

## Multi-State Nursery, Greenhouse Film Recycling Program Announced By N.J.

BORDENTOWN, N.J. — New Jersey's 2002 nursery and greenhouse film collection and recycled program will be held for the sixth year in a row. This year's program has been modified from previous years.

The most significant change is the program has been expanded to include collection of nursery and greenhouse film from out-of-state growers. Participating growers can take their film to two collection sites in Cumberland County, East Coast Recycling in Millville and the Cumberland County Improvement Authority in Deerfield, or the collection site located in Burlington County, the Occupational Training Center in Mt. Holly.

According to S. Howard Davis, executive director of the New Jersey Nursery and Landscape Association, New Jersey's film recycling program "has been extremely effective and a great service to our members." To date, about 1.8 million pounds of film generated by New Jersey growers has been kept out of landfills and recycled for other uses.

Last December, Davis attended an agricultural plastic recycling forum sponsored by Penn State University. Representatives from Canada, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Virginia and Maryland convened in Harrisburg to discuss ways to recycle the various types of plastics generated by agriculture.

New Jersey's representatives received positive feedback from the other state participants about the Garden State's film recycling program and decided New Jersey's program could serve out-of-state growers in close proximity to its state line. The volume of film recycled should increase an estimated 10-15 percent by opening up the program to out-of-state growers. New Jersey will serve as the first multi-state nursery and greenhouse film-recycling program in the nation.

Each film collection site has specific procedures that must be followed when film is

transported to the site. In addition, each site has its own collection dates and tipping fees. Any grower, New Jersey or otherwise, interested in recycling their used nursery or greenhouse film should contact the collection site to determine the particular procedures that must be followed.

According to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's Bureau of Hazardous Waste Regulations, the vehicles used to transport the greenhouse and nursery film intra or interstate are not required to be licensed by NJDEP so long as the used film is transported directly to one of the three collection sites participating in New Jersey's agricultural film recycling program.

Both white and clear nursery film and clear multi-season (two-year, three-year, and four-year) greenhouse covers can be recycled. Film must be free of lathing, staples, and saran. Loads containing other agricultural plastics such as bags, mulch film, shrink film, stretch film or ground cover film, will be rejected at the collection sites. New Jersey growers have done a tremendous job of maintaining good quality control on the film they recycle. Out-of-state growers must implement the same quality control measures to insure the integrity of New Jersey's film-recycling program.

For additional information on the nursery and greenhouse film-recycling program, growers can contact the New Jersey Nursery and Landscape Association at (609) 291-7070 or Karen Kritz at (609) 984-2506 or e-mail at Karen.Kritz@ag.state.nj.us.

**New Jersey's Multi-State Nursery And Greenhouse Film Collection Sites For 2002**

**Cumberland County Solid Waste Complex**  
Collection dates: Feb. 18, 2002 through Sept. 30, 2002.  
169 Jesse Bridge Road  
Deerfield, New Jersey  
(856) 825-3700

Located off Route 55 Exit 29 (Sherman Avenue-Route 552)

Contact: Dennis DeMatte Jr.

Prior to delivery of the film, all growers must call the Cumberland County Improvement Authority to establish an account. In addition, growers using a licensed solid waste hauler must inform the Authority prior to delivery in order to maintain proper billing and documentation.

Hours of operation: Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Saturday by appointment only

Tipping fee: \$.00 per ton

Drop-off requirements:

- Film must be rolled into manageable bundles for ease of loading and unloading.
- If grower chooses to tie the bundle (not required), the tie must be made of greenhouse or nursery film.
- Material must be free from all debris including wood, shrink wrap, nails and any other material foreign to said film.
- Film that is dirty or not properly prepared will be rejected.

**East Coast Recycling Associates**  
Collection dates: April 1,

2002 through Nov. 27, 2002.

Millville Industrial Park  
1801 Eden Road  
Millville, New Jersey  
(856) 327-8888

Located off Route 55 Exit 24 (Route 49)

Contact: George Glenn III

Prior to delivery of the film, all growers must call East Coast Recycling at least one day in advance to notify them of the pending delivery. East Coast does not have a weigh scale on site; therefore, all deliveries must have a light and heavy weight ticket for the material to be recycled. Deliveries not accompanied by a weigh slip will be rejected.

Hours of operation: Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Tipping fee: \$10 per ton

Drop-off requirements:

- Film should be bundled and tied (the tie must be made of greenhouse or nursery film) or placed in boxes in pallets.
- Material must be free of any debris including, but not limited to, wood, stone, dirt, etc.
- Film that is dirty or not properly prepared will be rejected.

**Burlington County Occupational Training Center**

Collection date: Feb. 18, 2002 through Sept. 30, 2002.

Occupational Training Center of Burlington County

130 Hancock Lane

Mt. Holly, New Jersey

(609) 267-6889 ext. 160

Located off NJ Turnpike Exit 5 or Route 295 Exit 47A (Rte. 541-Burlington/Mt. Holly)

Contact: Kevin Carducci or Stephen Paulo

Hours of operation: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Tipping fee: \$20 per ton payable by check to OTC

Drop-off requirements:

- Film must be bundled and tied (the tie must be made of greenhouse or nursery film) for ease of loading and unloading.
- Materials must be free of any debris including, but not limited to, wood, dirt, stone, etc.
- Film that contains any material other than nursery or greenhouse film will be rejected by the collection site.

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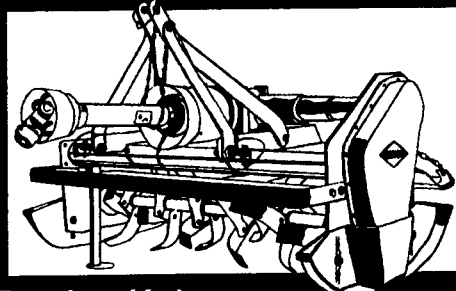
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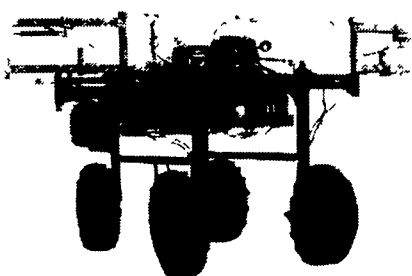
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