



Rethink. Recover. Renew.

Resident's Guide to  
**RECYCLING &**  
**WASTE DISPOSAL**  
in **Lancaster County**



**Transforming waste into a resource!**



## MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to manage solid  
waste and recyclable materials  
in an environmentally safe,  
reliable and efficient manner.



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# INTRODUCTION TO

Most people don't think twice about the waste they throw away or place at the curb for collection. Many just assume their trash is buried in a landfill and forgotten.

While that is the case in many areas of the United States, we take a different approach in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. We understand that solid waste management decisions have a lasting impact on the environment and our community.

The Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority (LCSWMA) manages an innovative system that provides the best combination of safe, clean and efficient disposal of municipal solid waste (trash). It's called an **Integrated System** that includes the following resources:

- County-wide recycling program
- Transfer Station Complex
- Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Facility
- Waste-to-Energy Facilities in Bainbridge and Harrisburg
- Frey Farm Landfill





All residents and small businesses share in the stewardship of our delicate environment. By investing a few minutes to separate your recyclables and make conscientious decisions when disposing of household hazardous waste and other types of waste, you're helping to ensure that our county is a beautiful place to live for many years to come.

Each municipality in Lancaster County is responsible for residential curbside recycling and trash pick-up.



## RECYCLING

### ***LCSWMA does not provide your curbside recycling pick-up.***

We do provide drop-off recycling centers, available 24-hours every day, at each of our three Lancaster facility locations for glass, aluminum and steel cans, plastic bottles and newspapers.

Each municipality (city, township or borough) within Lancaster County is responsible for your curbside recycling. Contact your local municipal office and/or trash hauler for the following:

- Recycling bins (new or replacement)
- Complete list of materials you can recycle
- Municipal drop-off locations
- Pick-up days and times
- Other questions about recycling

Here are some helpful tips when preparing these materials for the bin:



#### **GLASS:**

Clear, green and brown glass bottles and jars should be thoroughly rinsed to remove any residue. Remove the lids and dispose in the trash. No need to remove the labels. Do NOT put light bulbs, dishes, glassware, window or automotive glass in the bin.



#### **ALUMINUM & STEEL CANS:**

All food and beverage cans made from aluminum or steel should be thoroughly rinsed to remove any residue. Do NOT put metal hangers, cooking pots and pans or other scrap metal like foil and pie plates in the bin.



#### **PLASTIC BOTTLES:**

This only applies to bottles, jars, jugs and anything else with a neck. Remove lids and rinse out any residue. Do NOT put plastic bags, toys or packaging in the bin.



#### **NEWSPAPERS:**

Place newspapers, magazines, catalogs and office paper directly in your recycling bin. Do NOT place the materials in plastic bags or out for collection when there is a chance of precipitation.



#### **A NOTE ON PLASTIC BAGS:**

Do NOT put any plastic bags in the recycling bin. Reuse the bags or ask your local grocer if they offer plastic bag recycling. To learn more visit [www.abagslife.com](http://www.abagslife.com).

#### **CARDBOARD AND OTHER ITEMS:**

Visit [www.earth911.com](http://www.earth911.com) for a list of locations that accept a wide-variety of other recyclable materials.





# TRASH DISPOSAL

## ***LCSWMA does not provide your curbside trash pick-up.***

Each municipality (city, township or borough) within Lancaster County is responsible for your curbside trash pick-up. Contact your local municipal office and/or trash hauler for the following:

- Trash pick-up days and times
- Missed collection
- Trash bins (new or replacement)
- Billing questions and payment
- Other questions regarding curbside trash disposal

Once haulers collect your curbside trash, they bring it to LCSWMA to manage through our Integrated System, which includes our:

- Transfer Station Complex
- Household Hazardous Waste Facility
- Waste-to-Energy Facilities in Bainbridge and Harrisburg (for combustion of trash)
- Frey Farm Landfill  
(for disposal of manufacturing and construction/demolition waste)



### **LARGE ITEMS & AMOUNTS OF TRASH:**

Contact your trash hauler or municipality to make special arrangements for large items or amounts of trash. Or for a small fee, you can dispose of trash at one of our three Lancaster facility locations. Common items delivered to LCSWMA include:

- Refuse (trash)
- Tires: car, motorcycle and truck
- Appliances w/ refrigerant  
(ex: refrigerator, freezer, window AC unit)
- Appliances w/o refrigerant  
(ex: washer, dryer, microwave)
- Single large items  
(ex: mattress, sofa, dresser)

For a current list of disposal fees, visit [www.lcswma.org](http://www.lcswma.org) or call (717) 397-9968.

We accept cash, check or credit card (Visa, MasterCard and Discover only).

See back of brochure for a complete listing of facility operating hours and locations.





## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS

Numerous materials used in the home, garage and garden are considered household hazardous waste (HHW). They can cause serious safety and health problems in transportation and for disposal facilities.

Lancaster County residents may use the HHW Facility for **FREE**. There is no charge for qualifying items.

