

RECYCLES



ATLANTIC COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY

EcoSoil helps Ventnor garden shine

In the hands of an artist, EcoSoil brings local garden to life

Mrs. Joe Regan knows dirt. An artist by trade, this Longport resident was bitten by the gardening bug approximately five years ago, and now spends her summers creating and tending some of the most beautiful gardens in both Atlantic and Cape May Counties.

As any gardener knows, good soil is the foundation of successful gardening. Because of the sandy soils found throughout the South Jersey area, extra attention is sometimes required in the form of compost to increase the soils organic and moisture content.

Her own search for a quality compost led Joe to start using EcoSoil, the Atlantic County Utilities Authority's 100 percent natural compost product. "EcoSoil is like black gold," said Regan. I have been using it for several years as a soil amendment, adding a couple inches to my garden, as well as my customers gardens, in the spring and fall."

It wasn't until Joe met Mrs. Lennie Rosenberg of Ventnor that EcoSoil was really put to the test. "Mrs. Rosenberg was interested in creating a garden on an existing eight foot by 30 foot area in front of her home," Regan said. The challenge was that the area was filled with gravel. "Although I could have used topsoil, I decided to fill it with the best soil you could ask for – EcoSoil", said Regan.

The end product was nothing short of spectacular. "For a first year garden, the results have been amazing. Normally flowers, especially perennials, take a year or so

to become established, but in this case, everything just took off. This is truly a testament to what compost can do," she said.

Mrs. Rosenberg was equally thrilled with Mrs. Regan's work. "The garden is beyond my expectations. Although I knew it would be beautiful, I never expected anything so lush," Rosenberg said. Another testament to the garden's beauty – it was a residential winner in the 2001 Ventnor City Garden contest.

For Joe Regan, the Rosenberg garden reinforces the importance of using compost as an amendment in the garden. "Fall is a great time of year to add a layer of compost to your garden – it breaks down over the winter and also provides a protective cover," Regan said.

"Composting makes environmental, as well as economic sense," according to Richard S. Dovey, Atlantic County Utilities Authority president. "Leaves, brush, grass and clean wood can be recycled (composted) at a lower cost than if residents were to throw them out with their trash. When yard waste is composted, valuable landfill space is preserved for things that can't be recycled," said Dovey. In addition, EcoSoil has an inherent educational value because it helps demonstrate the importance of buying products made from recycled materials. "When customers buy EcoSoil, they are helping to close the recycling loop by increasing demand for recycled materials. It's definitely a win – win situation."



The Rosenberg's garden is a standout, thanks at least in part to EcoSoil.

ACUA MISSION STATEMENT

The Atlantic County Utilities Authority is responsible for enhancing the quality of life through the protection of waters and lands from pollution by providing responsible waste management services.

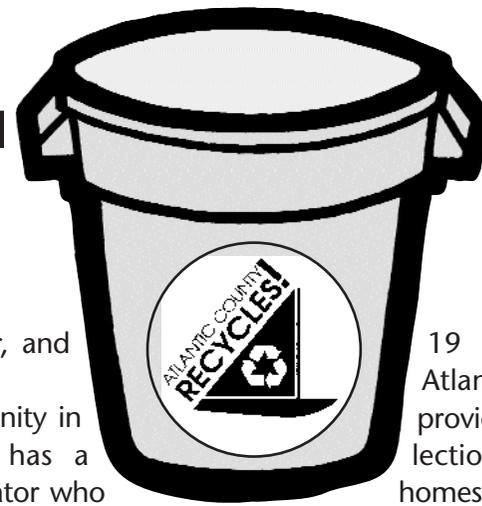
The Authority is an environmental leader and will continue to use new technologies, innovations and employee ideas to provide the highest quality and most cost effective environmental services.



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It's not unusual for passersby to stop at the Rosenberg's Ventnor home and admire the

What's New?



Atlantic County's recycling rate hits new high

Recycling in Atlantic County hit a new high with 370,963 tons being recycled in 1999, compared to 218,073 tons the previous year.

ACUA President Rick Dovey noted that, "this is a real credit to the residents and businesses of Atlantic County. While the recycling rate has dropped off throughout the State, the effort in Atlantic County continues to grow."

The NJDEP has stated that recycling rates across the State have dropped in recent years. This is partially a result of lower tip fees, reducing the financial benefits of recycling. Also, the elimination in 1995 of tonnage grants for municipalities to encourage recycling has contributed to the decrease in participation rates.

"This is a 70 percent increase over last year's totals," stated Jim Rutala, ACUA Vice President, "by far the highest amount of recycling ever diverted in Atlantic County.

Much of the increase was attributed to the recycling of construction and demolition material, such as concrete and asphalt. The State includes these items as well as food waste, oil contaminated soil, and more traditional recyclables such as bottles, cans, and newspapers in their tonnage figures.

There was also an increase in residential and commercial recycling of corrugated cardboard, aluminum cans,

mixed office paper, and white goods.

"Each community in Atlantic County has a recycling coordinator who

Municipal recycling efforts were rewarded with more than \$115,000 from

encourages recycling of all of these materials," Rutala noted. "The efforts of the municipalities were rewarded with more than \$115,700 in recycling tonnage grants awarded by the NJDEP last month."

The Atlantic County Utilities Authority provides many services that add to the region's recycling effort. The ACUA has contracts with

19 communities in Atlantic County to provide recycling collection services to homes and businesses.

Yard waste, clean wood, stumps, and tires are accepted on a fee basis at the Authority's facilities at 6700 Delilah Road in Egg Harbor Township.

Paint, motor oil, and batteries are accepted free of charge on the first Saturday of each month at the Delilah Road facility.

For more information about recycling, contact the Atlantic County Utilities Authority at (609) 272-6960, or www.acua.com.

New web site a good resource for customers

At www.acua.com, helpful information is now at your fingertips

For customers of the Atlantic County Utilities Authority (ACUA), accessing information about services on-line just got a little easier. The ACUA's new web site is set up to help customers quickly and easily locate the information they need, or want to know more about. And although the web address, www.acua.com, hasn't changed, what you'll find there could be useful.

For example, residents can now download recycling schedules, yard waste collection information, as well as information on upcoming household hazardous waste dates.

Information on other events, such as Earth Day, can also be obtained from the site.

"The site is designed with customers in mind," said Richard S. Dovey, ACUA president. "We wanted the information residents ask about most to be easy to locate, so a lot of time isn't wasted searching for it," he said.

From the home page, users can link to popular topics, including waste disposal information, career opportunities, and EcoProducts, as well as read current announcements.

The recycling schedules link

allows residents to download collection calendars for their municipality. These calendars also list other services, such as yard waste, bulky waste, or trash collection, in towns that contract for these services. Information on how to prepare materials for collection can also be read or downloaded from the site.

