



**Juice Boxes Now Can Be Recycled Every Other Week
With Commingled Recycling
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The square or rectangular boxes used for liquids such as juices, soup broths and stocks are called aseptic boxes and, according to the University of Michigan, Americans consume juice from four billion juice boxes a year. Now Livingston residents can recycle their juice boxes and other aseptic boxes with commingled recyclables.

Fred Petrone of Atlantic Coast Fibers, Livingston's new recycling marketer, advised Deputy Township Manager Russ Jones, a member of the Recycling and Reclamation Committee that "In addition to the commingled items currently on your list, we also process juice and aseptic boxes. All of these items allow your community to recycle the greatest possible volume of your residents overall waste stream."

Jones explained this saves the Township money in three ways: 1. By recycling instead of throwing these items in the garbage it helps to reduce the cost of garbage tipping fees, as we pay by the weight of the garbage that is collected. 2. Recycling these items provides a source of income as the Township gets paid for the materials that are recycled. 3. The Township receives recycling grants based upon the tonnage of items recycled.

Sue Fershing, Chair of the Recycling and Reclamation Committee, stated "You might expect to recycle the juice boxes with paper recycling since these containers are comprised of approximately 85 percent paperboard, they are also lined with low density polyethylene (LDPE, or #4 plastic) to help insulate the liquid inside, and there is also a lining of aluminum foil so they should be recycled with commingled items." Fershing reminds residents, "the new collection does not include milk and orange juice containers which are waxed. You'll also want to remove any straws from drink boxes before recycling."

The current list of items that can be commingled together and placed at the curb is now glass bottles (clear, green and brown), all plastic containers marked with a large and clear recycling code, (a triangle with a number ranging from 1-7 in the middle), steel and tin cans, Styrofoam™(including cups, packing peanuts, and packaging), plastic bags and now juice boxes. To save space and prevent containers from rolling, flatten plastic containers.

Items put at the curb for recycling must be rinsed out and placed in rigid containers such as a bucket, crate or can equipped with drainage holes, **not plastic bags**. Containers cannot be larger than 32 gallons or weigh more than 50 lbs when filled.

Fershing continued, "We are hoping that families, houses of worship and schools will add this new item to their commingled recyclables immediately."

For the recycling schedule refer to your Town Planner Calendar mailed to all residences in December or log onto www.livingstonnj.org and click on "Recycling" under "Departments."