**We accept only the following materials:**

- ✓ Adhesives
- ✓ Automotive fluids (max. 5 gallons per container)
- ✓ Batteries, including automotive and household
- ✓ Chemistry sets
- ✓ Cooking and frying oils (max. 5 gallons per container)
- ✓ Fire extinguishers
- ✓ Floor and furniture polish
- ✓ Fuel, including kerosene, gasoline and propane
- ✓ Household cleaners
- ✓ Lawn treatments, including herbicides and pesticides
- ✓ Mercury containing items (max of 30 per month), including ballasts, fluorescent bulbs, thermostats and thermometers
- ✓ Paint, rust inhibitors, stains, turpentine and thinners
- ✓ Photographic and pool chemicals



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## Important Reminders:

- ❌ Only the items listed are accepted at the HHW Facility. All other materials, including appliances, are considered trash and may be disposed of for a fee.
- ❌ Empty containers, from paint and other items that previously contained liquids, are not accepted and may be disposed of as regular trash.
- ❌ We do not accept items from institutions, industries or manufacturers.

## From businesses, we accept only the following items:

- ✓ Batteries
- ✓ Covered devices (see E-WASTE section for more information)
- ✓ Fluorescent bulbs (max of 30 per month)

Visit [www.lcswma.org](http://www.lcswma.org) for more information and a list of alternatives to household hazardous waste products.

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You do not need to make an appointment.



# E - WASTE

## Covered Devices:

Pennsylvania instituted a law called the *Covered Devices Recycling Act* which prohibits residents from disposing of covered devices as trash, and bans haulers from collecting these items as trash. They must be recycled at an approved facility.

Covered devices include only the following items:

- ✓ Desktop computers
- ✓ Laptops
- ✓ Monitors
- ✓ Computer peripherals, including a keyboard, mouse, printer and speakers
- ✓ Televisions
- ✓ e-Readers that browse the internet

Covered devices will be accepted from residents and businesses for **FREE** at the **HHW Facility**, with the following restrictions:

- ✓ Limit of 10 total covered devices per customer, per day (ex: 10 televisions, 10 computers and peripherals or any combination up to 10 total covered devices)

**✓ All electronics must be intact and will not be accepted otherwise!**





### Other E-Waste:

We also accept the following e-waste materials from residents and businesses for **FREE** at the **HHW Facility**, with a limit of 10 e-waste items per customer, per day:

- ✓ Cameras: photo and video
- ✓ Cell phones and smart phones
- ✓ Cell phone peripherals: chargers, batteries, Bluetooth earpieces, air cards, clips, cases
- ✓ DVD and VCR players
- ✓ MP3 players and iPods
- ✓ PDA's
- ✓ Portable electronic game players and video game consoles
- ✓ Stereos and peripherals: CD players, turntables, amplifiers, speakers (no wooden materials)

LCSWMA reserves the right to inspect, delay or deny deliveries of covered devices and e-waste materials for any reason, at the discretion of our staff.

For a list of additional facilities that accept covered devices and other e-waste materials, visit [www.earth911.com](http://www.earth911.com) or contact your local municipal office.

Visit [www.lcswma.org](http://www.lcswma.org) for more information on recycling covered devices and other e-waste.

See back of brochure for facility operating hours and locations. You do not need to make an appointment.



## OTHER TYPES OF WASTE

### **LARGE APPLIANCES:**

We accept large appliances, also called white goods, at all three of our Lancaster facilities for a nominal fee. Ozone damaging gases are safely recovered and the metal is recycled.

### **TIRES:**

We accept car, truck and motorcycle tires, with or without rims, at all three of our Lancaster facilities for a nominal fee. The rubber and metal is then recycled.

### **CONSTRUCTION / DEMOLITION WASTE:**

For home projects that generate construction/ demolition waste, this can be delivered to any of our three Lancaster facilities for a nominal fee.

### **ASBESTOS:**

All asbestos waste must be delivered directly to the Frey Farm Landfill for a fee. The crumbled (friable) type must be wetted and double-bagged prior to delivery.

### **PRESCRIPTION DRUGS:**

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration advises residents to first take advantage of any local drug take-back programs available to the public. Contact your local municipal office to learn about resources available in your area. If no disposal instructions are given on the prescription drug label and no take-back program is available in your area,





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remove the drugs from their original containers and mix with an undesirable substance like coffee grounds or litter. Place mixture in a sealable bag or container and place in your regular trash. Do NOT flush any drugs down the toilet. For more information, visit [www.disposemy meds.org](http://www.disposemy meds.org).

## **SHARPS:**

For safe disposal of sharps (needles), contact LCSWMA for a free Safe Clip™, a portable device that clips and stores up to 1,500 needles. Safe Clips™ are also available at most pharmacies for purchase. Once full, the device may be placed in your regular trash.

## **MEDICAL WASTE:**

In-home medical waste may be disposed of as regular trash. For large volumes of medical waste or waste materials generated at doctors' offices, health care facilities, medical research facilities or laboratories, contact the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) for proper medical waste handling instructions.

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## LOCATIONS AND HOURS

### Transfer Station

1299 Harrisburg Pike

Lancaster, PA 17603

Mon – Fri: 6:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Sat: 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

### Household Hazardous Waste Facility

1299 Harrisburg Pike

Lancaster, PA 17603

Mon – Fri: 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Sat: 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

### Frey Farm Landfill

3049 River Road

Conestoga, PA 17516

Mon – Fri: 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Sat: 7:00 AM to 11:00 AM

### Lancaster Waste-to-Energy Facility

1911 River Road

Bainbridge, PA 17502

Mon – Fri: 6:30 AM to 4:00 PM

Sat: 7:00 AM to 11:00 AM

### Main Office

1299 Harrisburg Pike

PO Box 4425

Lancaster, PA 17604-4425

Fax: (717) 397-9973

Mon – Fri: 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM

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