

BIG BLUE CART PROGRAM

Most residents of Pennsylvania's rural communities do not have access to curbside recycling opportunities. Sparse populations and large distances between homes and businesses make the economics of rural recycling a challenge.

Fortunately, recycling programs continue to evolve in Mercer County. Technological and recyclable processing advances have changed and helped haulers address many of the challenges associated with rural curbside recycling programs.

Thanks to grants from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, Mercer County were able to provide a few thousand recycling carts to foster rural curbside recycling.

There are significant benefits to the program.

- You can recycle at home at your leisure.
- No more trips to a drop-off recycling site thereby saving you time, money, and fuel.
- You can recycle more materials.
- Greenhouse gas emissions are reduced.

Depending on your hauler, your recyclables and trash may be picked up with the same truck. Don't worry! The hauler is using split bodied trucks that have separate compartments for recyclables and trash. This helps the overall efficiency of the collection and transportation, reduces greenhouse gas emissions, and wear and tear on our roads.



WHAT CAN BE RECYCLED

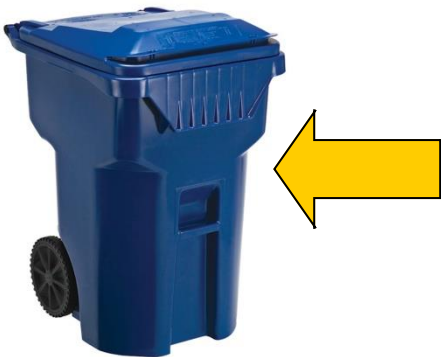
Customers of Tri-County Industries

- Plastic **Bottles & Jugs**
- Aluminum, Steel, & Tin **Cans**
- Aerosol **Cans** (empty)
- Glass, Food/Beverage **Bottles & Jars**
- Magazines
- Newsprint
- Corrugated & Pressed Cardboard
- Office Paper
- Junk Mail
- Paper Bags



Customers of Valley Waste Services

- Plastic **Bottles & Jugs**
- Aluminum, Steel, & Tin **Cans**
- Aerosol **Cans** (empty)
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IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS

Preparing Your Recyclables

- Keep all materials clean and dry
- Rinse Bottles and Cans
- Flatten Cardboard
- Flatten Plastic Bottles
- Do NOT put materials into plastic bags.
- Do not break glass.
- Remove lids and discard with your trash. They are a different type of plastic.
- Place shredded paper into a brown paper bag.
- Wipe greasy containers.

- **Remember—if it's not listed above it does not belong in the cart!** Check the Frequently Asked Questions page for more information about material recyclability.
- Set your cart out for collection the night before your scheduled day.
- Place the cart within 5 feet of the curb or road.

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