



SUSTAINABLE LONGPORT PRESS INFORMATION

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BOROUGH OF LONGPORT CELEBRATES AMERICA RECYCLES DAY, NOV. 15th, WITH CHANCE TO WIN A 95-GALLON RECYCLING CART FROM ACUA

(LONGPORT, NJ) – The Borough of Longport will celebrate America Recycles Day, November 15, 2016, with a chance to win a 95-gallon recycling cart donated by the Atlantic County Utilities Authority. Longport residents can enter to win the bright blue toter by bringing in a donation of at least four non-perishable food items to Borough Hall from 9 am to 4 pm located at 2305 Atlantic Avenue. For each donation of four items, one chance will be entered into a drawing to be held on November 15, 2016.

“The Borough of Longport would like to thank the ACUA for the donation of a large recycling toter. By asking the community to donate non-perishable food items in exchange for a raffle chance, we are helping those enduring tough times, while reminding the community of the importance of recycling on America Recycles Day. We hope that we can fill it with non-perishable foods just in time for the holidays,” said Nick Russo, Mayor.

Donations will be placed inside the can, which will then be given to the ACUA as part of its 2016 Holiday Food Drive. Each year the ACUA sponsors a food drive with donations given to the Community Food Bank of New Jersey – Southern Branch. As donations will be transported, please do not purchase items packaged in glass jars. Most needed items include: peanut butter; baby foods, formula and diapers; canned vegetables, ravioli, beef-a-roni, spaghetti o’s, corned beef hash, beef stew, fruit, soup; apple sauce; dry soup; mayonnaise; laundry detergent; soap; shampoo; and other personal hygiene products.

Please do not bring items in plastic bags as these are not recyclable; in addition, Longport has been striving to become plastic bag free. This November will mark the first-year anniversary of the Borough of Longport’s enactment of New Jersey’s first single-use carryout bag fee. These thin plastic film bags can be found littering our environment and have been shown to pose a serious health risk to marine wildlife.

What can you place in your new recycling toter? Recycling is now single-stream, meaning that all recyclable materials including: paper, cardboard and cartons (paper egg cartons, juice boxes, cereal boxes, pizza and other food boxes) newspaper, paperback books, hardback books (covers removed), shredded paper in paper bags; wrapping and tissue paper; glass bottles and jars; aluminum, steel and tin cans; as well as plastic bottles and containers (please remove and discard caps and lids) can be placed in the same recycling can. These items no longer need to be separated, except for large cardboard boxes, please flatten these and tie with twine.

In addition, residents can recycle large rigid bulky plastic items by placing them outside on scheduled recycling collection days. Bulky rigid plastics include items such as laundry baskets, old trash cans, lawn furniture, DVDs, children's toys, plastic buckets and plastic storage racks.

The following items are not recyclable: Styrofoam, light bulbs, plastic utensils, paper plates, paper towels, tissues, pots, pans, dishes, flatware, plastic bags (although some supermarkets will accept these), clothes hangers, mirrors, broken glass, and hazardous or medical waste.

“The residents of Longport have a strong commitment to recycling,” said ACUA President Rick Dovey. “They also understand that recycling is a win-win, not only for the environment, but also for the taxpayers. The more residents recycle, the less the town pays for trash disposal,” Dovey noted.

There are many reasons to recycle. According to the US Environmental Protection Agency, some of the key reasons to recycle include: reducing the amount of waste sent to landfills and incinerators; conserving natural resources including trees, water, and minerals; saving energy; reducing the amount of greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to climate change; helping to create new jobs in recycling and manufacturing industries; and helping to sustain the environment for future generations. This information and more can be found at www.epa.gov/recycle/recycling-basics.

Residents, please bring your non-perishable food item donation to the Clerk's Office on the first floor of Longport Borough Hall beginning November 3 through November 15 in order to enter into the recycling cart raffle. Participants must include a name and telephone number on the raffle ticket. A winner will be selected on November 15th, America Recycles Day. Winner must be a Longport resident and provide a home address for delivery of the toter.

For more information on the Borough of Longport please visit www.longportnj.gov.

Longport Residents Can Enter to Win a Free 95-Gallon Recycling Toter

Bring in a minimum of four non-perishable food items for a raffle chance. The more you bring, the more chances you can receive.

Donations will be given to the Community Food Bank of New Jersey — Southern Branch.

A winner will be selected on America Recycles Day, November 15th.

Please present your donation to the Municipal Clerk's Office for a raffle chance.

Include your name and telephone number on the raffle ticket.

*** Please no plastic bags!**

Most needed non-perishable items : peanut butter; baby foods, formula and diapers; canned vegetables, ravioli, beef-a-roni, spaghetti o's, corned beef hash, beef stew, fruit, soup; apple sauce; dry soup; mayonnaise; laundry detergent; soap; shampoo; and other personal hygiene products. * No glass jars accepted.

