

**BOROUGH OF UNION BEACH**  
**Department of Public Works and Recycling**  
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**Recycling Center Hours of Operation:**

Monday – Friday: 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
Saturdays – 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays  
CLOSED SUNDAYS AND HOLIDAYS

**Frequently Asked Questions**

**1. What do you accept at the Recycling Center?**

We accept many kinds of recyclable items, including bundled newspapers, cardboard and mixed paper, bottles and cans (comingle), electronic devices, concrete (in limited quantity), any type of metal, tires (with no rims), used motor oil (in sealed containers), appliances, clothing, and automotive batteries.

**2. When does my garbage get picked up?**

Our garbage contractor (M&S) removes regular household garbage curbside twice a week for each residence (either Monday and Thursday, or Tuesday and Friday depending on where you live in town.) They should take up to three cans at a time as long as they do not weigh more than 50 pounds.

**3. What does the garbage contractor pick-up on my recycling Wednesday?**

The contractor takes all co-mingled glass and plastic bottles, as well as aluminum and tin cans. All plastic must have a "1" or a "2" located on the bottom. They will also take cardboard and mixed paper, as long as it is broken down and bundled. Bundles should not exceed 12 inches in height.

**4. How do I get rid of bulk items?**

We do NOT accept any bulk trash items at our Recycling Center. However, our garbage contractor will remove up to three (3) of your bulk items curbside every other Wednesday that is not your recycling Wednesday. This includes furniture, carpeting, wood, and plastics that are not marked with a "1" or a "2" for comingle. Larger items may need to be cut or broken down. M&S does NOT accept construction debris.

**5. How do I get rid of metals, appliances and electronics?**

We ask that you bring these items to the Recycling Center (making sure all refrigerator doors are removed for safety reasons). If you are unable to get these items to the yard, please call (732-264-1133) and we will arrange a pick-up for you.

**6. What type of electronics do you accept?**

We accept all kinds of electronic devices for recycling, including but not limited to, televisions, computers, microwaves, air conditioners, cameras, telephones and copiers.

**7. What do I do with branches, brush and leaves?**

Our garbage contractor will remove up to three (3) bundles of branches/brush on your second garbage pick-up of the week, either Thursday or Friday depending on where you live in the Borough. Bundles should be no longer than six feet in length and weigh no more than 75 pounds. If your branches are too small to bundle, you may place them in a can, but please do not make it too heavy. The Borough collects bagged leaves in the Spring and the Fall. At other times of the year, they may be brought to the Recycling Yard.

**8. What if I have too many items to put out for bulk?**

You have two options. You could take your bulk to the Monmouth County Reclamation Center located in Tinton Falls (732-683-8686). They may charge a nominal fee for accepting these items, and we suggest that you call first. Also, you could get a dumpster, for which you would need a permit. Please call us for further information if you choose this option.

**9. I have paint cans to dispose of. Do you accept these?**

We do NOT accept paint cans unless they are completely dried up. Monmouth County does have a Household Hazardous Waste Facility in Tinton Falls (732-922-2234). They accept many kinds of hazardous waste that we do not accept. Appointments are required. In addition, they have one day a year (usually in May) when items can be dropped off by Monmouth County residents at a Hazlet location. They also have a drop-off day in Upper Freehold (usually in October).

**10. When should I place my items curbside?**

Please always place trash, bulk, and recycling curbside the night before a scheduled pick-up. Our garbage contractor begins work early in the morning and frequently changes their route for many different reasons.

**11. How can I get rid of household batteries?**

We do NOT accept regular household batteries (AA, AAA, C, D, etc.). These can just be thrown away with your regular household garbage.

If you ever need information regarding trash, bulk or recycling, please call the Public Works Department at 732-264-1133. We will always do our best to answer all your questions. Also, visit our website at [www.unionbeach.net](http://www.unionbeach.net) where you can find all kinds of information about the Public Works Department, the Recycling Center and many others areas of our Borough.