The waste disposal page lists tipping fees for all materials accepted at ACUA's solid waste facilities, and helps residents determine how items like paint, and household chemicals should be disposed. For residents with questions about asbestos, an easy to follow brochure is now available on-line.

In addition, the site also gives users a good overview of the ACUA's wastewater division. "Although our wastewater division is less visible, and well-known to the public-at-large, they provide an important service. The new web site does a good job of telling the story," said Dovey.

Towns receive recycling funds

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, for the first time in five years, has distributed recycling tonnage grant money to municipalities.

The 2001 distribution was based on 1999 tonnage data supplied to the state in the form recycling reports prepared by municipal recycling coordinators. The program is a result of a \$5.5 million budget appropriation and will be distributed to municipalities only. In the past, businesses and counties received recycling tonnage grant money.

Absecon	\$11,020.17
Atlantic City	\$23,011.73
Brigantine	\$ 2,918.54
Buena	\$ 1,684.07
Buena Vista Twp.	\$ 1,975.82
Corbin City	\$ 84.10
Egg Harbor City	\$ 3,015.03
Egg Harbor Twp.	\$ 8,773.22
Estell Manor	\$ 196.24
Folsom	\$ 3,683.21
Galloway	\$19,110.38
Hammonton	\$ 1,659.47
Linwood	\$ 5,036.92
Longport	\$ 595.13
Margate	\$ 2,946.86
Mullica Twp.	\$ 2,584.23
Northfield	\$ 4,693.46
Pleasantville	\$ 6,652.31
Somers Point	\$ 7,826.95
Ventnor	\$ 3,003.13
Weymouth Twp.	\$ 5,231.06

Atlantic County Recycles!

Produced by the ACUA, this newsletter seeks to educate residents about Atlantic County's recycling program, and to promote greater environmental awareness.

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ACUA works to save towns money

The rising cost of municipal services continue to be one of the most pressing issues for local government. Trash disposal costs are one of the highest costs in a municipal budget, second only to public safety in most municipalities. The Atlantic County Utilities Authority has worked hard to pass on savings, apply for grants and lobby for tax credits for local communities and has actually reduced the amount Atlantic County towns pay for waste services in the past year.

Municipalities in Atlantic County will save over \$1 million in 2001 as a result of a reduction in service fees that were charged by the ACUA, effective March 1, 2001. Last year, the municipalities of Atlantic County paid about \$9.1 million for solid waste disposal and recycling collection services. It is projected that this figure will drop to about \$8 million in 2001, even after accounting for growth in the amount of waste generated by most communities.

"The ACUA has worked to provide

quality services to its customers while managing its budget," noted Richard Dovey, ACUA president.

The Authority also helped 17 municipalities obtain more than \$550,000 in tax credits through the New Jersey REAP Program. This program provides tax credits directly to homeowners in communities that enter into inter-local agreements with the Authority to provide solid waste and recycling collection services.

Jim Rutala, ACUA vice president noted that "this is the second year that the State has provided REAP tax credits to municipalities to encourage regionalization. While there were only seven recipients last year, the Authority worked with the towns to complete applications, and 17 towns applied this year. This tax credit appears on the tax bill of homeowners in effected towns."

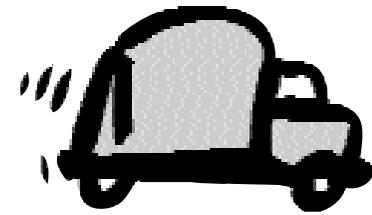
In addition the ACUA and the local recycling coordinators joined forces to lobby the NJDEP to reinstate the Recycling Tonnage Grant in 2001 resulting in

\$115,700 in unanticipated grant funds. Recycling Tonnage Grants go directly to the towns based on the amount of material they recycle. Funds can be used to help to promote and implement local recycling programs.

The ACUA has also helped Pleasantville receive a \$15,000 state grant through the Regional Efficiency Development Incentive (REDI) program and is working with Linwood and Northfield to apply for a similar grant to study the feasibility of consolidating waste collection services. The Pleasantville study lead to a policy decision to hire the ACUA to collect trash and a second REDI grant of \$35,250 was provided by the State for implementation.

The ACUA will continue to work in the interest of the municipalities to obtain grant funds to reduce the cost of local services.

Additional information on the REAP and REDI grants is available at <http://www.state.nj.us/red/>.



Labor Day COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Due to the Labor Day holiday on Monday September 3, 2001, the following changes will be implemented:

Residential Recycling:

- **Folsom** will move from Monday to Tuesday, September 4, 2001.
- **Egg Harbor City** will move from Wednesday to Thursday, Sept. 6, 2001.

Curbside Commercial Recycling:

- Select Monday and Tuesday commercial recycling customers will be collected on Tuesday, September 4, 2001.
- Monday commercial customers **Egg Harbor Twp., Buena Vista Twp., Buena Borough, Estell manor and Weymouth Twp.** will be collected on Sat., Sept. 1, 2001.

Yard Waste Collection:

- **Ventnor** will be collected on Tuesday, September 4, 2001.
- **Absecon** and **Brigantine** will be collected on Wednesday, September 5, 2001.
- **Egg Harbor City** will be collected on Thursday, September 6, 2001.
- **Northfield** will be collected on Saturday, September 1, 2001.

Residential Trash Collection:

- The regular Monday and Tuesday municipal trash collection routes in **Brigantine** will be completed on Tues., September 4, 2001.
- The Monday municipal trash collection routes in **Pleasantville** will be completed on Tuesday, September 4, 2001. The Tuesday routes will be done on Wednesday, etc.
- The regular Monday municipal trash collection routes in **Absecon** and **Margate** will be done on Monday, Sept. 3 – Labor Day (includes condominium trash collection)

All material should be placed at the curb by 7:00 a.m. For more information about the holiday schedule, call the ACUA at 272-6960.

