical or hazardous products.

Residential Paper Shredding

Paper shredding is available for Cape May City residents. If you would prefer to stay while your papers are shredded, YOU MUST MAKE AN APPOINTMENT prior to. If you are just dropping off your papers, you can come during business hours to 830 Canning House Lane in Cape May. Papers should be removed from all binders and envelopes; any staples must be removed.

Storm Damage Brush Collection

Storm damage will be collected after a *severe storm*. Storm damage consists of large branches or portions of a live tree. Leaves and small twigs will not be considered storm damage. Dead limbs and dead trees are not considered storm damage. The severity of a weather event to consider it a “severe storm” will be determined by the Superintendent of Public Works. Brush put out for storm damage must be called into Public Works at 609-884-9570 and approved no more than seven (7) days after the severe storm. Any brush not approved will be considered a violation.

Christmas Trees

Christmas trees are picked up on your scheduled recycling day until the last Friday in January.

Grass and Leaf Collection

Collection will begin April 15 and extend through October 15. All grass and leaves must be free of debris and placed in a 32-gallon container or brown paper bag.

Loose Leaf Collection

Loose leaf collection will start the first Monday in October and end the third week of December. You must keep all leaf piles a minimum of ten (10) feet from any storm drain inlet, mailbox, poles, guidelines, and street signs. We only collect piles of loose leaves that are free of sticks and other debris. If your leaf pile contains sticks and other debris, it will not be collected until the debris is removed and may not be collected at all if collection in your area has concluded. Please be advised that once the leaf crew has gone by your house, in order to keep the schedule, we cannot accommodate requests for returns until the next scheduled pick up.

Recycling Center at Public Works

The Recycling Center at 830 Canning House Lane in Cape May is open the following hours:

WINTER (day after Labor Day through Memorial Day) – 7:00am until 2:45pm

SUMMER (day after Memorial Day through Labor Day) - 6:30am until 2:15pm

EVERY SATURDAY YEAR-ROUND – 8:00am until 12:00pm

CLOSED SUNDAYS

The Recycling Center accepts all curbside recycling items, as well as brush/branches, metal items, electronics, and white goods.

Recycling Holiday Collection Schedule 2025

Monday, January 20 th	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Wednesday, February 12 th	Lincoln's Birthday
Monday, February 17 th	Presidents' Day
Friday, April 18 th	Good Friday
Monday, May 26 th	Memorial Day
Friday, July 4 th	Independence Day
Monday, September 1 st	Labor Day
Monday, October 13 th	Columbus Day
Tuesday, November 4 th	Election Day
Tuesday, November 11 th	Veterans' Day
Thursday, November 27 th	Thanksgiving Day
Friday, November 28 th	City Hall Closed
Thursday, December 25 th	Christmas Day
Thursday, January 1 st	New Year's Day

*Should your RECYCLING COLLECTION DAY fall on one of holidays on the above stated schedule, and/or due to any cancellation made by City of Cape May, recycling will be collected on our NEXT WORKING DAY

Recycling Collection Areas



**Please remember to secure your recycling in a can with a lid. Loose materials can be blown throughout the area and have a direct impact on your neighborhood.*

Enforcement of Recycling and Brush Collection Programs

The City's Code Enforcement, Recycling Coordinator, and Superintendent of Public Works has the responsibility of enforcing all the requirements of the City's collection programs. Their job is to ensure that all residents and commercial businesses adhere to the requirements of the City's ordinances. If any of the above enforcement officers' notices or are notified of a problem with recycling or leaves at

a residence or business, they will tag the material that is in violation and deliver a notice of the violation to the offending party. The delivered material will specify what the violation is and how it must be corrected.

Should you be found non-compliant with any of these programs you will be issued a violation notice with a six-day removal date. If the items are not removed by this date a fine will be incurred.

You may reach the Public Works Department with any questions at 609-884-9570.