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February Recycling Calendar: First Saturday and E-waste Dropoffs

First Saturday of the Month Drop-off in Bridgewater Feb. 2

BRIDGEWATER – Somerset County Freeholder Brian G. Gallagher, recycling liaison, invites residents to take advantage of the next **First Saturday of the Month Drop-off** event on **Feb.** 2 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the **Somerset County Recycling Center**, located at 40 Polhemus **Lane, Bridgewater, NJ 08807**. Proof of residency is required (a current driver's license, valid lease, tax bill or any other bill with a Somerset County address). Pre-registration is not required. No businesses or commercial vehicles are allowed.

First Saturday drop-off events enable busy residents to recycle tires and the usual curbside items in one fell swoop. Residents can drop off up to eight tires – with or without rims – scrap metal, used motor oil, oil filters, antifreeze and usual curbside materials, including chipboard items and plastic bottles and containers marked #1 through #7. Chipboard items include gift, shoe, shirt and all retail boxes, as well as cereal, cookie, pasta, and cake and cracker boxes without the plastic liners. Also accepted, are poster board, greeting cards, backing from writing pads and empty, dried-out steel paint cans.

Somerset County no longer accepts textiles at First Saturday of the Month drop-offs. Please continue to recycle your used textiles at any local charity donation bin.

For more information about First Saturday events, visit www.co.somerset.nj.us/1stSat or call the Somerset County Recycling Center at (732) 469-3363.

Canned goods and non-perishable food donations for needy residents are welcome at First Saturday of the Month drop-off events or put canned goods in a plastic bag on the day of your usual recycling pickup dates. Items are delivered to the Food Bank Network of Somerset County. Perishable items and food in glass containers are not accepted.

Household hazardous waste and electronic waste are not accepted on First Saturday of the Month drop-off events at the recycling center. You can recycle household hazardous waste at any of the five-scheduled Household Hazardous Waste drop-off events held at different locations around the county. Electronics can be dropped off free of charge on certain Saturdays in Hillsborough and on weekdays at a Bridgewater and Hillsborough location.

For a complete listing of recyclable items, recycling events and more, visit www.co.somerset.nj.us/recycle or call the Somerset County Recycling Center at (732) 469-3363.

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Electronic Waste Drop-off Feb. 2 in Hillsborough

HILLSBOROUGH – Somerset County Freeholder Brian G. Gallagher, recycling liaison, urges residents to declutter their homes of the many electronic items that tend to accumulate. The next free-of-charge **Saturday electronic waste drop-off** event is **Feb. 2**from **8 a.m. to 2 p.m.** at the **South County Public Works Garage** at **410 Roycefield Road**, **Hillsborough**, **NJ 08844**. Proof of residency is required (a current driver's license, valid lease, tax bill or any other bill with a Somerset County address). Pre-registration is not required. No businesses or commercial vehicles are allowed.

Following is a list of e-waste drop-off dates, times and locations in 2019:

- Saturday drop-offs: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. located at the South County Public Works Garage, 410 Roycefield Road, Hillsborough, NJ 08844. Feb. 2, March 2, April 6, May 4, June 1, July 13 (due to the Independence Day holiday), Aug. 3, Sept. 7, Oct. 5, Nov. 2 and Dec. 7.
- Weekday drop-offs: Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., located at North County Public Works Facility, Building B, 411 Chimney Rock Road - north of Route 22 -Bridgewater, NJ 08807, and the South County Public Works Garage, 410 Roycefield Road, Hillsborough, NJ 08844.

Batteries are not accepted: Residents can recycle household hazardous waste including lithium and rechargeable batteries at any of the five scheduled <u>Household Hazardous Waste drop-off</u> <u>events</u> held at different locations around the county. AA, AAA, D, C and 9-volt batteries can be disposed of in the regular trash.

For more information about recycling electronics, contact the Somerset County Solid Waste Division at (908) 231-7109, email solidwaste@co.somerset.nj.us or visit www.co.somerset.nj.us/e-waste.

A complete listing of recyclable items, recycling drop-off events (First Saturday of the Month, household hazardous waste, medicine, e-waste and tire) and more is available at www.co.somerset.nj.us/recycle.

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