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## Cape May County Municipal Utilities Authority



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### **CAPE MAY COUNTY MUA SEEKS TO SHRINK THE ECO-IMPACT OF BOAT SHRINK WRAP**

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Now that spring fishing season is almost here, it is time to get your boat ready for the water. The Cape May County Municipal Utilities Authority (CMCMUA) wants to remind you not to toss that boat shrink wrap in the trash, instead **RECYCLE IT!** The CMCMUA currently provides an easy, convenient, and free shrink wrap recycling program at both our Sanitary Landfill Complex and Transfer Station.

This recycling program provides an opportunity for boat owners, marinas, boat storage yards, municipalities, and individuals to deliver clear, white and blue colored boat shrink wrap to the CMCMUA Transfer Station in Burleigh, Middle Township, or the CMCMUA Sanitary Landfill Complex in Woodbine, during normal operating hours. Shrink wrap used to winterize boats must be clean and free of other debris. Residents and businesses that have used shrink wrap to winterize equipment other than boats can also recycle this material as long as it is clean. Farms, nurseries, and gardeners can recycle greenhouse plastic film through this same program.

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As truckload quantities of shrink wrap are accumulated by the CMCMUA, the material is shipped to a recycler for processing. Boat shrink wrap usually returns to the market place as plastic lumber that can be used to build decks and docks.

The CMCMUA also has ongoing recycling programs for additional waste materials typically generated by marinas and recreational boaters, such as scrap metal, large bulky rigid plastics, oil and water based paints, and the usual household recyclables, such as bottles and cans. Scrap metal and rigid plastics delivered source separated (not mixed), are accepted free at both the Sanitary Landfill Complex and the Transfer Station. The commingled mix of glass and plastic bottles, aluminum and steel cans is also accepted free. Paint is accepted only at the Transfer Station for a fee of \$1.25 per one-gallon can and \$6.25 per five-gallon bucket. To help marinas educate their customers about recycling bottles and cans generated while boating, the "Boater's Guide to Recycling" is available free to marinas by contacting the CMCMUA.

These recycling programs are part of the Authority's continuing effort to provide more opportunities to maximize recycling and reduce the tons of trash disposed at the CMCMUA Sanitary Landfill.

This time last year, the Cape May County Municipal Utilities Authority introduced this program to recycle boat shrink wrap. The program was quickly expanded to include greenhouse plastic film. To date, 16.47 tons of plastic film has been recycled. The CMCMUA's Shrink Wrap Plus recycling program was developed in cooperation with NJDEP's Coastal Management Program, the New Jersey Marine Sciences Consortium, and the NJDOT's Office of Maritime Resources, I BOAT NJ Program. Working together, these agencies provide assistance and encourage marinas, associated businesses and recreational boaters to operate in an environment friendly manner.

Anyone with questions is encouraged to visit the Cape May County Municipal Utilities Authority's website at [www.cmcmua.com](http://www.cmcmua.com) or call the CMCMUA at 609-465-9026.

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