

WEST DONEGAL TOWNSHIP

TRASH & RECYCLING PROGRAM

TRASH COLLECTION PROCEDURES

West Donegal Township residents participate in a mandatory trash and recycling program with one hauler. Collection day is Tuesday (north side of Bainbridge Road) and Wednesday (south side of Bainbridge Road). Residents should have their trash, yard waste and recyclables on the curb the evening before (if possible) or **no later than 5:00 a.m.** on trash day. Trash bags, containers, recycling bins and yard/woody waste must be placed no more than 5 feet from the curb and should be clearly visible to the collector.

Basic service includes up to **three 32-gallon trash bags** or equivalent 32-gallon cans. If you use trash bags that hold less than 32 gallons, we recommend placing the small bags inside a 32-gallon trash bag or can. Cans/containers must be a standard type and do **NOT** include barrels or containers with cut-out handles. **The bags/cans may not weigh more than 30 pounds.**

For recycling – do **NOT** place newspapers or any recyclables in plastic bags. Also shredded paper is **NOT** recyclable and shall be placed in the trash.

Special Tags:

Trash items requiring special tags must be purchased at the Township office. These special tags include:

Yellow Tags: For additional 32-gallon bags/cans, and again, not weighing more than 30 pounds.

Red Tags: For oversized items which include furniture, carpet, microwaves, etc. No more than two oversized items will be picked up at any one residence each week. Call the Township with any questions or to determine if a specific item is allowed & for larger items i.e., a sofa, we ask that more than one red tag be used based on its weight. White goods (appliances) and tires are **not** considered oversized items (*See the section on White Goods [Large Appliances] & Tires.*)

Yard Waste/Woody Waste/Leaves:

The Township does have pick-up **every other week** for all yard waste, leaves, and garden residue between mid-April through the first week of December. All yard waste, leaves, etc. must be placed in a Kraft bag. We ask that you do not leave these bags outside in the elements prior to the biweekly pick up. Cover them with tarps or plastic or keep them in a dry place. Additional information can be found in the clip-out section of the Township newsletter. (**For this year, no tags are required; Kraft bags are free.**)

Woody waste such as branches and trunk pieces less than 3 inches in diameter will be picked up along with the yard waste as scheduled. The branches/trunk pieces must be bundled together with biodegradable twine and may not be more than 4 feet in length and each stack may not weigh more than 30 lbs. There is no charge for woody waste.

All yard waste and woody waste must be placed curbside 5 feet from the curb next to your trash and recycling. **Grass clippings are NOT recyclable.** Refer to the Hints and Tips section for information on Grasscycling!

MISSED TRASH/RECYCLING

It is important that you contact the Township Office as soon as possible or at the latest ASAP or at the latest BEFORE 10:00 A.M. ON THE MORNING following trash day if your trash recycling or yard/woody waste including Christmas trees (on applicable pick up dates) is missed. The Township has an answering machine with voice mail to take missed calls after business hours. Leave your name, address, phone number and what was missed. Be sure to leave the items curbside until they are picked up or as directed by the Township trash/recycling coordinator.

WHITE GOODS (LARGE APPLIANCES) & TIRES

Two times during the year the Township has a special collection for white goods (large appliances – refrigerators, washers, dryers, dishwashers, dehumidifiers, air conditioners, freezers, hot water heaters, furnaces, etc.) and tires. One designated collection day is in April and one in October. These special collection dates are advertised in the Township newsletter and on our website.

All white goods and tires must be marked with an extra service tag. A large appliance tag is \$12.00 and the tire tag varies based on its size. These tags can be purchased at the Township office. These items should be placed curbside by 5 a.m. on the scheduled collection day.

SPECIAL WASTE

As a resident, you are one key to the success of managing the County's waste in an environmentally responsible manner. When you dispose of these special wastes in a responsible manner that will not harm disposal facilities or the environment, you are doing your part to protect the system and environment.

