



LCSWMA



RESIDENT'S GUIDE TO  
**RECYCLING & WASTE DISPOSAL**  
IN LANCASTER COUNTY



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**ON A MISSION  
TO MAKE WASTE  
A RESOURCE  
TO PROTECT  
& BENEFIT  
OUR COMMUNITY**



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## ABOUT LCSWMA

Serving the community since 1954, Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority (LCSWMA) manages the trash and recyclable materials from Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, homes and businesses.

Once the waste is delivered by private haulers, LCSWMA employs a multi-step approach to disposal and processing that is different from most areas of the United States. Our innovative Integrated System provides the best combination of safe, clean and efficient disposal of municipal solid waste (trash).

The consumption of natural resources is further reduced by generating clean, renewable energy (electricity) from combusting the waste, while saving significant landfill capacity. And we do it all while maintaining an outstanding environmental record.

Each year, 1 million tons of solid waste moves through LCSWMA's Integrated System.

LCSWMA is a regional government authority that manages the recyclables and trash delivered to us by private haulers.



**We are the Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority, and each year, we manage 1M tons of waste in Lancaster and Dauphin Counties.**

## HERE'S OUR 4-STEP PROCESS:

**1**

**Minimize the Volume & Toxicity of Waste:**  
This includes recycling and responsible household hazardous waste disposal.

**2**

**Consolidate and Transfer the Waste:**  
Private haulers deliver the waste to our Transfer Station Complex, where it is loaded into trailers and transferred for further processing and disposal.

**3**

**Combust the Waste for Volume Reduction and Energy Recovery:** Our waste-to-energy facilities combust the waste, reducing its volume by 90% and creating renewable energy (electricity).

**4**

**Reduce Landfilling:** Only a small percentage of waste that is not recycled or converted to energy is disposed of in our environmentally sound landfill.

Each municipality in Lancaster County is responsible for residential curbside recycling and trash pickup. Recyclables brought to LCSWMA are processed by third-party facilities.



## REDUCE, REUSE, REPURPOSE

Did you know the average American creates 4.4 pounds of trash, also called municipal solid waste (MSW), per day? That translates into 1 ton of MSW per person annually.

The truth is, we live in a throwaway society in which people do not keep things for very long, even if those things still work or are useful. When we generate new, replacement items, we increase our use of natural resources and energy, which impacts the health and vitality of our planet.

Although LCSWMA is here to manage and process the county's waste in a way that protects and benefits our community, we need to work together to minimize the amount of waste we generate.



**4.4 pounds  
OF TRASH PER DAY**



## BEFORE YOU THROW IT AWAY, HAVE YOU CONSIDERED...

- 1** **REDUCING**—don't buy something new unless you absolutely need it.
- 2** **REUSING**—think about selling or donating unwanted items.
- 3** **REPURPOSING**—get creative by determining other ways to use the item.

Once you've considered reducing, reusing and repurposing, the next step is to **RECYCLE RIGHT, LANCASTER!** On the next page, you will learn about the four categories of items that we recycle in Lancaster County.

For tips on how to reduce, reuse and repurpose items and to access a list of local donation options, visit our website at [www.lcswma.org](http://www.lcswma.org).



## RECYCLING

### THE RECYCLING MYTH

A common misconception people have about recycling is that it simply means placing materials in their curbside recycling bin—often, as much as possible. However, recycling is actually a system of collecting and processing used materials that still have value, in order to transform them into new products. This means not everything is recyclable. And just because a product has a recycling symbol on the bottom does not mean it's recyclable or should be placed in your curbside bin.

So, why is it important to debunk the recycling myth? Though most of us are well-intentioned, when we put materials in the bin that do not belong, we're actually contaminating the recycling stream, which negatively impacts our environment and economy. We need your help to Recycle Right!

### WHAT CAN BE RECYCLED?

Only the following materials should be placed in your curbside recycling bin. Think of them as the **BIG 4**. For a list of locations that accept a variety of other recyclable materials, visit [earth911.com](http://earth911.com). And remember, if you aren't sure, it's okay to throw it away. LCSWMA transforms waste into renewable energy.