Taxpayers in 16 Atlantic County municipalities 'REAP' savings with ACUA services

Name	Description	Provider	Population	Municipal Aid	Avg. Credit Per Homestead
Absecon City	Trash & Bulk Waste Pickup	ACUA	7,638	35,958	12.83
Atlantic City	Recycling Collection	ACUA	40,517	51,143	4.24
Brigantine City	Solid Waste & Recycling Collect.	ACUA	12,594	9,776	1.19
Buena Borough	Recycling Collection	ACUA	3,873	6,614	5.54
Buena Vista Twp.	Trash & Bulk Waste	ACUA	7,436	87,674	39.19
Buena Vista Twp.	Recycling & Yard Waste	ACUA		13,251	5.92
Buena Vista Twp. Total				100,925	45.11
Egg Harbor City	Bulk Waste Pick Up	ACUA	4,545	15,532	12.15
Egg Harbor Twp.	Recycling Collection	ACUA	30,726	7,763	0.85
Estell Manor	Recycling Collection	ACUA	1,585	4,635	6.97
Folsom	Recycling Collection	ACUA	1,972	2,143	3.33
Hamilton Twp.	Recycling Collection	ACUA	20,499	24,214	3.51
Hamilton Twp.	Bulk Waste Collection	ACUA		8,438	1.22
Hamilton Twp. Total				32,652	5.00
Linwood	Leaf Disposal	ACUA	7,172	1,863	1.12
Linwood	Christmas Tree Disposal	ACUA		1,087	0.42
Linwood Total				2,950	1.54
Margate	Trash Collection & Disposal	ACUA	8,193	28,189	4.52
Mullica Twp.	Recycling Pick Up/Disposal	ACUA	5,912	18,642	9.23
Mullica Twp.	Trash Hauling/Disposal	ACUA		12,168	6.02
Mullica Twp. Total				30,810	15.25
Pleasantville	Yard Waste & Recycling Collect.	ACUA	19,012	89,743	16.76
Pleasantville	Condo. House. Waste Removal	ACUA		35,168	6.57
Pleasantville	Solid Waste Collection	ACUA		36,959	6.90
Pleasantville Total				161,870	30.23
Somers Point	Recycling Collection	ACUA	11,614	44,915	11.25
Ventnor	Recycling Collection	ACUA	12,910	22,047	3.61
Weymouth Twp.	Recycling Collection	ACUA	2,257	6,307	10.18

Progress continues on the Great Egg

By Robert Lindaw, Atlantic County Department of Regional Planning and Economic Development

A lot has happened since our last update. The Great Egg Harbor Watershed Steering Committee held its first meeting on Wednesday May 23rd and introduced its new Watershed Coordinator Scoop Kay. Besides the usual introductions, steering committee members were shown a presentation which provided an overview of the major grant deliverables, major deliverable deadlines, as well as vision statements from a number of management areas throughout the State. A key step in the watershed management process is the establishment of a vision statement for the watershed. It was suggested that all of the mayors within the watershed and some regulatory agencies be contacted and asked to express any watershed related concerns that they may have. Following the meeting a letter to that effect was drafted and mailed.

In June, approximately 180 stakeholders were invited to the Atlantic County Vocational Technical School to attend the first round of focus group meetings with the goal of developing draft vision statements and initial lists of perceived issues affecting the watershed. There were two focus group meetings on each of three nights and attendees of one focus group often stayed and participated in the second focus group being held later that night. As a result, three draft vision statements and three lists of perceived issues were prepared. The draft vision statement from the night before was used as a starting point for the next day's meetings.

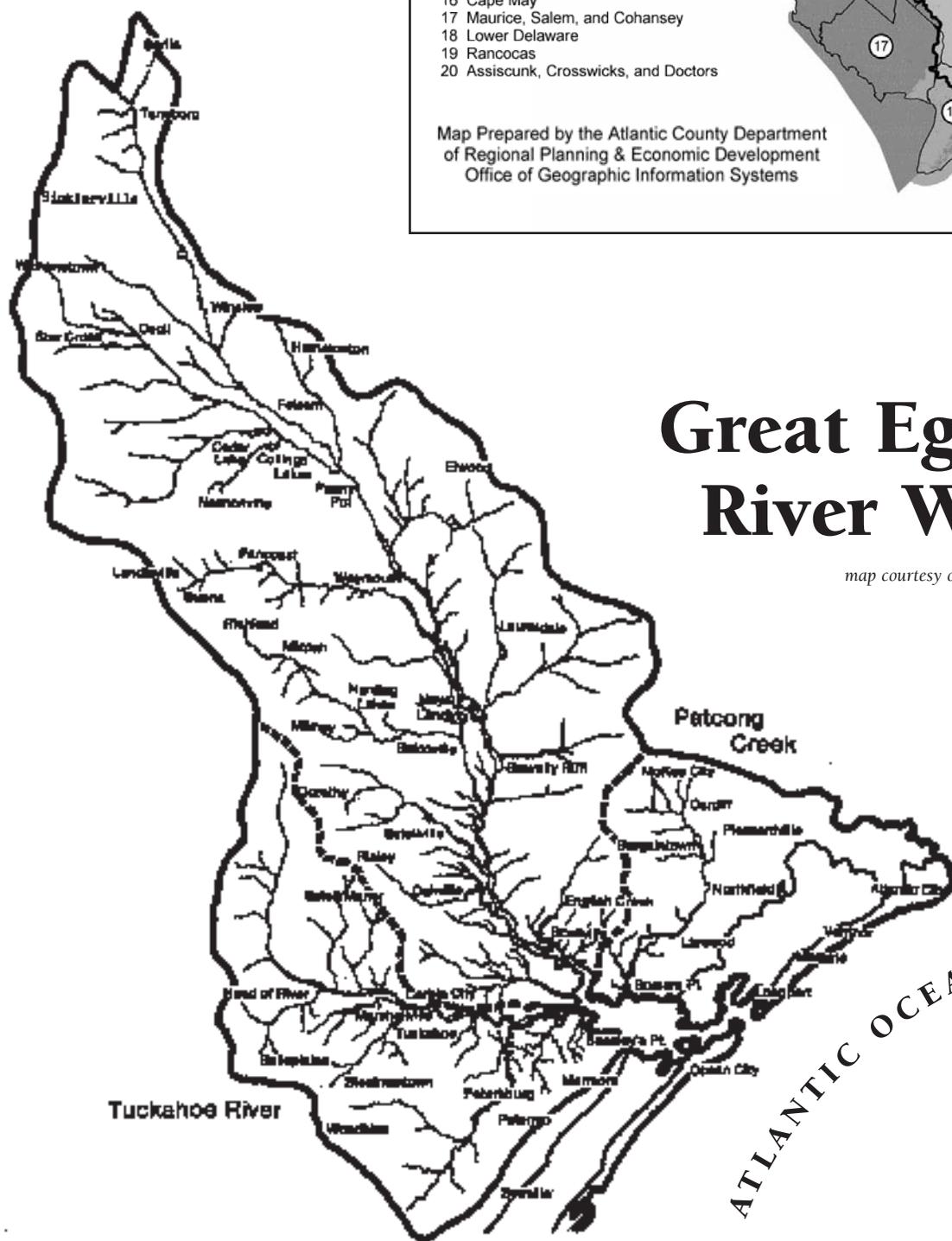
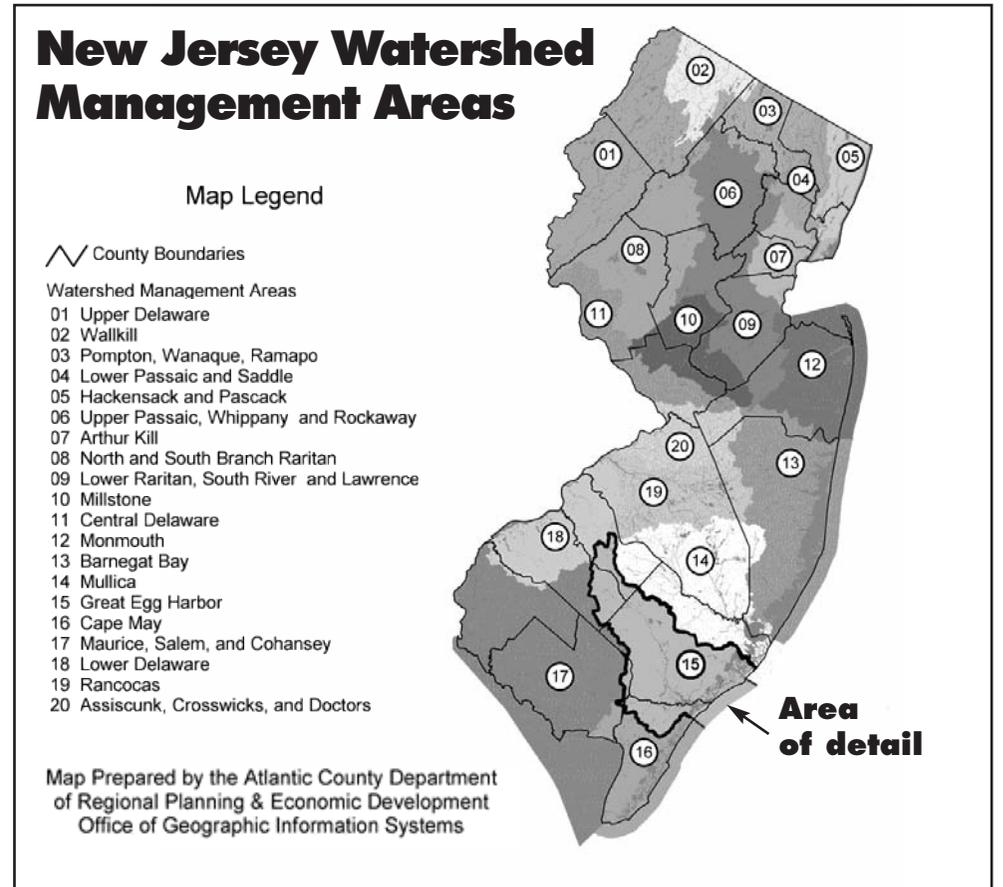
In July, members of the steering committee met for a second time. Scheduled agenda items included an update of the watershed planning activities since the last meeting in May, a brief summary of the first round of focus group meetings, adoption of a vision statement, a brief explanation of other required activities under the grant such as education and outreach, the compilation of initial lists of "Action Now" projects and the identification of open space acquisition sites which would promote watershed stewardship. Greg Vizzi, Vice President of the Great Egg Harbor Watershed Association and Program Director for the Adopt-A-Stream program provided a presentation on his existing program and proposal to expand this existing program to the William Davies Middle School in Hamilton Township.

