

Residential Recycling Services Guide

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1 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Pike County (County) does not provide recycling services to residents. Residents and businesses in the County must contract with a private hauler for the curbside collection of recyclable materials. As the birthplace of the American conservation movement, the County desires to encourage recycling and help residents identify opportunities to recycle despite the lack of programs to do so.

The County requested recycling technical assistance to consolidate recycling information from private companies, neighboring jurisdictions, and other sources in an effort to provide a centralized place for residents to obtain recycling information and guidance. The research and recycling information obtained as part of this project was organized into a residential recycling services guide that can be distributed to residents via multiple avenues, such as distributing hard copies at the County municipal building, posting on the County's website, and/or completing a countywide mailer. The Pike County Residential Recycling Services Guide is designed to be a resource for residents to understand recycling options and services provided in the County and the region. Pike County and SCS Engineers would like to thank the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) with supporting this study and the development of the recycling guide.

2 SUMMARY OF WORK

The following summarizes the tasks completed for this project.

Task 1 – Project Kick-Off

For this task, SCS discussed the project and scope of work with County staff to clarify the goals and objectives of the residential recycling services guide. SCS requested information and data from the County to review to understand what recycling activities are currently carried out in the County.

Task 2 – Research Recycling Opportunities

Building on the initial research conducted as part of Task 1, SCS completed the following activities to identify opportunities for residents in Pike County to recycle:

- Contacted municipalities in Pike County to explore what municipal recycling programs are provided to their respective residents;
- Researched recycling options available in neighboring jurisdictions and explored possibilities for Pike County residents to use them;
- Identified haulers providing recycling services in the County and interviewed staff from each hauler to understand what recycling services are provided;
- Explored opportunities for diverting special materials such as electronics, household hazardous waste, and other materials.

Task 3 – Development of Residential Recycling Services Guide

The information obtained from tasks 1 and 2 were organized into the Pike County Residential Recycling Services Guide (Guide). The Guide contains information on recycling programs throughout Pike County and, in some cases, the region. It is organized so that the content can be distributed via a variety of different media, including at the County's municipal building and on the County's website. The Guide is included in **Appendix B**.

Task 4 – Final Report

This document, along with the Guide, constitutes the final report for this study.

3 FINDINGS

Overall, the extensive research conducted as part of this study confirmed there are limited opportunities for recycling in Pike County. Although a couple of municipalities in the County have established recycling ordinances, there is no municipality or County-organized recycling program in existence. While Pike County operated a drop-off recycling program at the Milford Township Municipal Building that served nearby residents for many years, the program was discontinued over 10 years ago due to illegal dumping and the increasing costs of cleaning up the dumped materials.

The primary way residents of Pike County can participate in recycling activities is by identifying and engaging the services of a hauler operating in the County. Two main haulers servicing County residents provide curbside collection services to customers who request it and pay a fee. Even fewer programs exist that allow residents to recycle and divert electronics, paint, and other harder to recycle materials that should not be disposed in a landfill or incinerator.

The Pennsylvania Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling and Waste Reduction Act (Act 101) outlines the requirements for large municipalities in Pennsylvania to recycle. Although mandatory recycling communities do not include counties, Pike County through its leadership on recycling can encourage municipalities to implement programs that provide residents with recycling services and comply with Act 101 requirements. Act 101 recycling requirements are provided in **Appendix A**.

Despite the lack of recycling and diversion programs in the County, SCS Engineers, with the support of the DEP, developed the Residential Recycling Services Guide to consolidate recycling and diversion information available from all municipalities and private companies operating in the County. The development of this Guide was the focal point of this recycling technical assistance project. The goal of the Guide is to serve as a resource for residents to identify how and where to recycle and dispose of select materials. The Guide is designed to be concise and user-friendly so that residents can easily and quickly find information. The Guide is also designed to reduce the amount of time County staff spend responding to inquiries about recycling. SCS Engineers encourages the County do the following with the Guide:

- **Update Frequently** – At a minimum, the County should update the Guide annually. This includes verifying all information in the Guide is current and relevant. More frequent updating of the Guide may be necessary particularly when the County is contacted about information being out-of-date or the County is made aware of new recycling programs being established/implemented.
- **Distribute Using Various Media** – As discussed above, the County should use multiple means for distributing the Guide that includes both distributing print copies and posting electronically. This is important for the Guide to reach as many residents as possible.
- **Partner for Distribution** – Significant amounts of information in the Guide are provided by municipalities and private entities. The County should provide electronic and print copies of the Guide to each municipality in Pike County as well as private recycling service providers operating in the County. The two-fold goal of this activity is to reach more residents and give each entity the opportunity to review the document to confirm the information is accurate.