### WHERE SHOULD I TAKE MY RECYCLABLES?

LCSWMA offers 24-hour recycling dropoff centers at our three Lancaster facilities: Transfer Station Complex, Lancaster Waste-to-Energy Facility, and Frey Farm Landfill. You can bring any of the **BIG 4**.

#### LCSWMA DOES NOT PROVIDE YOUR CURBSIDE PICKUP.

Contact your local municipal office and/or trash hauler about curbside pickup and recycling bin replacement.



# BIG 4

## CORRUGATED CARDBOARD:



This includes any size material consisting of a fluted corrugated sheet, like shipping boxes, packing boxes, and CLEAN pizza boxes (no grease or food remnants). Flatten all boxes and remove packaging, including Styrofoam, peanuts, bubble wrap and plastic liners. Do NOT put paperboard (cereal boxes, shoeboxes), newsprint or junk mail in the curbside recycling bin.

## PLASTIC BOTTLES AND JUGS WITH A NECK:



Throw away the lids and rinse out any residue. All other plastic material is considered trash. Ignore the numbers, as they don't indicate if something is recyclable. Do NOT put plastic bags, yogurt and takeout containers, packaging, Styrofoam, hoses, furniture, or other plastic items in the curbside recycling bin.

## METAL FOOD AND BEVERAGE CANS:



This includes all food and beverage cans made from aluminum or steel. Throw away the lids and rinse out any residue. Do NOT put metal hangers, cooking pots and pans or other scrap metal, like foil and pie plates, in the curbside recycling bin.

## GLASS BOTTLES AND JARS:



Throw away the lids and rinse out any residue. Do NOT put light bulbs, dishes, glassware, window or automotive glass, vases or any other glass material in the curbside recycling bin.

For a list of locations that accept a variety of other recyclable materials, visit [earth911.com](http://earth911.com).



## TRASH DISPOSAL

### LCSWMA DOES NOT PROVIDE YOUR CURBSIDE TRASH PICKUP.

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

- Trash pickup 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. Our Lancaster County facilities include:

- Transfer Station Complex
- Household Hazardous Waste Facility
- Lancaster Waste-to-Energy Facility
- Frey Farm Landfill



## 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 County facility locations. Common items delivered to LCSWMA include:

- Refuse (trash)
- Tires: car, motorcycle and truck
- Appliances with refrigerant  
(ex: refrigerator, freezer, window AC unit)
- Appliances without refrigerant  
(ex: washer, dryer, microwave)
- Single large items  
(ex: mattress, sofa, dresser)

When you visit, please keep these important notes in mind:

- Tarp all loads. It's the law!
- High-visibility clothing is required for all customers in the tipping area. LCSWMA does not provide free vests.

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

We accept debit or credit cards.

We do NOT accept cash or checks.

Visit [www.lcswma.org](http://www.lcswma.org) for facility operating hours.



## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

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 drive-thru HHW Facility for FREE. There is no charge for qualifying items. We DO NOT accept household hazardous waste from businesses.

### We accept only the following materials:

- ✓ Adhesives
- ✓ Automotive fluids (max. 5 gallons per container)
- ✓ Batteries, including automotive and household
- ✓ 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
- ✓ Propane tanks/cylinders 20 lbs. or less

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- 🚫 Only the items listed are accepted for FREE at the HHW Facility.
- 🚫 Empty containers, from paint and other items that previously contained liquids, are not accepted and should be disposed of as trash (if dried or solidified with a substance such as cat litter, latex paint can be put in the trash).
- 🚫 We do not accept items from businesses including institutions, industries or manufacturers.
- 🚫 Compressed gas cylinders (e.g., oxygen, acetylene, helium, CO<sub>2</sub>) are not accepted. For disposal options (DO NOT THROW AWAY), see the Markets List on the website.

🚫 **DO NOT place batteries in the garbage or recycling; this can cause fires. Rechargeable/lithium batteries are particularly dangerous. HHW accepts old batteries and battery bags are available at all LCSWMA facilities. Please help us avoid facility and trash truck fires!**



Visit [www.lcswma.org](http://www.lcswma.org) for facility operating hours and a list of several local disposal options for items HHW does not accept. No appointment is necessary.