Following a relatively brief discussion of the three draft vision statements on the table, the steering committee adopted a vision statement for the Great Egg Harbor Watershed as follows:

Our vision for the Great Egg Harbor Watershed is a varied community of recreation, agriculture, commercial and residential uses sharing a clean environment. This shall be accomplished with the greatest respect and consideration given to the water resources, both surface and groundwater, in order to preserve and sustain our watershed's

special status and health, enhance natural habitats while balancing the needs of the communities and improving our quality of life. Management of the Great Egg Harbor Watershed will be based on the best understanding of the scientific and cultural aspects of the watershed, in view of what was, what is and what is needed for the future.

Following this action, the committee then proceeded to categorize the draft perceived issues lists forged during the first round of focus group meetings. The created categories were: recreation and cultural, agriculture, commercial, residential, and natural. Each of the three issues lists were then reviewed and individual issues placed within the appropriate category. Many times a single issue was placed within more than one issue category.



Great Egg Harbor River Watershed

map courtesy of Great Egg Harbor Watershed Association

Harbor River Watershed Project

Given the importance of education and outreach in promoting sound watershed management, Greg Vizzi, Vice President of the Great Egg Harbor Watershed Association was asked to submit an Adopt-A-Stream proposal for consideration by the steering committee. In essence Greg is proposing to expand the existing Adopt-A-Stream program currently underway in the Egg Harbor Township Middle and High schools to the William Davies Middle School in Hamilton Township. Following a brief explanation of the existing program in which students and teachers sample the macroinvertebrate populations of streams within the communities in order to gauge stream health, the committee unanimously approved the proposal to expand into the Hamilton Township School system.

Where Do We Go From Here?

Following the second steering committee meeting in mid-July, plans began for a second round of focus group meetings to be held on September 11, 12, and 13 in the Cafe Room of the Atlantic County Vocational Technical School (refreshments prepared by students of the Culinary Arts Program will be served). At these meetings it is expected that the agenda will include the following:

- A summary of the July 11th steering committee findings
- A wrap up discussion of the perceived issues categorization
- Update on plans to compile existing data on the watershed i.e., characterization report

- Begin to compile an initial list of "Action Now" projects
- Begin to compile an initial list of Open Space Acquisition sites
- Discussion of new candidate sites for chemical testing as requested by New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP).

At this time, we are actively pursuing potential "Action Now" projects. These projects should improve water quality and advance the established goals of the watershed. Examples of "Action Now" projects include cleaning out storm sewers, especially if it addresses the source of pollution, and site cleanup or litter control programs.

We are also actively pursuing potential Open Space Acquisition candidate sites. These sites should assist in the restoring, maintenance, and enhancement of the water quality within the watershed. An example of an Open Space Acquisition Project could be a stream buffer protection program. Those persons or entities who believe they may have either an "Action Now" project or potential Open Space Acquisition candidate site should submit their ideas, in writing, to:

Robert Lindaw, Supervising Planner
Atlantic County Department of Regional Planning and Economic Development
U.S. Route 9 and Dolphin Avenue
P.O. Box 719
Northfield, NJ 08225-0719

All submitted ideas will be presented to the steering committee for their review, comment and ranking.

Following round two of the focus group meetings, it is expected that the steering committee will meet again in late September or early October. In an effort to inform the entire Public Advisory Committee (public at large, steering committee members, and focus group attendees) the Atlantic County Department of Regional Planning and Economic Development intends to present their one year summary of activities at the Atlantic County Regional Planning Summit. The Summit will be held on Friday, October 5, 2001 at the Atlantic County Vocational Technical School from 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM. Other topics to be included in the regional planning summit include transportation, economic development, discussion of the new Atlantic County Land Development Standards, and discussion of some major initiatives currently being undertaken by the Atlantic County Office of GIS.

