

WYCKOFF ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION/ WYCKOFF GREEN TEAM FALL NEWSLETTER

October 2018

Recent Events:

Shred Fest

The Wyckoff Environmental Commission held their Fall 2018 Shred Fest on Saturday, October 20th. Wyckoff residents brought their confidential papers to be shredded at the DPW Yard at 475 West Main Street. [Click here for details](#)

Wyckoff Environmental Commissioners:

Denise Capparelli
Matt Cascio
Celeste Homaychak
Randy Hoogerhyde
Christine Key
Peter Melchionne

Robert Fortunato, Planning Board Liaison
Thomas J. Madigan, Township Committee Liaison

Junior Commissioners:

Jasmine Ho
Daniel O'Connell
Nick Rea
Allison Sassano
Alex Sullivan

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Questions and Comments

related to the WEC/WGT please contact us at

wec@wyckoff-nj.com

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Visit the WEC/WGT web PAGE [HERE](#)

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All links are live on this report when viewing it on the

WEC/WGT web PAGE.

About the Wyckoff Environmental Commission

The Wyckoff Environmental Commission meets once a month, generally on the 3rd Monday from 7:00-8:30 PM. The current Commission includes 7- Commissioners, 5- Junior Commissioners, along with Township Committee Liaison Tom Madigan. The Wyckoff Environmental Commission is Silver Certified with Sustainable New Jersey. The Commission is also part of the Sustainable Jersey Bergen HUB.



**Myrtle the Turtle,
is Wyckoff's New
recycling mascot!**

Recycle Coach APP -

Please download the NEW Recycling APP TODAY! Features include alert reminders, item look up and a visual graphic calendar. Download the APP and check it out... (no logins or passcode needed) just type in your address. Guaranteed to increase our recyclables and answer all your recycling questions. [Click here to learn more.](#)



Wyckoff's Recycling Changes!

Since mid July 2018 Wyckoff changed from single stream to dual stream recycling. This change was made due to the need for clean recyclables in the market. When recyclables are not clean, they cannot be accepted by the recycling market and are instead sent to the landfill resulting in additional costs to the taxpayer. Under Wyckoff's new policy, residents are asked to recycle mixed paper and cardboard goods on alternating weeks with bottles, cans, and plastics. Only plastics 1, 2, and 5 can be recycled, (with plastics 3,4,6, and 7 being thrown in the garbage.) In addition, Wyckoff recently sold recycling barrels for \$20 on a first come, first serve basis. Barrels are currently sold out but if interested please contact the Township by email @ wyckoffwebteam@wyckoff-nj.com, a reorder may be placed based on the interest level of residents. Additional information on recycling can be found on the Wyckoff Township's website at: www.wyckoff-nj.com

Information About the Project:

This project was completed as part of the Wyckoff Environmental Commission's Junior Commissioner initiative. Junior Commissioner Nick Rea, a student at Bergen County Academies in the class of 2020, created this newsletter. December 2018

Getting Items Out of the Trash: How You Can Help!

Wyckoff offers a number of ways to greatly reduce the amount of trash that is being sent to landfills. Below are the ways you can utilize these opportunities to help contribute to saving our environment!

Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. Are wax coated cartons recyclable?**
Only wax coated milk/juice containers are recyclable.
- 2. Can we recycle take-out food containers?**
NO, unless they are clean, plastic containers labeled 1, 2, or 5
- 3. Do you recycle hardcover books?**
If the hard bound cover is removed, the inside pages only can be recycled

What Belongs in Trash Heaven:

- Plastics 3, 4, 6, and 7 (plastics 1, 2, and 5 can be recycled!)
- Pizza boxes or any item containing food particles (no food particles will be accepted!)
- Wrapping paper
- Plastic plant or flower pots
- Plastic bags of any type or color
- "Tanglers" including wires, hoses, electrical cords, or string lights

Township of Wyckoff Reference Table for Disposal of Solid Waste and Recyclables

updated guides of 8/1/18, a great reference for what goes where.... [LINK HERE](#)

"Put a Lid on It" - to help control the moisture content for cardboard/paper be sure to cover your bins by putting a **Lid on It - cover your bins**. Overseas markets will NOT accept paper/cardboard materials that exceed a 12% moisture content.

Help Complete the Recycling Cycle

Recycled Items Reborn as New and Different Things [LINK HERE](#)

**HELP
WYCKOFF
RECYCLE
RIGHT!**

Recycling - Recycling pickup is done weekly by the town of Wyckoff, with cardboard and mixed paper being collected on alternating weeks to liquid and food containers. Information about your recycling schedule can be found on www.wyckoff-nj.com.

Vegetative Waste - Wyckoff also collects vegetative waste bi-weekly. Vegetative waste includes bundled twigs and branches, weeds, and clippings from shrubs. Grass, leaves, rocks building materials, and wooden pallets should NOT be included in vegetative waste bins. Vegetative waste collection runs for 15 weeks from April to October. [LINK HERE](#) for more information.

Backyard Composting - In addition to what the town offers, you can help the environment by composting in your backyard. Composting is simple to start and can be used for soil for a garden in your yard! Further information about how to compost can be found on the WEC/WGT Web PAGE under 2017 Junior Commissioner Projects or [LINK HERE](#).

White Goods - On Wednesdays, the DPW will collect white goods (bulk metal household appliances) at the curb by appointment. To make an appointment you can call 201-891-7000 ext. 101.

Leaf Collection - NJ DEP rules prohibit placing leaves in roadways or within 10 feet from any storm sewer drain. Wyckoff offers a Fall leaf collection program from early October to December (dates vary depending on weather). To see when the crews will be in your district and for more information [LINK HERE](#).

Medication Disposal - Bring your unused or expired medications to the Project Medicine Drop collection box located in the lobby of the Wyckoff Police Department. Both prescription and over-the-counter medications are accepted for recycling. [LINK HERE](#) for more information.

Gently used clothing - accepted at the Recycling Center [LINK HERE](#) for more information.

Styrofoam Drives - start saving your styrofoam and keep it out of the landfill. The SJ Bergen HUB will be holding 6 Styrofoam drives in the coming months. More information available soon.

Household Hazardous Waste Collections - offered by the Bergen County Utilities Authority. Collections run monthly except NO collections in December, January, February and August. [LINK HERE](#) for more information. *Bring your Hazardous Waste to a Safer Place.*

ALWAYS RINSE AND CLEAN BEFORE RECYCLING!