- **Use Social Media** - To complement the Guide, the County can use social media to promote short recycling messages that can then be linked backed to the Guide as a way to draw attention to its availability and content.

4 CONCLUSION

The research completed as part of this recycling technical assistance study affirmed that Pike County residents have limited options for recycling available. For most residents, the best option for them to participate in a recycling program is to contract with a private hauler for the collection of recyclable materials curbside. This requires residents to proactively seek out recycling services and even when residents do pursue recycling opportunities they may be discouraged from participating due to cost.

The County recognizes the need to provide recycling services to residents and SCS Engineers encourages the County to look for ways to provide some level of recycling to residents. A recent land-swap agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation has provided the County with a facility in Milford Borough that may be converted into a recycling convenience center. SCS encourages the County to explore this opportunity with the hope that it may provide some much needed recycling capacity in the County.

Recognizing that establishing a recycling convenience center in the County will take time, the Residential Recycling Services Guide developed as part of this project can serve as an important resource to distribute to residents to provide guidance for recycling and other waste diversion activities. The County is encouraged to distribute this guide using multiple means so that it reaches most residents in the County

Appendix A
Municipal Recycling Requirements of Act 101

Summary of Act 101 Mandatory Municipal Recycling Requirements

Overview

Chapter 15, Section 1501 of the Pennsylvania Municipal Waste Planning Recycling and Waste Reduction Act (Act 101), outlines the requirements for large municipalities to recycle. Municipalities, other than counties, with a population of 10,000 or more people or with a population of more than 5,000 but less than 10,000 people, and a population density of more than 300 people per square mile, are mandated to recycle.

Recycling Ordinance

An Act 101 mandated local government must adopt an ordinance that requires recycling. The ordinance shall require the following:

- 1) Recycling at single-family homes and apartments; commercial, municipal, and institutional establishments; and at community activities.
- 2) A scheduled day, at least once per month, when separated recyclable materials are to be placed at the curb or similar location for collection.
- 3) A collection system, including trucks and related equipment, to pick-up separated recyclable materials from the curb or similar location at least once per month from homes and businesses in the municipality. The municipality shall explain how the system will operate, the dates of collection, the responsibilities of persons within the municipality and incentives and penalties.
- 4) Provisions to ensure compliance with the ordinance, including incentives and penalties.
- 5) Provisions for the recycling of collected materials.

Residential Recycling

Residents must separate for recycling at least three materials deemed appropriate by the municipality from municipal waste generated at their homes, apartments, or other residential establishments. Separated materials must be stored at the property until collection. The three materials must be selected from the following:

- Clear glass;
- Colored glass;
- Aluminum;
- Steel and bimetallic cans;
- High-grade office paper;
- Newsprint;
- Corrugated paper;
- Plastics.

Leaf waste must also be separated from municipal waste generated at residential properties and stored for collection, unless residents have already provided for the composting of the materials (i.e. backyard composting).

Owners or landlords of multi-family rental properties with four or more units must establish a recycling collection system at each property. The collection system must include suitable containers for collecting and sorting materials, easily accessible locations for the containers and written instructions to the occupants concerning the use and availability of the collection system. Owners or landlords that comply with these requirements shall not be liable for noncompliance by occupants of their buildings.

Commercial, Municipal, and Institutional Recycling

Occupants of commercial, municipal, and institutional establishments are required separate and store for recycling of the following materials at a minimum:

- High-grade office paper
- Aluminum;
- Corrugated paper;
- Leaf waste.