The Year in Review

As we approach the one-year anniversary of the watershed contract signing on October 27 it is useful to discuss the objectives met. The Atlantic County Department of Regional Planning and Economic Development, acting as the lead coordinating agency, and working with the watershed coordinator, steering committee members, six focus groups and the public at large has accomplished the following:

- Held an initial kickoff meeting explaining the grant deliverables and proposed planning process
- Established the Public Advisory Committee (PAC)
- Hired a Watershed Coordinator
- Developed six focus groups to address the deliverables of the grant
- Established an 11 member steering committee to guide the planning process
- Established a vision statement for the Great Egg Harbor Watershed
- Created five issues categories along with three lists of issues that were placed in their appropriate categories
- Continued to find new and innovative ways to meet the education and outreach requirements of the grant through the County's web site, media outlets, the Atlantic County Utilities Authority "Atlantic County Recycles" newsletter and the Adopt-A-Stream program
- Began to compile initial lists of "Action Now" projects as well as Open Space Acquisition candidate sites

For more information, contact Robert Lindaw, Atlantic County Department of Regional Planning and Economic Development at (609) 645-5898, ext. 4435 or e-mail him at lindaw_robert@aclink.org. You are also invited to visit the Watershed Management Area (WMA) #15 web site at www.aclink.org/area15, as well as NJDEP's web site at <http://www.state.nj.us/dep/watershedmgt/index.html>.

VISION

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What can YOU do for your watershed?

- **Trees** • Plant a tree. Trees take pollutants out of groundwater, provide shade and clean the air.
- **Fertilizers** • Avoid the overuse of fertilizers. Fertilizers contain nitrates and phosphates that, in abundance, cause algae blooms that kill fish.
- **Pesticides** • Use natural alternatives to pesticides whenever possible. Many household pesticides are also toxic to humans, animals, aquatic organisms and plants.
- **Pet Waste** • Animal wastes contain bacteria and viruses that can contaminate shellfish and cause closing of bathing beaches. Pet owners should dispose of wastes in the garbage or toilet.
- **Household Hazardous Waste** • Many common household products contain toxic ingredients which can threaten the environment, and should be disposed of through a household hazardous waste program. (see page 10 for upcoming drop-off days)



Recycling

CANS & BOTTLES



Place cans and bottles in your blue recycling bucket, or in a properly marked waste container. Recycling decals are available by calling 272-6960.



- **Glass Bottles & Jars**

lids & caps removed

- **Aluminum & Steel Cans**

- **Plastics Bottles**

milk jugs, soda bottles, detergent bottles, or any plastic container with a

 or  on the bottom
PETE HDPE

- **Empty Aerosol Cans**

lids must be removed

- **Empty Paint Cans**

lids must be removed

- **Household Batteries**

(radio, toy, watch) put in clear plastic baggie & place on top of recycling container.



Questions?

For recycling information (609) 272-6960
For landfill information (609) 272-6950
For EcoProducts information (609) 272-6920
For information concerning: yard waste, tire disposal, asbestos household hazardous waste, bulky waste (609) 272-6950
www.acua.com

Guidelines

PAPER & CARDBOARD

- Newspaper
- White Office Paper
- Computer Paper



Place paper recyclables in brown paper bag or tie with twine. *Please* NO PLASTIC BAGS.



**Don't
Recycle**

Paper

- food boxes (cereal, pasta)
- waxed cardboard
- egg cartons
- gift boxes, pizza boxes
- blue prints
- paper plates, towels,

Plastics/Glass

- PLASTIC BAGS
- plastic food wrap
- plastic toys, utensils, lids
- china/dishware/ceramics
- mirrors/ light bulbs
- yogurt/margarine cups
- flower pots / trash cans

Metals/Other

- pots & pans
- aluminum foil
- pie plates
- pipes/hangers
- tire rims
- syringes/needles
- styrofoam

Atlantic County beaches cleanest in the state

No beach closings reported locally in two years

Each year, beginning before Memorial Day and ending after Labor Day, the waters of Atlantic County are subject to a program of sampling and testing as required by the state regulation. The Atlantic County Health Department has contracted with the Atlantic County Utilities Authority to perform these analytical tasks in the ACUA's state certified laboratory.

Ocean waters are sampled by the Atlantic County Health Department each week for bacteria at 34 different locations in the coastal communities of Atlantic City, Longport, Ventnor, Margate, Brigantine. In the year 2000 and so far in 2001, there have

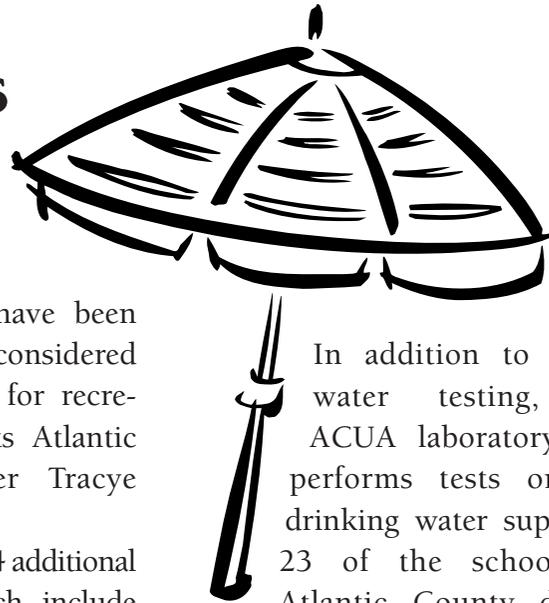


been no beach closings due to bacteria levels exceeding the 200 fecal coliform bacteria standard. "Actually, bacterial levels for

the past two seasons have been well below 50, which is considered excellent water quality for recreational bathing," reports Atlantic County Health Officer Tracye McArdle.

Water samples from 24 additional locations, some of which include back bays and in-land waterways throughout the coastal area, are also brought to the ACUA laboratory on a weekly basis. Results of the tests, which are run for fecal coliform and enterococcus, are reported to the Atlantic County Health Department, and the Atlantic City Health Department, who in turn report to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

For up to date information on ocean water quality in Atlantic County, the public can call 1-800-633-SWIM. The hotline is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week from Memorial Day through Labor Day.



In addition to ocean water testing, the ACUA laboratory also performs tests on the drinking water supply at 23 of the schools in Atlantic County during the school year. These tests determine that the wells, pumps, and water piping deliver water which complies with the Safe Water Drinking Program as regulated by NJDEP. Lead, copper, bacterial and chemical content are among the levels checked.



Christy LeNoir samples ocean water in Margate for the Atlantic County Health



Once ocean water samples are received by the ACUA's wastewater laboratory, they are incubated for a period of 24 hours, and then tested

NEED A SPEAKER?

