

Proper Recycling

Rural Curbside Recycling

A Guide to Doing it right in Lawrence and Mercer Counties

Many residents of Pennsylvania's rural communities do not have access to curbside recycling opportunities. Sparse populations and large distances between homes and businesses make the economics of rural recycling a challenge.

Fortunately, recycling programs continue to evolve in Lawrence and Mercer Counties. Technological and recyclable processing advances have changed and helped haulers address many of the challenges associated with rural curbside recycling programs. Curbside recycling is available throughout Mercer and Lawrence counties through select haulers. Thanks to grants from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, Lawrence and Mercer Counties were able to provide recycling carts to foster rural curbside recycling.

How do I prepare my recyclables?

- Keep materials clean and dry.
- Rinse plastic bottles and cans.
- Flatten boxes.
- Do NOT put materials into plastic bags.
- Do NOT place unacceptable items in the cart.
- Place shredded paper into a brown paper bag.
- Place the cart within 5 feet of the curb or road.
- Set your cart out the night before your scheduled day.



When in doubt, throw it out!

What are the benefits of the program?

- ⇒ You can recycle at home at your leisure.
- ⇒ No more trips to a drop-off recycling site - saving you time, money, and fuel.
- ⇒ Greenhouse gas emissions are reduced.

Depending on your hauler, your recyclables and trash may be picked up with the same truck. Don't worry! The hauler is using split bodied trucks that have separate compartments for recyclables and trash. This helps the overall efficiency of the collection and transportation, reduces greenhouse gas emissions, and wear and tear on our roads.

Who offers curbside recycling to rural residents?

Currently, trash customers of Tri-County Industries and Valley Waste Service can add bi-weekly recycling collection. Contact information follows:

Tri-County Industries
724-658-8749
Website: www.tricountyind.com

Valley Waste Service, Inc.
724-843-9373
Website: www.valleywasteservice.com



Acceptable Items

Plastic Bottles & Jugs
Cans - Aluminum & Steel
Cardboard
Magazines
Newspaper
Junk Mail

Remember-If it's not listed it doesn't belong in the cart!

The list of acceptable items and rules may change from time to time. Always refer to the latest information you receive from your hauler.



Recycling/Solid Waste Department
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