Occupants of commercial, municipal, and institutional establishments may be exempt from the requirements of this law if those persons have otherwise provided for the recycling of materials they are required to recycle. To be eligible for an exemption, the commercial, municipal, or institutional generator must provide written documentation to the municipality annually.

Community Activity Recycling

Organizers of community events must provide for the separation, storage, and collection of high-grade office paper, aluminum, corrugated paper, and leaf waste at the events. Community activities required to recycle include events sponsored in whole or in part by a municipality or held within a municipality and sponsored privately. Events include fairs, bazaars, picnics, or sporting events that will be attended by more than 200 or more people each day of the event.

Leaf Waste Diversion

Municipalities mandated to recycle under Act 101 must require residential and commercial establishments to separate and store leave waste for collection. Leaf waste includes leaves, shrubbery, tree trimmings, and similar materials, excluding grass clippings. These materials must be collected at least monthly. In order to comply with Act 101, mandated municipalities must at a minimum:

- 1) Implement an ordinance that requires leaf waste to be separated from municipal waste for recycling at residential and commercial, municipal, and institutional establishments, AND
- 2) Establish a scheduled day, at least once per month, when leaf waste is collected curbside or similar location, OR
- 3) Establish a scheduled day, no less than two times per year and preferably in the spring and fall, when leaf waste is collected curbside or similar location from residential and commercial establishments, AND facilitate a drop-off location or other collection alternative approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection that allows persons to drop-off leave waste for composting at least once per month. A leaf waste drop-off site can be in a neighboring municipality or at a private establishment provided there is an agreement in place to utilize the site, and residents and occupants of commercial establishments are informed of the drop-off location at least every six months.

Municipalities are encouraged to manage source separated Christmas trees as leaf waste for processing at DEP approved composting facilities.

Public Education and Outreach

Municipalities subject to the requirements of Act 101 must implement a comprehensive and sustained public education program. This program is to provide residents and owners/tenants/occupants of commercial, municipal, and institutional establishments with information on recycling program features and requirements. The educational program includes two features:

- **Initial Education** – At least 30-days prior to the start of a recycling program notify all persons occupying residential, commercial, municipal, and institutional establishments of the recycling requirements as contained in the ordinance.
- **Sustained Education** – Every six months the municipality must inform and remind all persons occupying residential, commercial, municipal, and institutional establishments of the recycling requirements.

Numerous forms of educating the public are acceptable and include:

- Newspaper advertisement circulating in the municipality;
- Public notice posted where such notices are customarily posted;
- Notices in other official notifications (i.e. utility bills);
- Website;
- Newsletter;

A combination of forms are acceptable and at least one form must be in print annually.

Implementation

Municipalities may implement their responsibilities for the collection, transportation, processing, and marketing of recyclable materials in one or a combination of the following ways:

- 1) Collect, transport, process, and market recyclable materials themselves;
- 2) Enter into a contract(s) with other entities for the collection, transportation, processing, or marketing of recyclable materials. If contracting for recycling services, the entity being contracted is responsible to the municipality for implementing of recycling activities.
- 3) Contract with a landfill or material recovery facility, in lieu of a curbside recycling program, that guarantees by contract that at least 25 percent of the waste received is recycled. The technology utilized in this program must have prior approval from DEP.
- 4) Utilize a recycling facility that demonstrates that the materials separated, collected, recovered, or created by the facility can be marketed as readily as materials collected through a curbside recycling program. In addition, the mechanical separation technology used by the facility has been demonstrated to be effective for the life of the facility.

Exceptions

The municipality is not required to collect, transport, process, or market recyclable materials or contract for these services if all of the following conditions are met:

- 1) The municipality is not collecting and transporting municipal waste from such establishment or activity.
- 2) The municipality has not contracted for the collection and transportation of municipal waste from such establishment or activity.
- 3) The municipality has adopted an ordinance as required, and the establishment or activity is in compliance with the provisions of the ordinance.

Act 140 Requirements for Section 904 Recycling Performance Grants

Overview

Act 101 was amended in 2006 by Act 140 to establishment requirements for the use of Section 904 Recycling Performance Grants.

