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Effective recycling is an important factor in improving the environment. The Livingston Township enacted its first recycling ordinance in 1985. There are separate bi-weekly mandatory programs for paper and for many other non-hazardous recyclables described as “mixed”. Essex County has a drop-off hazardous waste collection program, and the Township has an electronics drop-off and document shredding program.



1985- Established recycling program for newspapers

1988- Added aluminium cans and glasses to the program

1991- franchising recycling collection

All 2007 Master Plan recommendations in regard to recycling have been accomplished.

The following are additional recommendations:

- Recommendation:** Continue pursuing recycling grants.
- Recommendation:** The Township should encourage and enforce recycling of demolition debris.
- Recommendation:** Business owners should be required to notify employees, and on-site customers about recycling by posting signs in common areas and clearly labeling recycling containers.
- Recommendation:** The Township and the BID should place standardized and clearly marked containers for recyclables at locations where pedestrians or the users of public facilities gather.
- Recommendation:** Foster community partnerships, education, and public information about proper recycling procedures and benefits.

Seasonal Leaf Collection

From September 1 through December 1 leaves must be separated from all other solid waste from residential properties. In order to prevent collected leaves not kept on the property for composting from clogging stormwater sewage inlets, the leaves may not be placed in the street until 7 days before a scheduled pickup date. Even then, they must not be closer than 10 feet from any sewer inlet. Leaves for pickup from properties on county or state roads must be placed in paper bags. There are frequent violations of these requirements.

Recommendation: The Township should increase its efforts to achieve compliance with the seasonal leaf requirements .