

Recycling Update



March 2015

Bergen County Utilities Authority - Foot of Mehrhof Road, Little Ferry, NJ 07643

ANJR's Swap and Share Re-Cap

The Association of New Jersey Recyclers (ANJR) Annual Regional SWAP & SHARE – Northern Session hosted by the BCUA was a huge success!

This year's meeting took place on February 5th at the BCUA, located in Little Ferry. Thirty-seven NJ recycling professionals attended the session. Attendees included municipal and county recycling coordinators from Bergen, Essex, Morris, Warren, Union, Passaic and Ocean counties. Also in attendance were various solid waste and recycling companies.

Mark Vangieri, BCUA Solid Waste Manager, moderated the event and offered various topics which stimulated critical thinking and group discussion. Topics discussed included electronics recycling, recycling enforcement, and the future and status of recycling markets. Attendees exchanged ideas, discussed issues, and shared programs and program ideas with each other.

We hope to see you at next year's SWAP & SHARE! It's an event that you cannot afford to miss!

Tonnage grant info

The slides from the BCUA Tonnage Grant Workshop held in February are available online at www.bcuu.org. Go to **Recycling & Solid Waste** and click on **For Recycling Coordinator**.



ANJR annual meeting set for March

ANJR's annual meeting/membership meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 26th, 8:30 a.m. at the NJ EcoComplex in Burlington County. Lunch is included. This program qualifies for recertification credits for recycling professionals (1.5 meeting, 1.5 classroom). CPWMs will receive 2 government credits and 1 technical credit. To obtain credits, attendees must sign in and out.



2015 ANJR Swap & Share meeting held at the BCUA



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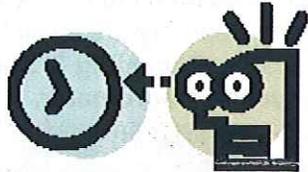
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Desk Audit Deadline approaching

Joe Davis of the NJDEP has announced the posting of the 2013 NJDEP Recycling Tonnage Report - 30 Day Desk Audit on the NJDEP's web page <http://www.nj.gov/dep/dshw/recycling/stats.htm> under the heading: 30 Day Desk Audits. The deadline to review and comment is MARCH 20th, 2015.

Each Bergen County municipality should review this data and compare it to the Tonnage Report that was submitted.



Should you agree with the posted data, no further action is necessary. If you have discrepancies between Mr. Davis's conclusions and your submitted data, please contact Joe Davis at 609-984-6907, or email joseph.davis@dep.nj.gov. Please note his new e-mail address. The email address for your REA Tax statement submittal has also changed. It is REATAX@dep.nj.gov. Mark Vangieri is available for assistance.

Prescription drug take-back to be held in April

Please advise your residents that the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) has scheduled another National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day which will take place on Saturday, April 25, 2015, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity for those who missed the previous events, or who have subsequently accumulated unwanted, unused prescription drugs, to safely dispose of those medications.



On April 25th, thousands of collection sites will be available across the country to accept unneeded prescription drugs, including controlled substances, for safe and legal disposal. Since 2010, DEA's Take-Back Day initiative has collected a combined total of 3.4 million pounds (1,733 tons) of unneeded medications, helping to prevent diversion, misuse, and abuse of the drugs. Please go to www.operationtakebacknj.com/bergen.html and click on a location nearest you.

Challenge your schools

In March, public and private schools throughout Bergen County will receive information about the Bergen County Utilities Authority's (BCUA) 2015 Environmental Awareness Challenge Grant. This grant is sponsored by the BCUA to increase recycling and environmental awareness in Bergen County. Schools may apply for grants up to \$1,000 to conduct activities related to the environment.

Please note that in order to be eligible for a grant, and in compliance with the New Jersey Statewide Source Separation and Recycling Act (N.J.S.A. 13:1E-99 et seq.), schools must have a recycling program in place, or these funds must be used to implement a recycling program in school.

In an effort to make this a paperless program, a grant application for this exciting environmental awareness opportunity can be downloaded at the BCUA's web site www.bcu.org.

Grant applications must be received by the BCUA on or before May 8, 2015. The BCUA will notify schools of a grant award in June 2015. Grant funds will be distributed in September 2015. **Please forward this information to anyone you think may be interested.**

2015 Household Hazardous Waste Events

Bergen Community College

ENTRY VIA PARAMUS ROAD ONLY
400 Paramus Rd., Paramus
Sun., April 26, 2015
Sun., June 28, 2015
Sun., Oct. 18, 2015

Bergen County Utilities Authority

Foot of Empire Blvd., Moonachie
Sat., March 7, 2015
Sat., July 25, 2015

Bergen County Campgaw Mountain Reservation

200 Campgaw Rd., Mahwah
Sat., May 16, 2015
Sat., Sept. 12, 2015
Sat., Nov. 7, 2015

All HHW Collection Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
(Rain or Shine)