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***Free Workshop – Recycling and Composting for a Greener Home***

**Brick** - The Brick Township Municipal Utilities Authority (Brick Utilities) is pleased to announce a free workshop about Recycling and Composting on August 5, 2023 from 10:00 to 11:30 AM. This workshop is being offered as part of Brick Utilities’ Weekend at the Reservoir program, and will be held at the Brick Reservoir on Herbertsville Road in Brick, NJ.

Join the staff from the Ocean County Department of Solid Waste Management and Shari Kondrup from Brick Utilities to explore how recycling and composting create a greener home while reducing pollution in our waterways and the Barnegat Bay. Discover the origins of “Marine Debris” and how it migrates to the ocean, affecting our communities and watershed along its journey. Learn what to recycle in Ocean County and how to make “Brown Gold” for your gardens by composting the right materials to create a natural soil amendment for your gardens. This program is open to 25 participants, so please register early.



Please contact Shari Kondrup via email at [skondrup@brickmua.com](mailto:skondrup@brickmua.com) or telephone at 732-701-4282 to register or obtain more information.

“Weekend at the Reservoir” is a free community education program offered by Brick Utilities, often in collaboration with partner organizations, such as the Ocean County Department of Solid Waste Management. Brick Utilities’ educational programs focus on the importance of the Metedeconk River and the Barnegat Bay to the region, and how to conserve and protect these important water resources.

The Metedeconk River drains into the Barnegat Bay and encompasses ninety (90) square miles in both Monmouth and Ocean Counties. Starting at its headwaters in Freehold, Jackson and Millstone, the river flows eastward through Howell, Lakewood, Wall and Brick Townships before reaching Point Pleasant Borough and the Barnegat Bay.

The Metedeconk River is a critical water resource for the region. It serves as the primary water supply source for Brick Utilities, which provides drinking water to more than 100,000 area residents in Brick Township, Howell Township, Point Pleasant Borough and Point Pleasant Beach Borough. The river is a major source of freshwater to the Barnegat Bay, one of 28 Congressionally designated estuaries of national significance in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s National Estuary Program.

To learn more about the Metedeconk River Watershed, please visit [www.metedeconkriver.org](http://www.metedeconkriver.org).

To learn more about the Ocean County Department of Solid Waste Management, please visit <https://www.co.ocean.nj.us/OC/SolidWaste/frmHomeSW.aspx>.

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