## ELECTRONIC WASTE

### COVERED DEVICES:

Pennsylvania's Covered Device Recycling Act prohibits residents from disposing of covered devices as trash. Haulers are banned from collecting these materials. Covered devices 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
- ✓ Tablets and e-readers

**Covered devices will be accepted from Lancaster County residents for FREE at the Household Hazardous Waste (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 ELECTRONIC WASTE (E-WASTE):**

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

- ✓ Cameras: photo and video
- ✓ Cellphones, smartphones and peripherals: chargers, batteries, Bluetooth earpieces, air cards, clips, cases
- ✓ DVD and VCR players
- ✓ MP3 players and iPods
- ✓ PDAs
- ✓ 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 [earth911.com](http://earth911.com) or contact your local municipal office.

**We DO NOT accept electronic waste from businesses.**

Visit [www.lcswma.org](http://www.lcswma.org) for facility operating hours and more information on recycling e-waste. No appointment is necessary.



## OTHER TYPES OF WASTE

### LARGE APPLIANCES:

We accept large appliances at all three of our Lancaster County facilities. Ozone-damaging gases are safely recovered and the metal is recycled.

### TIRES (WITH OR WITHOUT RIMS):

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

### CONSTRUCTION / DEMOLITION WASTE:

Construction/demolition waste generated by home projects can be delivered to any of our three Lancaster County facilities.

### ASBESTOS:

All asbestos waste must be approved by LCSWMA prior to delivery – call (717) 397-9968. All approved asbestos material must then be delivered directly to the Frey Farm Landfill. 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, remove the drugs from their original containers and mix with an undesirable substance, like coffee grounds or cat 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 [disposemy meds.org](http://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.

## **YARD WASTE:**

Access the “Resource List” on our website for other yard waste disposal options in the area. Frey Farm Landfill accepts non-commercially hauled yard waste including leaves, grass clippings, shrubbery, tree branches (must be less than 12” in diameter), and stumps (must be less than 12” in diameter). Yard waste may be subject to disposal fees.

For facility operating hours and a complete list of disposal fees, visit [www.lcswma.org](http://www.lcswma.org).



## TOGETHER WE CAN!

All residents and small businesses share in the stewardship of our delicate environment. We encourage everyone to invest a few minutes to:

- Consider reducing, reusing and repurposing as a FIRST resort
- Separate your recyclables using the **BIG 4** as a guide
- Make conscientious decisions when disposing of household hazardous waste
- Visit our website for waste-disposal tips and other resources

Want to learn more about how we process 1 MILLION TONS of waste per year?  
**Take a virtual tour of our facilities at [www.lcswma.org](http://www.lcswma.org).**

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- High-visibility clothing is required for all customers in the tipping area. LCSWMA does not provide free vests.
- Our facilities ONLY accept credit or debit cards. No cash or checks.

Help us avoid facility fires!  
Please keep batteries  
out of your household  
trash. Remember,  
lithium ion batteries  
are particularly  
dangerous!



VISIT OUR WEBSITE, NOW AVAILABLE IN SPANISH, FOR FACILITY OPERATING HOURS.





## LOCATIONS

### TRANSFER STATION

1299 Harrisburg Pike  
Lancaster, PA 17603

### HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY

1299 Harrisburg Pike  
Lancaster, PA 17603

### FREY FARM LANDFILL

3049 River Road  
Conestoga, PA 17516

### LANCASTER WASTE-TO-ENERGY FACILITY

1911 River Road  
Bainbridge, PA 17502

### MAIN OFFICE

1299 Harrisburg Pike  
Lancaster, PA 17603  
717-397-9968

### WHAT HAPPENS AFTER YOU THROW IT AWAY?

Find out by taking free virtual  
tours of LCSWMA's facilities.

Before visiting LCSWMA, we  
invite you to watch our series  
of "How to Drop Off" videos.

To learn more about LCSWMA  
and facility hours, visit:

[lcswma.org](http://lcswma.org)