

New Jersey Clean Communities

2026

Litter Awareness
Calendar



Start the New Year Off Right
With Resolutions That Are
Easy to Keep AND Good for
the Environment

New Years Resolutions

Use Refillable Water Bottle

Skip the Straw and
Plastic Utensils

Bring Reusable Bag

Join a Clean-Up Event

 **LITTER FREE NJ**





JANUARY 2026

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 New Year's Day	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 MLK Jr. Day	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Skip the Straw and Save the Wildlife



Choose a Reusable or Biodegradable
Straw, or Skip It All Together!



FEBRUARY 2026

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 World Wetlands Day	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 Presidents Day	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 National Skip the Straw Day	28

An illustration of a woman with dark skin and hair in a bun, wearing an orange off-the-shoulder top and a long blue skirt. She is walking a small brown dog on a leash. She is holding a white plastic bag containing brown pet waste. In the background, there is a park with green grass, a pink bench, and a city skyline under a blue sky with white clouds.

Rain Washes Pollutants into Storm Drains and Directly into Our Lakes, Rivers and Oceans

Properly Dispose of Pet Waste to Keep Our Water Supply Clean!



MARCH 2026

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3 World Wildlife Day	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 International Day of Action for Rivers
15	16	17	18 Global Recycling Day	19	20	21 International Day of Forests
22 World Water Day	23	24	25	26	27	28 Earth Hour
29	30	31				

Celebrate Earth Day by Volunteering at a Local Litter Clean-Up Event





Litter Free NJ Has Helped Reduce Plastic
Pollution with the Ban of Single-Use Plastic
Bags

Remember to Bring Reusable Bags
Every Time You Shop



MAY 2026

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
						World Migratory Bird Day
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
			World Bee Day		International Day for Biological Diversity	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 World No Tobacco Day	Memorial Day					

Balloons Can Harm Wildlife and Marine Animals, So Do Not Release Balloons



Celebrate by:

- Blowing Bubbles
- Planting a Tree
- Planting a Wildflower Garden that Attracts Butterflies
- Using Noisemakers





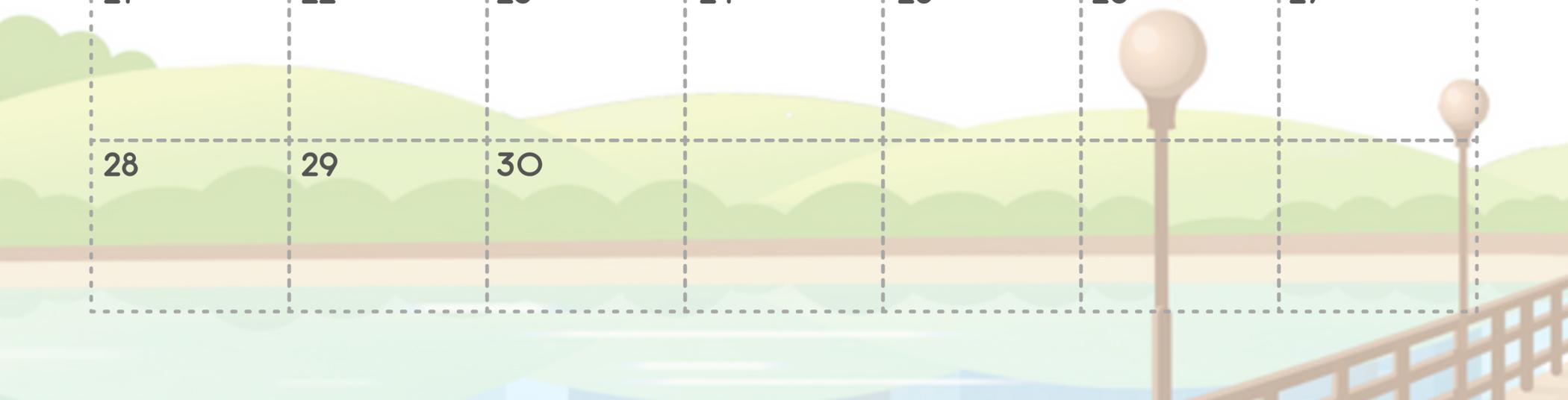
JUNE 2026

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5 World Environment Day	6 National Trails Day
7	8 World Oceans Day	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 Global Garbage Man Day	18	19 Juneteenth	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				



Avoid Using Single-Use Plastics as Part of Plastic Free July





JULY 2026

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Start of Plastic Free July	2	3	4 Independence Day
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 New Jersey Day	28	29	30	31	

Plastic Bottles Belong in the Recycling Bin,
Not on the Ground

Please Recycle and
Keep NJ Litter Free





AUGUST 2026

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 National Honey Bee Day
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	30	31				

Prevent Unintentional Litter by Keeping Your Garbage and Recycling Cans Covered





SEPTEMBER 2026

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Labor Day					
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
						International Coastal Cleanup Day
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			
World River Day						



Skip the Stuff[®] When Ordering Take-Out
& Reduce Excess Waste from
Plastic Utensils and Condiments



OCTOBER 2026

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4 World Animal Day	5 World Habitat Day	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 Columbus Day	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 International Day of Climate Action
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween

Cigarette Butts Are the #1 Most Littered Item
on Roadways and Beaches
Please Dispose of Them Properly



**HOLD ON TO
YOUR BUTT!**



NOVEMBER 2026

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Veteran's Day	12	13	14
15 America Recycles Day	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Thanksgiving Day	27	28
29	30	31				

Visit Our Reusable Bag Resource Center

Find out where to donate reusable bags,
learn donation tips and more:





DECEMBER 2026

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3 National Pollution Prevention Day	4 Hanukkah	5 World Soil Day
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Hanukkah						
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26 Kwanzaa
27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve		
Kwanzaa						

Our mission is to reduce litter through education. Clean Communities are safe, healthy, sustainable communities.

The NJ Clean Communities Council is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation whose mission is to reduce litter through education. The NJ Clean Communities Council works with the state departments of environmental protection and treasury to administer the Clean Communities program, disbursing grants to 558 municipalities and 21 counties for the implementation of grassroots, community-driven litter abatement programs. The NJ Clean Communities Council also administers New Jersey's Adopt-a-Beach and Adopt-a-Highway programs.



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