Requirements:

Municipalities mandated to recycle under Act 101 and receive more than \$10,000 in funding from recycling performance grants must meet the following requirements:

- 1) Requires, through ordinance, that all residents have waste and recycling service.
- 2) Has an implemented residential recycling program and facilitates a commercial recycling program or participates in a similar county or multi-municipal program.
- 3) Has a residential and business recycling education program.
- 4) Has a program of enforcement that periodically monitors participation, receives complaints and issues warnings for required participants and provides fines, penalties, or both, in its recycling ordinance.
- 5) Has provisions, participates in a county or multi-municipal program or facilitates a private sector program for the recycling of special materials.
- 6) Sponsors a program, facilitates a program or supports an organization to address illegal dumping and/or littering problems.
- 7) Has a person or entity designated as recycling coordinator who is responsible for recycling data collection and reporting recycling program performance in the municipal or municipalities.

If these requirements are not satisfied by the municipality, then the grant funds awarded under this section must be expended by the municipality only to satisfy these requirements. If all these requirements are satisfied, then the grant funds awarded may be used for any expense as selected by the municipality.

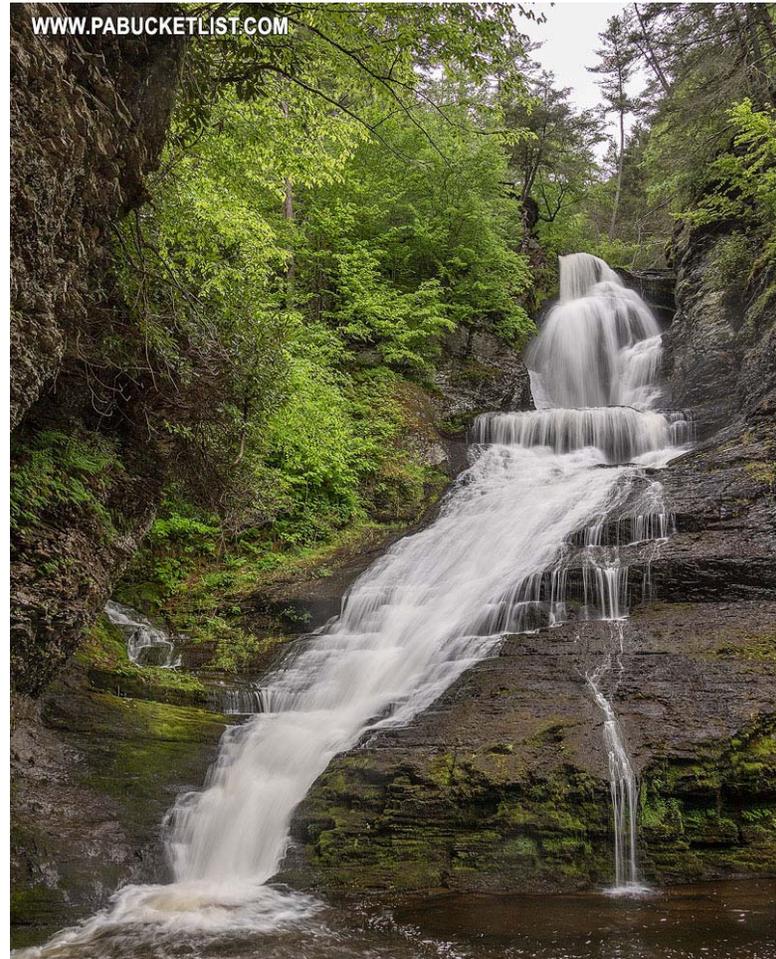


Appendix B
Residential Recycling Services Guide



PIKE COUNTY

RESIDENTIAL RECYCLING SERVICES GUIDE



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WHY RECYCLE?

Recycling is an important activity that all residents of Pike County can do to reduce their impact on the environment. Recycling saves material and energy resources and has a positive impact on water and air quality in the County. Pike County is committed to encouraging recycling and providing information to residents to help divert materials from disposal.

ABOUT THIS GUIDE

This guide provides information and resources to help Pike County residents reduce, reuse, recycle and re-think waste. The tools and resources provided in this guide will also help business owners find cost-effective and sustainable solutions for managing the waste they generate.