ACUA Speakers Bureau Covers a Variety of Environmental Topics

Need a speaker for a civic meeting or other local event? The Atlantic County Utilities Authority Speakers Bureau is ready and willing to assist. Topics include:

- recycling & solid waste
 - household hazardous waste
 - buying recycled products
 - wastewater treatment
 - waste reduction for businesses
- ...and many more!

Tours of the ACUA wastewater treatment facility and the Haneman Environmental Park are also available for your group. Tours are offered Monday through Friday and are open to visitors of all ages.

For more information, call the ACUA at (609) 272-6950, or visit our web site at www.acua.com.



ANJEC

The Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions

2001 Environmental Congress

"Taming Growth to Save New Jersey"

Saturday, October 27, 2001
9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Paul Robeson Student Center,
Rutgers University, Newark Campus

A day of speakers and workshops on environmental and smart growth issues, with a focus on tools that will protect natural resources and open space, improve environmental quality in developed areas, and promote sustainable development in New Jersey.

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- Graffiti resistant
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Truckload Sales (approx. 5 cubic yds. delivered).....	\$155.00*

* includes delivery

EcoTopsoil™

Compost, Sand, Topsoil Mix

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20 – 99 cubic yards.....	\$18.00/cubic yard
100+ cubic yards.....	\$14.00/cubic yard
Truckload Sales (approx. 5 cubic yds. delivered).....	\$170.00*

* includes delivery

Colored EcoChips™

100% Natural Landscape Product

0 – 19 cubic yards.....	\$25.00/cubic yard
20 – 99 cubic yards.....	\$22.00/cubic yard
100+ cubic yards.....	\$17.50/cubic yard
Truckload Sales (approx. 5 cubic yds. delivered).....	\$185.00*

* includes delivery

EcoMulch™

Double-Shredded Hardwood

\$18.00/cubic yard	
Truckload Sales (approx. 5 cubic yds. delivered).....	\$150.00*

* includes delivery

EcoRoot Mulch™

Triple-Shredded Hardwood

\$18.00/cubic yard	
Truckload Sales (approx. 5 cubic yds. delivered).....	\$150.00*

* includes delivery

EcoPaint™

100% Recycled Latex Paint

- Available in a variety of interior and exterior colors
\$8.00 per gallon

COUPON
10% Off

expires: Oct. 31, 2001



COUPON
10% Off

expires: Oct. 31, 2001

Present this coupon and receive 10 percent off EcoSoil and EcoTopsoil orders of \$150 or more



TIRE Amnesty

Sat., Sept. 1, 2001

9 am-12 noon

ACUA Environmental Park

6700 Delilah Rd., Egg Harbor Twp.



- Atlantic Co. residents may bring up to 8 tires at no charge.
- Only passenger & light truck off-rim tires will be accepted.
- Additional passenger vehicle tires accepted at \$1.25 each.
- Proof of residency required.
- Tires accepted the first Saturday of each month through the end of the year at the above listed time and location.

Upcoming Tire Amnesty Days

Sat., Oct. 6 • Sat., Nov. 3



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Household hazardous waste dates set for 2001

Two household hazardous waste drop-off days are scheduled for fall, 2001. All events are open to all Atlantic County residents, except residents of Port Republic.

The first household hazardous waste drop-off day will be held on **Saturday, September 22, 2001 from 9 – 2 p.m. at the Brigantine Public Works Department**, located at 38th Street and Bayshore Avenue in Brigantine.

The date of the second drop-off day is **Saturday, September 29, 2001 at the Hammonton Highway Department**, Egg Harbor Rd. (Rt. 561) & 11th Street.

Items accepted on disposal day include: kerosene, pesticides, cleaners, fertilizer, paint thinners, furniture polish, pool chemicals, gasoline, photographic chemicals, acids, caustics, rust remover, chemistry sets, gas/oil mix, and propane tanks.

Other items used in the home, yard, garden or workshop may also be considered hazardous waste. If in doubt, treat the product as hazardous waste.

"Many household products are high-

ly toxic and need to be managed carefully, which is why the ACUA sponsors these events" said Richard S. Dovey, ACUA president. "Many residents don't understand the consequences of improper disposal," Dovey said.

Toxic household products should never be poured down the drain or toilet, thrown out with the trash or poured down a storm drain. Improper disposal of household hazardous waste poses a threat to the environment, wildlife and human safety.

Items *not* accepted for disposal, include explosives, radioactive materials, ammunition, gas cylinders, 2, 4, 5 Silvex, dioxin, PCB's, asbestos and pentachlorophenol.

Paints, motor oil, car batteries and antifreeze will be accepted at the waste days. However, residents are encouraged to bring these items to the ACUA recycling center the first Saturday of each month from 9 – 12 p.m.

For information, call the ACUA at 272-6950 or 1-800-613-ACUA.

Attention: western Atlantic County residents

Tire Amnesty Notice

**On October 6, 2001
bring your tires to:**

Buena Vista Twp. Public Works Yard

Union Ave.

8:00 a.m. to 12 noon

or

Hammonton Public Works Yard

Egg Harbor Rd.

9:00 a.m. to 12 noon

Limit: 8 tires per person

ACUA Facility Hours

landfill, transfer station, compost sales

Monday – Friday: 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Saturday: 7:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

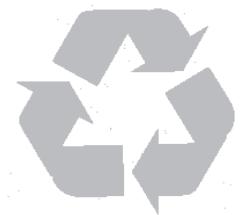
Cash, checks, Visa, Master Card, MAC, and Discover Card accepted.

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Labor Day hours (Mon., Sept. 3, 2001): 7 a.m. – 12 p.m. transfer station only

