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Compliance Alert

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DEP to Conduct a Compliance and Enforcement Sweep of Recyclable Material Generators in Hudson County

What businesses are affected by this initiative?

Entities such as colleges; schools and educational service providers; hotels and motels; multi-family housing units, law firms; fitness facilities; motion picture theaters; sports and recreation clubs; bowling centers; photocopying and duplicating service providers; nonresidential building operators; insurance brokers; banks; department stores; bus and taxi companies; and convenience stores may be affected by this initiative.

Why is DEP focusing on Hudson County?

Recycling is not optional in New Jersey; it is the law. According to DEP's recycling database, a significant number of entities in Hudson County have been improperly managing their recyclable materials. These entities have been disposing of their recyclable material (e.g., glass, paper, and plastics) along with their regular trash instead of separating them for recycling.

What is DEP doing?

The DEP in partnership with the Hudson County Regional Health Commission and the Hudson County Improvement Authority will be conducting inspections as part of a recycling enforcement initiative in Hudson County in late May or early June. These inspections will be unannounced and any non-compliance noted during this Sweep will be addressed with Notices of Violation and with penalties where appropriate.

What should I do?

1. Separate recyclable material (e.g., glass, plastics, paper, cardboard) from the regular trash and store these items in separate containers (or in accordance with the county/municipal ordinances).
2. Have a written contract with a private refuse removal firm for the pickup of recyclable materials unless recyclable materials are managed by the municipality.
3. If your company has a contract with a private firm, the recycling services must be articulated in the contract/billing statements.

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4. Assure that the refuse removal firm picks up recyclable material separate from regular trash and recyclable materials are not mixed with the regular trash in the same truck.

Whom should I contact with questions or complaints?

Solid Waste Compliance and Enforcement-All Counties: 609-584-4180

Recycling and Planning: 609-984-3438

Hudson County Improvement Authority: 201-795-4555

Local Recycling Coordinators:

Bayonne	201-858-6099	Kearny	201-998-3700
East Newark	973-481-2903	North Bergen	201-422-0100
Guttenburg	201-861-3011	Secaucus	201-330-2080
Harrison	973-268-2468	Union City	201-348-5840
Hoboken	201-420-2277	Weehawkin	201-319-6070
Jersey City	201-432-4645	West New York	201-295-5230

Where can I get more information?

The following web sites can be accessed for additional information:

<http://www.nj.gov/dep/dshw/recycle/index.htm>

<http://www.hcia.org/>

Bureau of Recycling and Planning
Hudson County Improvement Authority

Please note this advisory is intended to be a summary explanation of a DEP initiative. It does not include all potentially applicable requirements. If you have any questions related to compliance with this initiative, please contact the numbers listed above.