

# Help us Clean the Stream



It's important to place only accepted items in your blue bin! The U.S. recycling system has seen an increase in unaccepted items, and this contamination has caused China, the main importer of the world's waste, to enact more stringent rules about what it will accept for recycling. Help us *clean the stream* in Margate! Please take time to review what items are accepted for recycling, and be sure to put items that cannot be recycled in the trash.

## YES

## NO

### Paper Cartons Cardboard

(Flattened, Not Soiled or Wet)



### Plastic Bottles & Containers #1-7

(Remove Food, Caps & Lids)



### Aluminum/Steel Cans & Lids

(Food Removed)



### Glass Bottles & Jars

(All Colors)



### NO

Napkins/Paper Towels  
Paper or Plastic Plates  
Wet/Soiled Paper or Cardboard



### NO

Plastic Bags  
Plastic Caps  
Styrofoam  
Plastic Plates, Cups or Utensils  
Plastic containers with no recycling number  
Rigid Plastics (see reverse for information)



### NO

Wire Clothes Hangers  
Pots and Pans  
Tire Rims or Car Parts  
Batteries  
Electronics (see reverse for information)



### NO

China/Dishware/Glassware  
Broken Glass  
Mirrors  
Light Bulbs



### NO

Food or Garbage  
Tangly Items like hoses or cords  
Hazardous Waste - [acua.com/hhw](http://acua.com/hhw)  
Syringes, Needles, Sharps - [acua.com/medicine](http://acua.com/medicine)

**When in doubt, throw it out**

or contact ACUA! Call 609.272.6950 or use the online waste wizard tool: [acua.com/wastewizard](http://acua.com/wastewizard)

# Why Clean the Stream?

Knowing that your items are not wasted, but can be turned into something new, is the beauty of recycling! But this process is being threatened by an increase in contamination appearing in our streams. Unaccepted items like plastic bags can shut down the machinery that's essential to sorting materials, and dangerous contaminants like needles can hurt workers on the front-line. In addition, the contamination has forced China, the world's largest importer of these materials, to impose strict laws that may threaten our recycling program for future generations. Help us resolve these issues by making sure you only place items in your blue bin that are accepted in our recycling program. If you have any questions about what can or cannot be recycled, please use our online "waste wizard" tool at [acua.com/wastewizard](http://acua.com/wastewizard) or call 609.272.6950. We thank you for your understanding and participation!

## MARGATE CONVENIENCE CENTER

Residents may drop off waste year-round to the convenience center

located at Benson and Winchester Avenues.

HOURS: Wednesdays 1-3 PM · Sundays 12-6 PM

### MARGATE WASTE GUIDELINES

**Books:** Hard-Cover Books can be dropped off at the Planet Aid containers on Benson Ave between Winchester and Monmouth Avenues. Soft cover books can be placed in curbside recycling bins.

**Bulk Waste:** One bulk item per trash day is permitted. No construction debris.

**Electronics:** Electronics must never be disposed of in your curbside trash or recycling bins. Call Public Works to schedule a pickup on the first Tuesday of every month.

**Metals:** Call Public Works to schedule a collection on Wednesdays.

**Rigid Plastics:** Call Public Works to schedule a pickup on the first Tuesday of the month for large plastic items that cannot be recycled in your blue bin.

**Yard Waste:** Yard waste must be placed in biodegradable bags and will be collected curbside on trash day.

Guidelines are based on the following ordinances (for full details, visit Margate's website):

- #155-10: Place trash curbside on day of collection, or no earlier than 6 p.m. the night before.
- #1994-3: Trash must be in cans with lids. Trash placed in blue recycling containers will not be picked up.
- #1990-10: Mixing of trash and recycling is prohibited.
- #155-10: Trash containers must be removed from the sidewalk on the day of collection.
- #155-7: Household trash is never permitted to be deposited in city trash cans or baskets.

Other related ordinances #54-2007, #03-2007, #18-2010, #04-2008, #29-2010.

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### ACUA Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Offs

January 13 • March 3 • May 5 • July 14

September 15 • November 3

8 AM to 1 PM

Atlantic County Utilities Authority

6700 Delilah Road, Egg Harbor Township

[www.acua.com/hhw](http://www.acua.com/hhw)

#### 28th Annual ACUA Earth Day Festival

Sunday, April 22, 2018

10 AM to 4 PM

Atlantic County Utilities Authority

6700 Delilah Road, Egg Harbor Township

[www.acua.com/earthday](http://www.acua.com/earthday)

#### Margate Shredding Event

Saturday, April 14, 2018

8 AM to 12 PM

Margate Public Works Yard

[www.margate-nj.com](http://www.margate-nj.com)

### RECYCLING CONTAINERS

Residents are entitled to one free 20-gallon recycling bucket per year. Carts are also available for purchase. Contact ACUA to order.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

#### Margate Public Works

609.822.5038

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