This guide includes a listing of local and area recycling service providers to help you recycle. Companies, organizations, and services listed in this guide do not constitute an endorsement by Pike County.

If you have any questions or comments about this guide, or have vendors to add, please contact the Pike County Solid Waste/Recycling Coordinator at (570) 296-3500 or visit the County's website at www.pikepa.org/planning.html.

The Pike County Board of Commissioners and the Pike County Recycling Coordinator developed this guide with support from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) Recycling Technical Assistance Program and SCS Engineers. This guide will continually be updated as more information is gathered.

This guide is designed to help residents identify where various materials can be recycled. The information in this guide is based solely on information supplied by the recyclers at the time the guide was compiled. Every attempt has been made to verify the information contained in this guide. Pike County does not assume responsibility for, or guarantee the accuracy of, the information provided in this guide. Alternative recyclers may be available and the listing of recyclers in this guide does not constitute any endorsement on the part of Pike County. It is suggested, that before any material is

taken to these recyclers that the individual contact the listed recycler to verify pricing, hours of operation, specifications, acceptability, and any other concerns between the guide user and the recycler listed.



RECYCLING DO'S AND DONT'S

Clean Recyclables - A quick rinse in most cases is adequate in removing food waste residue. However, if the container or material is heavily soiled with food waste residue or grease, and cannot be cleaned, it should be discarded in the trash.

Dry Recyclables - After rinsing out containers, ensure all containers are free of excessive moisture. Moisture itself can contaminate the recycling stream as it degrades the quality and recoverability of cardboard and other paper materials.

Don't Break Glass - Aside from being a hazard to collectors and workers, broken glass degrades the quality and recoverability of paper materials. It is important to follow your local recycling program guidelines concerning glass and only include it in the approved manner.

Put in the Correct Recyclables - Only include recyclables your program collects. Some material may potentially be recyclable; however, if your local recycling program does not collect the material, do not include it in your bin. Incorrect material causes contamination and good recyclable material can end up in a landfill. ***When in doubt, throw it out!***

RECYCLING BEST PRACTICES

The most common materials that cause problems include plastic bags, plastic film, garden hoses, and wiring. Never place in recycling containers material that may bind around or restrict recycling sorting machinery. Sortation lines are routinely shut down due to the inclusion of these materials, which must be manually removed and disposed of by workers.

Never include potentially hazardous material in your recycling container. Examples are propane tanks, broken glass, needles, chemicals/pesticides, and any other dangerous material. In addition to contributing to contamination in the recycling stream, these materials are dangerous to the haulers and workers handling this material.

Commonly Accepted and Unacceptable Material

While not all inclusive, below are some of the most common items to place in and keep out of the household recycling bin; however, it is important to check with your service provider prior to including/excluding material:

Include:

- 👍 Empty plastic bottles and containers
- 👍 Clean and dry cardboard and paperboard, including:
 - 👍 Magazines & Catalogs
 - 👍 Cereal boxes, soda/beer cases
 - 👍 Newspaper
 - 👍 Paper egg cartons
 - 👍 Office paper and mail
- 👍 Aluminum, tin and steel cans
- 👍 Glass bottles and containers

Do Not Include:

- 👎 Plastic bags or plastic films
- 👎 Recyclables in plastic bags
- 👎 Any soiled/wet/greasy material
- 👎 Food waste
- 👎 Broken glass
- 👎 Ceramics, crystal, and leaded glass
- 👎 Plastic toys, bins, bulk items
- 👎 Propane tanks
- 👎 Styrofoam
- 👎 Shredded paper
- 👎 Garden hoses, wire hangers
- 👎 Scrap metal

MUNICIPAL RECYCLING AND YARD WASTE PROGRAMS

The County encourages all residents and occupants of commercial, institutional, and municipal establishments to recycle to their fullest potential and divert yard waste from disposal. Recent data from the County indicates that only about 20 percent of the solid waste generated in the County is recycled.

