



# Recycling Update

February 2025

Bergen County Utilities Authority • Foot of Mehrhof Road, Little Ferry, NJ 07643

## Sign up today: BCUA Recycling Tonnage Grant Workshop



### BERGEN COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY RECYCLING TONNAGE REPORT WORKSHOP

TO: Bergen County Municipal Officials  
DATES: Friday, February 14, 2025  
Thursday, February 20, 2025  
PLACE: Bergen County Utilities Authority  
Administration Building  
Foot of Mehrhof Rd.  
Little Ferry, NJ 07643  
Time: 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

**2 DIFFERENT DATES!  
SAME AGENDA AT EACH WORKSHOP!**

### AGENDA

#### WELCOME and INTRODUCTION

Mark Vangieri, Solid Waste Manager, BCUA

#### BCUA PROGRAM UPDATE

Mark Vangieri, Solid Waste Manager, BCUA

#### NJDEP 2024 TONNAGE REPORT

- TONNAGE GRANT PROGRAM HISTORY & PROGRAM OVERVIEW
- FORMS REVIEW
- ELECTRONIC SUBMITTAL (completion of Excel spreadsheet)
- COMMON QUESTIONS AND ERRORS
- APPROPRIATE GRANT EXPENDITURES
- QUESTIONS

Mark Vangieri, Solid Waste Manager, BCUA

SPACE IS LIMITED FOR EACH WORKSHOP SO PLEASE RSVP TO  
MARK VANGIERI AT [mvangieri@bcua.org](mailto:mvangieri@bcua.org).

#### Credits

- Certified Recycling Professionals - 2 classroom
- Certified Public Works Managers - 1 government, 1 technical

If you choose to attend both workshops please note that credits are available only for attending one.

## Free compost networking opportunity offered

**NJ COMPOSTING COUNCIL inc.**  
**COMPOST CAFE**  
Harvest Moon Brewery & Cafe  
392 George St New Brunswick, NJ 08901  
February 26th 5:30 - 8:00pm  
[Register free now](#)  
What better way to spend a weekday evening than to meet and network about composting in New Jersey!  
Save the date, more details come.  
Interested in sponsoring this event?  
For more details send us a message at [contact@njcomposting.com](mailto:contact@njcomposting.com)  
[www.njcomposting.com](http://www.njcomposting.com)

[Click here for registration link.](#)

## Annual SWANA Conference set for April

The SWANA NJ Spring Conference will be held on April 3rd and April 4th at the Golden Nugget Hotel in Atlantic City. This annual conference brings together leaders and organizations from across the solid waste and recycling industries for a two-day opportunity to share information, discuss current challenges and spur ideas for the future.



Attendees will have the opportunity to meet with industry peers, exhibit a business or organization, and learn important updates on issues affecting the solid waste industry.

A variety of networking opportunities, including an exhibitor cocktail hour, an evening dinner reception, and more will be hosted. [Click here for registration link.](#)

## Recycling groups concerned over proposed tariffs

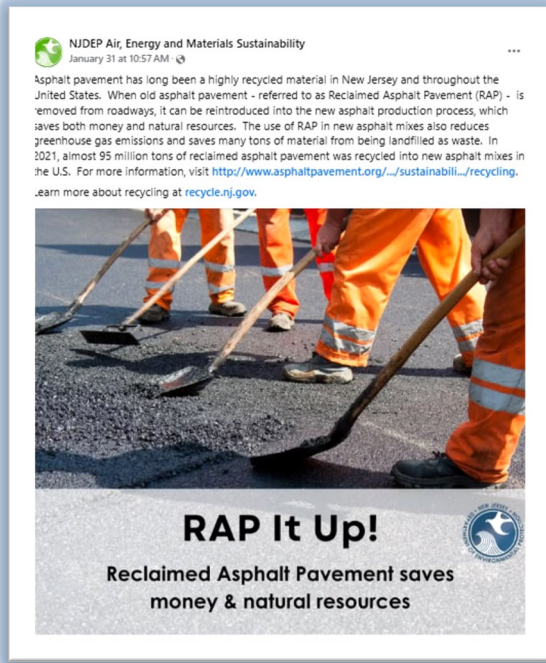
U.S. tariffs on Canada, Mexico and China could hamper infrastructure investments, affect commodity prices and impact significant trade relationships, recycling and waste groups say.

Recycling and waste industry groups have raised concerns about how proposed tariffs on Canada, Mexico and China could affect recycled commodity markets, operational costs and availability of key equipment and

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## February info graphic now available

Listed below is the latest post from [NJDEP's Office of Sustainability](#). Share with your residents. Go to <https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1EPNZdA3bB/?mibextid=wwXlfr>



## Tariffs (continued)

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Tariffs on items from Canada and Mexico products were supposed to take effect on 2/4, but were paused for 30 days after both countries said they would enact more efforts to prevent drug trafficking and illegal immigration.



Recycling and waste groups say they're concerned the dynamic situation could prompt a trade war that might affect jobs and the economy. [Click here for a full version of the article on WasteDive.](#)



## Register today!



NJ Sustainability in Motion Expo 2025  
March 5, 2025 - March 7 2025  
Caesars Atlantic City, 2100 Pacific Avenue  
Atlantic City

Cost: \$385 3-day or \$285 for 3/6 only  
[Click here for details and registration information.](#)

## Updated resource supports reusable containers

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration's (FDA's) updated federal food code supplemental guidance makes it easier for states to allow people to refill and reuse containers in restaurants, bulk grocery store aisles, deli counters and at events.

These updates help us fight single-use waste by making it easier for restaurants, grocery stores and concerts to offer reusable containers and allowing customers to bring them from home. The new supplementary federal food code language gives health departments, reuse service providers, businesses and advocates direction and an easier path to build and scale the reuse infrastructure needed to move away from single-use to multiuse containers.



It is being hailed as a significant step forward in the reuse movement.

## Upcoming Meetings/Webinars

- **Annual Membership Meeting**  
*Thurs., April 24, 2025—NJ EcoComplex, Bordentown*
- **ANJR Symposium & Awards Ceremony**  
*Wed., October 22, 2025 —Jumping Brook County Club, Neptune*  
*Tuesday, May 7, 2024 10:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.*

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