

# PROPER RECYCLING RURAL CURBSIDE RECYCLING

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



Many 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 Lawrence and Mercer Counties. 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, Lawrence and Mercer Counties were able to provide recycling carts to foster rural curbside recycling.

## How do I prepare my recyclables?

- Keep materials clean and dry.
- Rinse plastic bottle and cans.
- Flatten boxes.
- Do NOT put materials into a brown paper bag.
- Do NOT place unacceptable items in the cart.
- Place shredded paper into a brown paper bag.
- Place the cart within 5 feet of the curb or road.
- Set your cart out the night before you schedule day.

## What are the benefits of the program and using carts?

- You can recycle at home at your leisure.
- No more trips to a drop-off recycling site - saving you time, money, and fuel.
- Greenhouse gas emissions are reduced.
- Lids keep materials dry and prevent litter.
- Carts hold more materials.
- Rolling a cart is easier than carrying or dragging a bin without wheels.

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

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

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# WHEN IN DOUBT THROW IT OUT!

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.

## Who offers curbside recycling to rural residents?

Currently, trash customers of Aiken Refuse, Tri-County industries and Valle Waste Services can add a bi-weekly recycling collection.

**Tri-County Industries**  
(724) 658-8749  
[www.tricountyind.com](http://www.tricountyind.com)

**Valley Waste Service, Inc.**  
(724) 843-9373  
[www.valleywasteservice.com](http://www.valleywasteservice.com)

**Aiken Refuse**  
(724) 758-9400  
[www.aikenrefuse.com](http://www.aikenrefuse.com)

(Recycling is available to Lawrence County customers living in Hickory, North Beaver, Scott, Slippery Rock, and Wayne Townships, and New Beaver Borough.)

Acceptable Items  
Plastic Bottles & Jugs  
Cans - Aluminum & Steel  
Cardboard  
Magazines  
Newspaper  
Junk Mail

Remember - if it's not listed it doesn't belong in the cart!

This list of acceptable items and rules may change from time to time. Always refer to the latest information you receive from your hauler.

Information current as of  
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