The following table provides a list of public recycling and yard waste services in Pike County offered by various municipalities. Residents in the County have the flexibility to arrange with a private hauler of their choice for curbside recycling services. The County encourages residents to call their respective municipality if they have questions on recycling and yard waste programs.

Municipal Recycling and Diversion Programs		
Municipality	Program Details	Contact Information
Blooming Grove Twp	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual clean-up day typically in early June for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bulky items/trash - Scrap metal Contract with private waste hauler for curbside recycling 	Website: www.bloominggrovetownship.com Phone: (570) 775-6461
Delaware Twp	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires curbside recycling by Township ordinance Electronics recycling events held as needed Contract with private waste hauler for curbside recycling 	Website: www.delawaretownship.pa.gov Phone: (570) 828-2347
Dingman Twp	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Required curbside recycling by Township ordinance Consumer Battery drop-off at Township building Electronics, white goods, tires, scrap metal, freon-containing devices, and car battery recycling events held as needed Contract with private waste hauler for curbside recycling 	Website: www.dingmantownship.org Phone: (570) 296-8455
Greene Twp	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contract with private waste hauler for curbside recycling 	Website: www.greenetownship.org Phone: (570) 676-7288
Lackawaxen Twp	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contract with private waste hauler for curbside recycling 	Website: www.lackawaxentownship.pa.gov Phone: (570) 685-2550

Municipal Recycling and Diversion Programs

Municipality	Program Details	Contact Information
Lehman Twp	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires curbside recycling by Township ordinance • Yard waste drop-off site at municipal building, 193 Municipal Drive, Bushkill • Weekly Saturday drop-off events for paint and electronics from May to October • Contract with private waste hauler for curbside recycling 	Website: www.lehmantownship.com Phone: (570) 588-9365
Matamoras Boro	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yard waste collection offered weekly in fall • Contract with private waste hauler for curbside recycling 	Website: www.matamorasborough.com Phone: (570) 491-2771
Milford Boro	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual curbside leaf vacuum collection in Nov. and Dec. • Curbside yard waste collection service (weather permitting) • Contract with private waste hauler for curbside recycling 	Website: www.milfordboro.org Phone: (570) 296-7140
Milford Twp	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contract with private waste hauler for curbside recycling 	Website: www.milfordtownshippike.com Phone: (570) 296-5540
Palmyra Twp	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contract with private waste hauler for curbside recycling 	Website: www.palmyrapike.org Phone: (570) 226-8220
Porter Twp	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contract with private waste hauler for curbside recycling 	Website: www.portertownship.net Phone: (570) 223-0447
Shohola Twp	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contract with private waste hauler for curbside recycling 	Website: www.shoholatwp.org Phone: (570) 559-7394
Westfall Twp	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yard waste drop-off site at the Municipal Building, 102 La Barr Lane; open select hours Monday-Saturday • Annual spring clean-up • Contract with private waste hauler for curbside recycling 	Website: www.westfalltownship.org Phone: (570) 491-4065

PRIVATE RECYCLING SERVICES

The following table provides recycling service providers operating in Pike County. Residents and businesses may contract with the hauler of their choice to arrange for curbside or onsite recycling services.

Private Recycling Services		
Hauler	Service Description	Contact Information
County Waste	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residential: Curbside collection services of either a 35-gallon or 65-gallon rolling cart; available as stand-alone recycling services or in conjunction with curbside trash collection • Commercial: Various sizes of recycling dumpsters available; tailored collection frequency 	<p>17 Industrial Park Rd Lake Ariel, PA 18436</p> <p>Phone: (570) 685-7000</p> <p>Website: www.county-recycling.com</p>
Waste Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residential: Weekly curbside collection services (includes trash collection); provide 95-gallon rolling cart • Commercial: Various recycling dumpster sizes available; collection frequency varies by property <p>BEACH LAKE FACILITY - Available drop-off of source-separated recycling, construction and demolition debris (CDD), and bulk waste at the Beach Lake transfer station located north of Honesdale, PA (fee may apply)</p>	<p>165 Rosencranse Rd Beach Lake, PA 18405</p> <p>Phone: (800) 869-5566</p> <p>Website: www.wmsolutions.com</p>

SPECIAL MATERIALS

The following provides a listing of materials that may also be recycled in Pike County and potential options for recycling these items. Residents should call ahead to confirm the designated materials are accepted at these facilities.