Hazardous Household Wastes

Many materials used in the home, garage and garden are considered Household Hazardous Waste (HHW). They can cause serious safety and health problems in transportation or in disposal facilities. Residents of Lancaster County can dispose of these materials, listed below, at the Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority's (LCSWMA) HHW facility **free of charge**.

The following are accepted at the HHW Facility (and **should not be placed in the curbside recycling bins or trash**):

- Adhesives
- Automotive Fluids: Transmission and Brake Fluids, Antifreeze & Used Motor Oil
- Batteries: Automotive and Household (Deliver your household batteries to the HHW facility or use the orange plastic battery collection bags available at the Township office or from LCSWMA. Place the batteries in the orange collection bag and when full, put the bag next to your trash container for collection.)
- Cell Phones
- Chemistry Sets
- Computers and Related Accessories: Keyboards, Monitors, Printers & Mice
- Cooking & Frying Oil
- Fire Extinguishers
- Floor & Furniture Polish
- Fluorescent Bulbs of all Types, including CFLs (Township also collects CFLs; call 367-7178)
- Household Cleaners

- In-Home Medical Waste: Safe Clips & Medical Waste (see “A New Partnership Begins” article for more information)
- Kerosene & Gasoline
- Mercury-containing Items: Ballasts, Fluorescent Bulbs of all Types, Thermometers & Thermostats
- Paint, Rust Inhibitors, Stains, Turpentine, Thinners
- Lawn Treatments: Herbicides, Insecticides & Pesticides
- Photographic & Pool Chemicals
- Televisions

The following are NOT accepted at the HHW Facility:

- ⊗ Empty Containers (Put in your trash.)
- ⊗ Stereo Components, VCR & DVD Players
- ⊗ Materials from Businesses, Institutions, Industries & Agriculture

HHW Facility Address:

1299 Harrisburg Pike, Lancaster, PA 17603

Phone: 397.9968

Email: info@lcswma.org Website: www.lcswma.org/lcswma_hhw.html

In-Home Medical Wastes

Since medical wastes may be infectious when put in the trash they pose a risk to those picking up the trash. Potentially hazardous items include “sharps” (syringes and needles), soiled bandages, disposable sheets, medical gloves, etc.

For the safe management of “sharps” the Authority will provide residents with a complimentary Safe Clip, a device that clips a needle off and safely stores it. They can be mailed to you or picked up at LCSWMA’s main office. When full, they should be delivered (free of charge) to the HHW facility.

Prescription Drugs

The proper disposal of prescription drugs is directed by the Office of National Drug Control. These guidelines include the following:

- Take unused, unneeded or expired prescription drugs out of their original containers.
- Mix the drugs with an undesirable substance such as coffee grounds, kitty litter or dirt and put them in empty cans with secure lids or sealable bags to ensure that they are not ingested by children or pets.
- Throw the repackaged drugs in the trash. Do **NOT** flush them down the toilet unless the label indicates you should do so. Put the empty containers in the trash.
- There is also a drop off box for prescription drugs at the Northwest Regional Police Department offices located at 155 Merts Drive, Elizabethtown.

HINTS AND TIPS

- Grasscycling is a simple alternative to bagging grass. Simply leave clippings on your lawn where they breakdown in 7 to 10 days and act as a top-dressing fertilizer. The grass clippings can also be used as surface mulch around vegetables and flowers to inhibit weed growth and retain soil moisture.

Remember to keep the clippings at least 2 inches away from young plants. Grass clippings do not create thatch. Thatch is an overgrowth of the root and stem of the grass plant caused by over watering and over fertilizing.

Cut grass frequently every five days so clippings do not clump together on the top of the lawn. Or you could invest in a mulching mower or blade for your current mower. Don't over fertilize your lawn. With a mulching mower it is also possible to mulch leaves because chops them up into fine pieces. These small changes could save you a great deal of money over the years.

- Home Composting is a great way to make your own beneficial soil amendment while reducing the amount of food scraps you throw away each year and leaves you're putting in Kraft bags. To learn more about composting go to www.epa.gov/epawaste/conserves/rrr/composting.