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Compliance Alert

Making You Aware of Anticipated Enforcement Activities

Compliance and Enforcement

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

What businesses are affected by this initiative?

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

Why is DEP focusing on Atlantic County?

Recycling is not optional in New Jersey; it is the law. Although its recycling rates reflect the state average, the DEP is focusing on Atlantic County due to its geographic location in southern New Jersey, its unique casino industry, and because the County operates its own recycling collection program. According to DEP's recycling database, some businesses throughout the State have been improperly managing their recyclable materials. These businesses have been disposing of their recyclable material (e.g., glass, paper, metal and plastics) along with their regular trash instead of separating them for recycling. This initiative will help to identify these businesses and create additional recycling opportunities.

What is DEP doing?

The DEP in cooperation with the Atlantic County Health Department, the Municipal Recycling Coordinators and the Atlantic County Utilities Authority (ACUA) will be conducting inspections as part of a recycling enforcement initiative in Atlantic County this Fall. These inspections will be unannounced and any non-compliance noted during this Sweep will be addressed with Notices of Violation and complying businesses will receive a certificate of compliance.

What should I do?

1. Separate recyclable material (e.g., glass, plastics, paper, and cardboard) from the regular trash and store these items in separate containers in accordance with municipal ordinances.

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2. Have a written contract with a private waste hauler for the pickup of recyclable materials unless recyclable materials are managed/collected by the ACUA.
3. If your company has a contract with a private firm, the recycling services must be articulated in the contract/billing statements.
4. Assure that the waste hauler 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?

Solid Waste Compliance and Enforcement **609-584-4180**

Bureau of Recycling and Planning **609-984-3438**

Atlantic County Utilities Authority **609-272-6950**

Local Recycling Coordinators:

Absecon	609-641-0663	Hammonton	609-567-4336
Atlantic City	609-347-5700	Linwood	609-926-7991
Brigantine	609-266-7800	Longport	609-822-5759
Buena Borough	856-697-9393	Margate	609-822-5038
Buena Vista Twp.	856-697-2100	Mullica Twp.	609-561-7070
Corbin City	609-628-2673	Northfield	609-641-7610
Egg Harbor City	609-965-1616	Pleasantville	609-484-3640
Egg Harbor Twp.	609-926-3838	Port Republic	609-652-1501
Estell Manor	609-476-2692	Somers Point	609-927-4048
Folsom Borough	609-561-3178	Ventnor	609-823-7935
Galloway Twp.	609-652-9265	Weymouth Twp.	609-476-2633
Hamilton Twp.	609-625-8024		

Where can I get more information?

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

Bureau of Recycling and Planning
Atlantic County Utilities 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.