

FREQUENTLY ASKED SOLID WASTE-RECYCLING FACILITY QUESTIONS

1. What are your hours?

- *The Solid Waste Facility and Recycling Centers are open from 7AM to 2 PM Monday through Saturday.*
- *The Administration Building is currently NOT open to the public, but you may ring the bell in the lobby for assistance Monday through Friday 8:30AM – 4:30 PM*

2. How to pay?

a. Scalehouse

- Your vehicle is weighed on the inbound scale, you are given a tag with a number on it, after dumping, you go to the outbound scale, turn in your tag and pay the difference in weight depending on the weight class. (\$10 minimum scale charge) Cash, Check, Credit Card accepted)

b. Residents' Convenience Center

- Debris/garbage is put onto a 3x3 foot scale, cost is 13 cents per pound. Pay at window (Check or Cash accepted)

2. Do you take construction debris (drywall, roof shingles, construction wood, etc.)?

- *The SCMUA accepts construction debris from Sussex County residents and businesses, the charge is \$115 per ton or 6 cents per pound. Commercial vehicles need proper NJDEP decals to dump solid waste. (see below)*

3. What are the Commercial Vehicle requirements for solid waste disposal.

- *The NJDEP requires that any and all commercial vehicles to have an A901 self-generator decal affixed to the vehicle. The SCMUA is NOT the issuing agency for this decal.*
- *For more information on the NJDEP decals you may go to www.wastedecals.nj.gov*

4. How do I dispose of a television, computer, video tapes, etc.(E-waste)?

- *You may bring televisions, computers, laptops, video tapes, etc. (media-type devices) to the Solid Waste Facility any day during operating hours. It is charged as regular garbage, 13 cents per pound at the Residents' Convenience Center (small blue house). CHECK OR CASH ONLY*
- *The attendants will separate these items out of the main waste stream to be recycled (it is NJ State Law that "Electronic-waste" be recycled).*
- *The SCMUA hosts 4 Electronic Waste Event days throughout the year, where we will accept up to 5 items per vehicle for free. Those days are noted on the SCMUA website.*
- *[MICROWAVES, AIR CONDITIONERS, LAMPS, ETC. ARE NOT PART OF THE ELECTRONIC WASTE PROGRAM]*

5. How do I dispose of an air conditioner, refrigerator or freezer?

- *These are bulk items and they are charged as such (\$115/ton or 6 cents per pound over the truck scales). There is a \$10 freon removal charge in addition to the weight charge. The door does not have to be removed from the frig/freezer.*
- *REMINDER: There is a \$10 minimum scale charge for using the truck scale system.*

6. Can I take my leaves/grass clippings to the SCMUA?

- *The SCMUA does accept Vegetative Waste. The charge is 2 cents per pound, with a \$5 minimum scale charge. Per SCMUA Rate Schedule:*

G. Leaves, Brush and Lawn Clippings (ID 23)

1. Proposed Charge for drop-off of leaves, brush and lawn clippings shall be \$40.00 per ton. Minimum charge shall be \$5.00 per load. Passenger type vehicles (i.e. automobiles, residential pickup trucks, minivans, SUV's) shall not be charged for de minimis amounts of ID23. Any such vehicles with two (2) or less barrels/bags of leaves, brush or lawn clippings shall be determined as de minimis amounts and shall not be charged. Anything over said de minimis amount, customer must pay for the entire load.

7. Does the SCMUA accept tires?

- *The SCMUA accepts up to 4 tires at the Residents' Convenience Center for \$3.00 each. CHECK OR CASH*
- *Bulk Waste Charges apply for more than 4 car tires (truck scales are to be used with a charge of \$345/ton or 18 cents per pound)*

8. How do I dispose of asbestos? (Sussex County Residents & Businesses ONLY)

- *The SCMUA ONLY takes in county waste. There is an application for asbestos disposal located in the "Forms" tab on the SCMUA website homepage. See this application for details, prior approval is required and appointment is necessary for asbestos disposal. The charge is \$235 per ton. (\$10 minimum truck scale charge).*

9. How do I get rid of Hazardous Waste (oil base paint, old gasoline, spray paint cans, pesticides) if I can't make the HHW days?

- *The SCMUA does not have a Hazardous Waste Permit, which is why we can only accept hazardous waste twice a year on the designated days. (historically on the first Saturday in June and November).*
- *If you missed or cannot make the designated HHW days, the Morris County MUA, Mt. Olive Township does provide for disposal services for limited amounts of Hazardous Waste from Sussex County Residents.*
- *For more information on the Morris County MUA Program call 973-631-5109 or https://mcmua.com/sw_hhw.asp*

10. Does the SCMUA take washers, dryers, mattresses, furniture?

- *The SCMUA does take bulk items at 6 cents per pound over the truck scales, there is a \$10 minimum scale charge. Check, cash, and credit cards accepted at the truck scales.*

11. How do I get rid of needles, sharps, injectables?

- *The SCMUA has Orchard Hill Medical on site the First Thursday of each month, from 10AM to 12PM for residents to drop off sharps in a puncture proof container (i.e. laundry bottle, coffee can, etc.). There is \$10 drop off fee per container. (Check or Cash accepted)*
- <https://www.scmua.org/Cit-e-Access/webpage.cfm?TID=121&TPID=11925>

12. What do I do with old medications?

- *It is advised to drop off any unused medications to a local police station.*
- <http://centerforprevention.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/2015-Rx-drop-box.pdf>

13. Do you take propane grill tanks or helium tanks?

- *The SCMUA accepts small propane tanks and grill sized propane/helium tanks. The charge is 13 cents per pound at the Bagged Garbage Area in the back of the facility.*
- *The SCMUA DOES NOT accept large 100 lb propane tanks.*

14. Does the SCMUA recycle plastic bags?

- *The SCMUA does not recycle plastic bags, please check with your local grocery store.*

15. How do I get rid of storage bins, plastic/rubber containers?

- *These items are priced as regular bagged garbage and are separated by the SCMUA attendant to be recycled, if possible.*

16. Do I have to flatten the cardboard for the Recycling Center?

- *No, the SCMUA has a compactor at the Recycling Center for cardboard.*

17. How do I recycle books?

- *Soft Cover books may be placed in the Junk Mail Bin at the Recycling Center, free of charge.*
- *Hard cover books are regular garbage unless the pages are separated from the binder. The pages can go to the Recycling Center in the junk mail bin – free of charge. The cover is either garbage or can be put in the chipboard bin at the recycling center.*

18. Shredding Services - Event Information

- *The SCMUA offers a Shredding Service in conjunction with SK Shredding Services for events that are held the THIRD Friday of each month from 9am – 12pm. The charge is \$6 per volume equivalent of a paper grocery bag. Shredding is done on premises at event.*
- *Shredding Info. (SCMUA.org - Click on Departments -> Recycling -> Shredding Services Tab)*

19. Miscellaneous

- *Tree Stumps/roots are considered Bulky Waste (ID13) to the Landfill and will be charged at \$115/ton.*
- *Styrofoam (SCMUA.org - Click on Departments -> Recycling -> Styrofoam Recycling Program)*
- *Clean Soils Application – (SCMUA.com – Click on Forms tab for application, review fees apply*)*
- *Contaminated Soils Application – (SCMUA.com – Click on Forms tab for application, review fees apply*)*

***NOTE:** See also Rate Schedule