

## **RECYCLING PLAN ELEMENT**

### **BOROUGH OF MANTOLOKING Ocean County, New Jersey**

The New Jersey State-wide Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act, Chapter 102 of the Public Laws of 1987, which also amended the Municipal Land Use Law, requires that municipal Master Plans include a Recycling Plan Element which incorporates State and County recycling goals for solid waste. Moreover, it requires that municipal development regulations controlling site plan and subdivision approval include provisions which will ensure conformity with a municipal recycling ordinance.

The Element of the Master Plan describes the existing and proposed recycling activities of the Borough and recommends the adoption of subdivision and site plan regulation amendments to assure that future development is designed to accommodate the recycling of selected solid waste materials.

#### **MANTOLOKING RECYCLING PROGRAM**

In compliance with the State Recycling Act, the Borough has adopted a municipal recycling ordinance which mandates the recycling of materials from residential and commercial properties. The Borough recycling program requires that all occupants or owners of a residence, commercial, or institutional establishment separate glass bottles and jars, aluminum cans, ferrous containers, and newspapers.

The Borough does not provide curbside pick-up of recyclable materials. Residents and owners of commercial properties are required to bring recyclable materials to the drop-off center maintained by the Borough on Bay Avenue. The drop-off center includes a container with bins for glass, aluminum cans, tin and bi-metal cans, and newspapers. Glass jars used for disposal of fats or newspapers used for wrapping food waste may be disposed of with the regular trash.

The Borough designates one person who serves as a recycling coordinator with authority to promulgate rules and regulations for collection of recyclable materials. Such rules and regulations are subject to approval of the Borough Council. At the present time, the Borough only collects the recyclable materials.

The Borough assumes ownership of recyclable materials once drop-off at the Borough collection facility. Prior to the Borough acceptance of recyclable materials, residents or businesses could arrange for alternative handling methods including contribution of recyclable materials to authorized volunteer groups or sold to private recyclers.

Violations of any provisions of the Mantoloking Borough Recycling Ordinance will result in a fine not to exceed \$500.00 for each violation.

The Borough has publicized its recycling program and notified residents, businesses and institutions of its requirements. In addition to these special communications, the Borough recycling program addresses the following:

### **MATERIAL PREPARATION AND COLLECTION**

Glass bottles and jars, aluminum, tin and bi-metal cans are delivered by residents to the collection center and placed into their appropriate containers. Newspapers must be tied with twine or placed in a brown paper bag. The maximum weight of each bundle or bag of newspapers cannot weigh over 30 pounds each.

Mantoloking contracts with Marpal Company, Inc. of Tinton Falls for the collection of residential and non-residential garbage, refuse, and recyclable materials.

### **MARKETS FOR MATERIALS**

Newspapers, glass, aluminum, tin and bi-metal containers are sold to All County Recycling located on Wayside Road in Tinton Falls.

### **LEAVES AND GRASS**

Due to the limited amount of leaves and grass within the Borough, these items are disposed of with regular garbage.

### **ENFORCEMENT**

The Borough enforces its recycling program through joint efforts of the Recycling Coordinator and the Borough Clerk. Violators are subject to warnings, fines and court action. Residents are encouraged to report dumping and other violations.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS FOR RECYCLING PROVISIONS WITHIN SUBDIVISIONS AND SITE PLAN REGULATIONS**

In order to insure that future development is designed to accommodate the recycling of solid waste, the Site Plan and Subdivision Regulations of the Borough should require the following:

1. Each application for residential development must include provisions for the collections, disposition, and recycling of recyclable materials. Each single family unit or unit within a two-family dwelling should provide at least 12 square feet of floor area conveniently arranged and located as a holding area for two week accumulation of materials. Such an area may be within the laundry room, basement or garage. Each multi-family unit or accessory dwelling unit must provide at least 3 square feet of area conveniently arranged and located to hold a one week accumulation of recyclable materials.

2. Each application for non-residential use which utilizes 1,000 square feet or more of land, must include provisions for the collection of recyclable materials. Each application shall quantify the amount of recyclable material that will be generated as part of its weekly operation including newspapers, glass bi-metal, and aluminum. The applicant shall provide a storage area designed to contain a one week accumulation of recyclable materials. The storage area shall be designed for truck access for pick-up of materials and shall be suitably screened from view if located outside the building.

In addition to subdivision and site plan review requirements, it is recommended that the Borough require any new construction not subject to site plan or subdivision review to also be designed to accommodate the recycling of solid waste materials.