IMPORTANT RECYCLING NOTICE



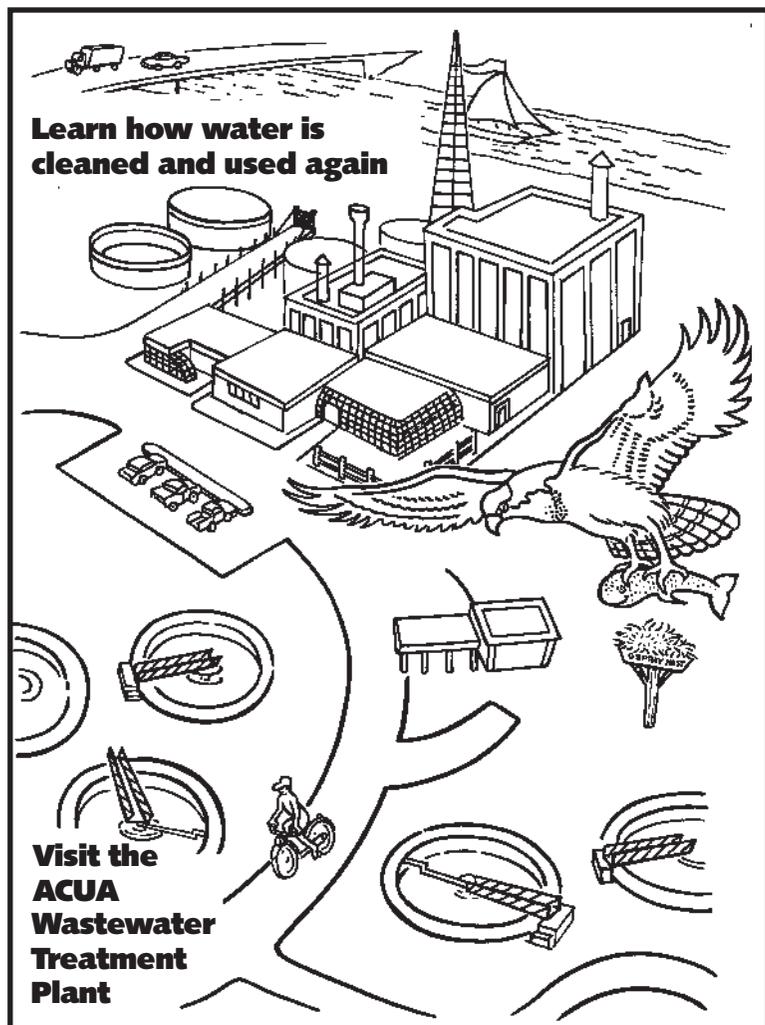
Plastic bags are NOT recyclable through the ACUA.

These options are available for plastic bag reuse & recycling:

Store	Location	Phone #	Program
Shop Rite	Somers Point	927-8133	2 cent reuse
Shop Rite	Absecon	646-2448	2 cent reuse
Shop Rite	English Creek	645-7553	2 cent reuse
Shop Rite	Ventnor City	823-7090	2 cent reuse
Acme	Egg Harbor City	965-9818	lobby recycling bin
Acme	Hamilton Twp.	625-4710	lobby recycling bin
Acme	Somers Point	653-6853	lobby recycling bin
Acme	Absecon	407-0823	lobby recycling bin
Super Fresh	Egg Harbor Twp.	645-0380	lobby recycling bin
Super Fresh	Hammonton	704-0200	lobby recycling bin
Genuardi's	Egg Harbor Twp.	569-8090	lobby recycling bin

ACUA Wastewater Treatment Plant

A Neat Place to Visit



We will gladly go on the road to educate the community about the importance of recycling...

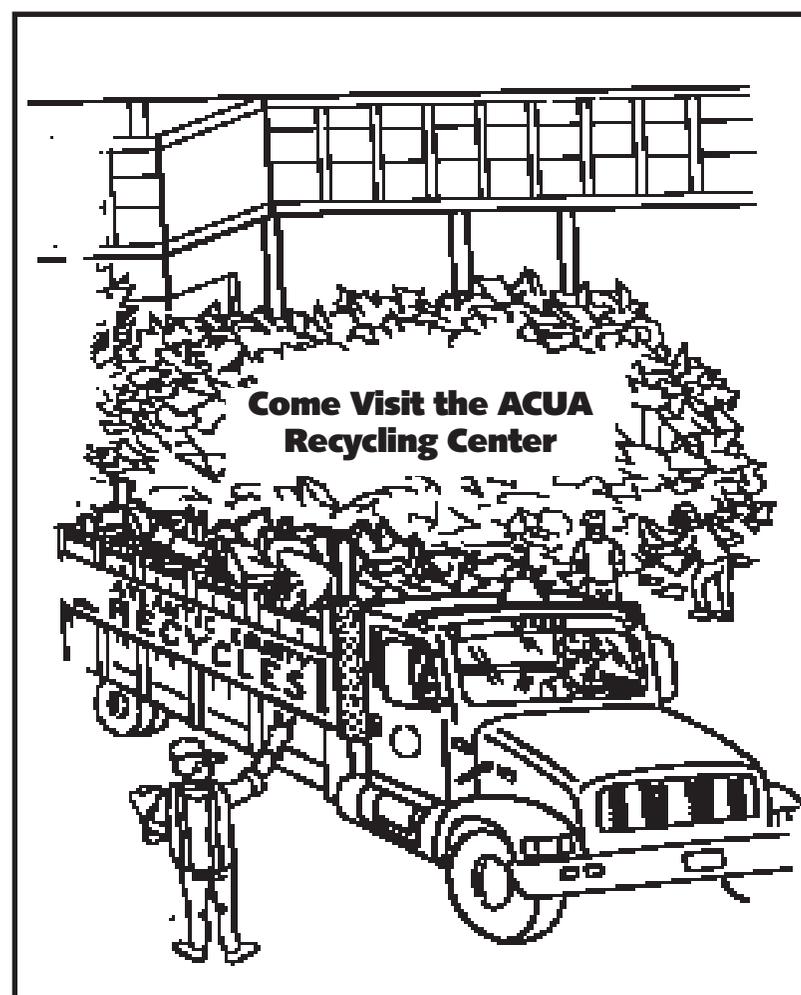
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| May 1 | Arthur Rann School, Galloway Twp. |
| June 9 & 10 | New Jersey Seafood Festival, Atlantic City |
| June 15 | Atlantic City BeachFest Boardwalk Parade |
| July 7 | Egg Harbor City Bike Parade |
| July 18 | AtlanticCare Kids, Atlantic City |
| August 9, 10, 11 | Atlantic County 4H Fair, Mays Landing |

ACUA Environmental Park

Another Neat Place to Visit

We recently hosted these fine groups...

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| May 4 | New Jersey Youth Corps |
| May 8 | Central Regional High School, Ocean County |
| May 11, 18, 25 | Mullica Twp. School, 2nd grade classes |
| May 15 | Oakcrest High School |
| May 15 | Crossway Home Schoolers |
| May 23 | Linwood Cub Scout Pack 39 |
| May 25 | ARC of Atlantic County |
| July 11 | AtlanticCare Kids |
| July 16 | Mainland Chamber of Commerce,
Summer Institute for Teachers |
| July 17 | NJ Governor's School on the Environment |
| July 17, 24, 31 | Boys and Girls Club of Atlantic City Summer Program |
| July 20 | NJ Governor's School on Environmental Ethics |
| July 20 | Atlantic Human Resources |
| August 1 | Atlantic City Juvenile Justice Day Program |
| August 3 | Cape May Co. Special Services School District |
| August 7, 14, 21 | Boys and Girls Club of Atlantic City Summer Program |
| August 14 | Helping Hands Behavioral Health, Pleasantville |
| August 15 | Atlantic County Special Services School District |



Residential Recycling Collection Schedule



Please place materials curbside by 7 a.m.

