

# PROPER RECYCLING CURBSIDE RECYCLING IN MERCER COUNTY

A Guide to doing it right in Lawrence and Mercer Counties.

## 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  
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. Read on for more information and options for curbside recycling.

## What can I Recycle?

Most curbside 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, #2, and sometimes #5 Plastic Bottles & Jugs
- Aluminum Cans
- Steel/Tin Cans
- Magazines
- Corrugated Cardboard
- Newspaper
- Paperboard (cereal boxes, etc.)
- Junk Mail
- Glass\* bottles, jugs, & jars (\*Not accepted in all programs, check with your hauler.)

If it is not on the list - it belongs in the trash. When in doubt, throw it out or recycle it elsewhere. Acceptable materials may differ between haulers. Be sure to follow the guidelines provided by your hauler!

## What are the advantages of curbside recycling 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.

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<https://lawrencecountypa.gov/departments/recycling-and-solid-waste>

[www.mercercountypa.gov/recycling](http://www.mercercountypa.gov/recycling)



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## **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?**

Mercer County residents that do not live in a Mandated Municipality may be able to recycle curbside depending on their hauler or municipal contract. Contact your hauler to inquire about service

## **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. Containers with lids greatly help reduce the amount of litter in a community. Traditional bins may be used as well.

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

These items do not belong in your recycling bin. Plain and simple. Plastic bags can be recycled at some local stores. Items such as plastic toys, chairs, and food containers and glass windows, ceramics, and Pyrex all go into your trash. If it is not a bottle, jug, can, or clean piece of paper, it does not belong in your bin. 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. These items will get landfilled.

## **What about Leaves?**

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

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

Local options exist for these items. Check out the Lawrence-Mercer Recycling Solid Waste Department website: [www.mercercountypa.gov/recycling](http://www.mercercountypa.gov/recycling) for information about these materials.

## **Recycling Hauler & Municipal Contact Information**

### **Haulers**

Aiken Refuse - 724-758-9400

Republic Services/Allied Waste - 800-437-1123

Tri-County Industries - 724-748-4705

Waste Management - 800-451-3060

### **Mandated 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)

**There may be differences in programs depending on where you live. Always check with your recycling hauler if you have questions about your program. Keep in mind that materials may be added to or removed from the list of acceptable materials.**

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