

## What about Plastic Bags, Toys, Windows, etc.?

These items are trash. Plain and simple.

Including items not listed for recycling contaminates your recyclables and significantly increases the cost because all contaminants must be removed before the material can be recycled.



## What about Leaves?

All Mandated Municipalities offer leaf waste collection. Contact your municipality for details.

## What about Electronics, Paint, Chemicals, Fluorescent Lights, etc?

Local options do exist for these items.

Check out the Lawrence-Mercer Recycling Solid Waste Department website, [www.co.lawrence.pa.us/recycling](http://www.co.lawrence.pa.us/recycling) for information about these materials. Click the "Calendar of Events" link for a listing of planned events that serve our area.

You can also call (724-658-6925) or E-mail ([recycling@co.lawrence.pa.us](mailto:recycling@co.lawrence.pa.us)) the Recycling/Solid Waste Department for additional information.

## Contact Information

### Haulers

Allied Waste/Republic Services  
800-437-1123

Tri-County Industries  
724-748-4705  
724-658-8749

Waste Management  
800-451-3060

### Municipalities

City of Farrell  
724-983-2703  
[www.cityoffarrell.com](http://www.cityoffarrell.com)

Greenville Borough  
724-588-4193  
[www.greenvilleborough.com](http://www.greenvilleborough.com)

Grove City Borough  
724-458-7060  
[www.grovecityonline.com](http://www.grovecityonline.com)

City of Hermitage  
724-981-0800  
[www.hermitage.net](http://www.hermitage.net)

City of Sharon  
724-983-3220  
[www.cityofsharon.net](http://www.cityofsharon.net)



### Recycling/Solid Waste Department

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New Castle, PA  
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**Website:** [www.co.lawrence.pa.us/recycling](http://www.co.lawrence.pa.us/recycling)

### About Us

The Lawrence-Mercer Counties Recycling/Solid Waste Department's (RSW) mission is to develop and implement both the Lawrence County and Mercer County Municipal Solid Waste Management Plans.

RSW works towards its mission by:

- Providing recycling opportunities,
- Providing recycling and collection opportunities for hard-to-dispose materials such as tires, electronics, and household hazardous waste,
- Providing technical assistance to businesses, institutions, organizations, and municipalities,
- Partnerships with like-minded organizations and agencies,
- Conducting public education programs to raise awareness about proper waste management and its benefits, and
- Assisting municipalities and businesses in meeting regulatory compliance with local, state, and federal recycling and waste management laws.

For more information about these and other programs, please visit our website. Click "Recycling Department Programs" then "Residential Recycling Programs."

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## Recycling at Your Home



## A Resident's Guide to Curbside Recycling Programs in Mercer County



**Recycling/Solid Waste Department**

# Frequently Asked Questions

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### What is “Curbside Recycling?”

Curbside recycling is simply having recyclables picked up at your home. It does not mean that a physical “curb” is required.

### Am I required to recycle curbside?

All residents and businesses of the following municipalities are required by state and local laws to recycle curbside:

**City of Farrell,  
Greenville Borough,  
Grove City Borough,  
City of Hermitage, and  
City of Sharon.**



These are called “Mandated Municipalities.”

Residents and businesses of all other Mercer County municipalities are not required to recycle curbside, but are encouraged to do so voluntarily. See “I live in a Municipality where I am not required to Recycle Curbside, but I would like to do so. What options do I have for curbside recycling?” for more information



### What can I recycle?

Most recycling programs in Mercer County collect recyclables via “single stream” recycling.

Single stream recycling is designed to make recycling as easy as possible for residents.

All of the materials listed below can be mixed together in the same container. There is no need to separate them.

The following materials are usually included in single stream recycling programs:

- #1 - #7 Plastic Bottles & Containers
- Clear & Colored Glass Bottles/Jars
- Aluminum Cans
- Steel/Tin Cans
- Magazines
- Corrugated Cardboard
- Newspaper
- Paperboard (cereal boxes, etc.)
- Junk Mail

If it is not on the list - it belongs in the trash or recycled elsewhere.  
When in doubt, throw it out.



### What are the advantages of a curbside recycling program over a drop-off recycling program

Curbside Recycling is:

**EASY** - All materials can be mixed together in the same container.

**CONVENIENT** - You can do it at your own home without making a special trip to a recycling site.

**ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY** - No more using your gas to go to a recycling site.

*We estimate that 400,000 cars use the county recycling drop-off sites annually consuming about 48,000 gallons of fuel in the process.*



**There may be differences in programs depending on where you live. Always check with your recycling hauler if you have questions about your program.**



**I live in a municipality where I am not required to recycle curbside, but I would like to do so. What options do I have for curbside recycling?**

Some Mercer County residents that do not live in a Mandated Municipality may be able to recycle single stream curbside depending on their hauler. Currently, customers of Tri-County Industries are eligible to recycle curbside in many Mercer County municipalities. Call Tri-County Industries at 724-748-4705 for additional information.

### What kind of recycling bin can I use for curbside recycling?



Recycling bins vary. Some haulers and municipalities will provide you with a container.

You can also purchase your own container through a local hardware or department store. Wheeled containers and carts are easy to move and provide adequate room for all your recyclables. Traditional bins may be used as well.