Absecon

SEPTEMBER '01

Tue. Sept. 4, 18 – Recycling
Wed. Sept. 5 – Yard Waste
Tues. Sept. 11, 18, 25 – Yard Waste

OCTOBER '01

Tue. Oct. 2, 16, 30 – Recyc. & Yard Waste
Tue. Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 – Yard Waste

NOVEMBER '01

Tue. Nov. 13, 27 – Recycling & Yard Waste
Tue. Nov. 13, 27 – Recycling & Yard Waste

Atlantic City

SEPTEMBER '01

Wed. Sept. 12, 26 – Recycling

OCTOBER '01

Wed. Oct. 10, 24 – Recycling

NOVEMBER '01

Wed. Nov. 7, 21 – Recycling

Brigantine

SEPTEMBER '01

Tues. Sept. 4, 18 – Recycling
Wed. Sept. 5 – Yard Waste
Mon. Sept. 10, 17, 24 – Yard Waste

OCTOBER '01

Tue. Oct. 2, 16, 30 – Recycling
Mon. Oct. 1, 8 – Yard Waste

NOVEMBER '01

Tue. Nov. 13, 27 – Recycling

Buena Borough

SEPTEMBER '01

Fri. Sept. 14, 28 – Recycling

OCTOBER '01

Fri. Oct. 12, 26 – Recycling

NOVEMBER '01

Fri. Nov. 9, 23 – Recycling

Buena Vista Twp.

SEPTEMBER '01

Fri. Sept. 14, 28 – Recyc.ing

OCTOBER '01

Fri. Oct. 12, 26 – Recyc. & Yard Waste

NOVEMBER '01

Fri. Nov. 9, 23 – Recyc. & Yard Waste

Egg Harbor City

SEPTEMBER '01

Thurs. Sept. 6; Wed., Sept. 19 – Recycling
Thurs. Sept. 6; Wed., Sept. 19 – Yard Waste

OCTOBER '01

Wed. Oct. 3, 17, 31 – Recyc. & Yard Waste

NOVEMBER '01

Wed. Nov. 14, 28 – Recyc. & Yard Waste

Egg Harbor Twp.

SEPTEMBER '01

Thurs. Sept. 13, 27 – Recycling

OCTOBER '01

Thurs. Oct. 11, 25 – Recycling

NOVEMBER '01*

Thurs. Nov. 8 – Recycling

* Thanksgiving week – see local newspaper for schedule

Estell Manor

SEPTEMBER '01

Thurs. Sept. 6, 20 – Recycling

OCTOBER '01

Thurs. Oct. 14, 18 – Recycling

NOVEMBER '01

Thurs., Nov. 1, 15, 29

Folsom

SEPTEMBER '01

Tues. Sept. 4, Mon. Sept. 17 – Recycling

OCTOBER '01

Mon. Oct. 1, 15, 29 – Recycling

NOVEMBER '01

Mon. Nov. 12, 26 – Recycling

Hamilton Twp.

SEPTEMBER '01

Wed. Sept. 5 – Recycling & Metals
Fri. Sept. 7*, 14, 21, 28 – Yard Waste
Wed. Sept. 5, 19 – Recycling

OCTOBER '01

Wed. Oct. 3 – Recycling & Metals
Wed. Oct. 5*, 12, 19, 26 – Yard Waste
Wed. Oct. 3, 17, 31 – Recycling

NOVEMBER '01

Fri. Nov. 2*, 9, 16, 23, 30 – Yard Waste
Wed. Nov. 14 – Recycling & Metals
Wed. Nov. 14, 28 – Recycling

*Yard waste collected in entire Twp.

Linwood

SEPTEMBER '01

Fri. Sept. 7, 21 – Recycling
Sat. Sept. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 – Yard Waste

OCTOBER '01

Fri. Oct. 5, 19 – Recycling
Sat. Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27 – Yard Waste

NOVEMBER '01

Fri. Nov. 2, 16, 30 – Recycling
Sat. Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24 – Yard Waste

Longport

SEPTEMBER '01

Mon. Sept. 9, 23 – Recycling

OCTOBER '01

Mon. Oct. 7, 21 – Recycling

NOVEMBER '01

Mon. Nov. 4, 18 – Recycling

Margate

SEPTEMBER '01

Wed. Sept. 11, 25 – Recycling

OCTOBER '01

Wed. Oct. 9, 23 – Recycling

NOVEMBER '01

Wed. Nov. 6, 20 – Recycling

Mullica Twp.

SEPTEMBER '01

Thurs. Sept. 5, 19 – Recycling

OCTOBER '01

Thurs. Oct. 3, 17, 31 – Recycling

NOVEMBER '01

Thurs. Nov. 14, 28 – Recycling

Northfield

SEPTEMBER '01

Sat., Sept. 1 – Yard Waste
Mon. Sept. 10, 17, 24 – Yard Waste
Tue. Sept. 10, 24 – Recycling & Bulky Waste

OCTOBER '01

Mon. Oct. 7, 14, 21; Sat. Oct. 26 – Yard Waste
Tue. Oct. 8, 22 – Recycling & Bulky Waste

NOVEMBER '01

Mon. Nov. 4, 11, 18, 25 – Yard Waste
Tue. Nov. 5, 19 – Recycling & Bulky Waste

Pleasantville

SEPTEMBER '01

Fri. Sept. 7, 14, 21, 28 – Yard Waste
Tue. Sept. 11, 25 – Recycling

OCTOBER '01

Fri. Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26 – Yard Waste
Tue. Oct. 9, 23 – Recycling

NOVEMBER '01

Fri. Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 – Yard Waste
Tue. Nov. 6, 20 – Recycling

Somers Point

SEPTEMBER '01

Fri. Sept. 7, 21 – Recycling

OCTOBER '01

Fri. Oct. 5, 19 – Recycling

NOVEMBER '01

Fri. Nov. 2, 16, 30 – Recycling

Ventnor

SEPTEMBER '01

Tues. Sept. 4 – Yard Waste
Mon. Sept. 10, 17, 24 – Yard Waste
Wed. Sept. 12, 26 – Recycling

OCTOBER '01

Mon. Oct. 8, 22 – Yard Waste
Wed. Oct. 10, 24 – Recycling

NOVEMBER '01

Mon. Nov. 5, 19 – Yard Waste
Wed. Nov. 7, 21 – Recycling

Weymouth Twp.

SEPTEMBER '01

Thurs. Sept. 6, 20 – Recycling
Thurs. Sept. 20 – Recyc. & Yard Waste
Fri. Sept. 28 – Bulky Waste

OCTOBER '01

Thurs. Oct. 4, 18 – Recycling
Thurs. Oct. 18 – Recyc. & Yard Waste
Fri. Oct. 26 – Bulky Waste

NOVEMBER '01

Thurs. Nov. 1, 15, 29 – Recycling
Thurs. Nov. 15 – Recyc. & Yard Waste
Fri. Nov. 30 – Bulky Waste

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