- Local grocery or retail stores, including **Weis Markets, Price Chopper, Shop-rite, and Wal-Mart**

Plastic Bags



- **Arthur Trovei & Sons**
(845)856-1142
- **George's Salvage**
(973)459-4445
- **Burnett Trucking**
(845)754-7671

Scrap Metal



- **Staples**
(570)491-2840
- **Home Depot**
(570) 491-5938
- **Lowes**
(570) 491-9440
- **Best Buy**
(845)692-7553 or
(570)346-8977 (no TV's)
- **Advanced Recovery**
(845)858-8809

Electronics



- Most Auto Parts stores accept used oil and antifreeze for recycling
- **Advanced Oil Recovery**
dba S&M Waste Oil (Bulk)
(570)409-6631
- **Lorco Petroleum Services**
(800) 734-0910 (bulk)

Used oil and antifreeze



- **Home Depot**
(570) 491-5938
(570) 253-3148
- **Lowes**
(570) 491-9440

Batteries



- Most tire retailers will accept tires for recycling for a nominal fee
- Call municipality where you live

Tires



- See section on paint disposal
- Call municipality where you live

Paint



- **Safety-Kleen**
(570)825-8134
- Call municipality where you live

Household Hazardous Waste



PAINT DISPOSAL

Paint and paint fumes may be hazardous in liquid form. Solidify first, then dispose of paint.

- 👉 Do not pour paint down household drains
- 👉 Do not throw *liquid* paint in the trash.

If only a small amount of paint is left, simply remove the lid (outside/ventilated/safe area) and let dry. Once dried, the can may be disposed in household garbage.

TIPS TO DRY PAINT

- 👉 Open can in a safe ventilated area and allow to dry
- 👉 Paint Hardener - Some local hardware and paint stores carry a paint solidifier. Simply purchase, follow directions, and when paint is dried, put out for trash collection.
- 👉 Get a sturdy cardboard box and fill with clay-based kitty litter, pour the paint onto the kitty litter and let dry. When dry, dispose of this dried mixture with your trash.
- 👉 Pour kitty litter into paint can, just enough to absorb the paint. Leave lid off in a safe and ventilated area and allow to dry. When dry, dispose with your trash.

MERCURY-CONTAINING DEVICES

Contact Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection at (570)826-2580

ALKALINE BATTERIES (SINGLE-USE/DISPOSABLE)

Consumer batteries may be safely disposed of with normal household waste.

RECHARGABLE BATTERIES

Automotive or rechargeable batteries should be recycled according to US federal guidelines. Some retailers accept rechargeable batteries for recycling and may include Home Depot and Lowes.

UNUSED MEDICATION

Household unused medication must be disposed of properly. Do not dispose in your household garbage or flush down the toilet or drain. Please dispose unused medications at the following locations:

- 👉 Pike County Sheriff's office – 506 Broad Street, Milford
- 👉 Eastern Pike Regional Police Dept. – 10 Avenue I, Matamoras
- 👉 Lord's Valley Village Pharmacy - Rt739, Lords Valley Traders Market, Lords Valley

YARD WASTE

In addition to the municipal yard waste programs identified above, most local landscaping businesses will provide yard waste recycling services. Consider recycling yard and leaf waste on-site.

WASTE REDUCTION

Reducing waste is free and a better solution than recycling! By reducing waste you can save money, conserve natural resources, and save energy. Consider the following tips to reduce the amount of waste you produce.

FOOD WASTE

- Make a shopping list and buy only what you need
- Incorporate leftovers into next meals
- Organize your refrigerator to keep food fresh longer
- Establish a backyard composting system

PLASTICS

- Use reusable bottles and containers for food and beverages
- Bring your own bags to the grocery store – keeping your reusable bags in your car can help!
- When possible, buy foods with reduced or sustainable packaging

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection provides information on waste reduction at

<https://www.dep.pa.gov/Citizens/RecyclingDisposal/WasteReduction/Pages/default.aspx>