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RE: Recycling at Outdoor Venues

Dear Mayor:

We are off to a beautiful start of summer in New Jersey this year, and New Jersey's residents surely will be taking advantage of the summer weather by spending time outdoors. I am writing to suggest three easy ways to boost your recycling rate at your outdoor venues and ensure compliance with your town's recycling ordinance (requiring source separation and recycling of designated recyclable materials).

1. Community Outdoor Events

Please incorporate recycling into your plans for community outdoor events. Where there are large groups of people outdoors, there is not only a large volume of trash, but a large volume of recyclables – mostly plastic and aluminum beverage containers. In addition to providing adequate waste disposal containers at your events, please also provide recycling containers that are *clearly marked and easy to find*.

2. Private Events on Public Property

Likewise, if your town issues permits/approvals to organizations that hold events on public property in your town, please consider including in your permit/approval a requirement that the organizations provide recycling containers at all events (again, clearly marked and easy to find).

3. Public Recreation Areas

Your town's athletic fields, parks and other outdoor areas will get heavy use during the summer. Recycling containers should be available at all public places, but especially at these outdoor venues.

Thank you for your cooperation. Enjoy the summer!

Sincerely,

Jane Kozinski
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