

What about items such as Electronics and Fluorescent Lights?

These items do contain hazardous and potentially hazardous components so businesses, schools, and other institutions are required to manage them properly. Fortunately the hazardous components are recyclable.



Options for managing fluorescent lights and electronics include mail-in and drop-off programs as well as direct pickup at your location.

Check out the Lawrence-Mercer Recycling/Solid Waste Department website, 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) the Recycling/Solid Waste Department for additional information.



Commercial/Institutional Haulers & Recyclers

Allied Waste/Republic Services
800-437-1123

Associated Paper Stock
330-549-5311

Cintas Document Management
412-823-8703

Gateway Recycling
216-341-8785

Iron Mountain
610-792-7275

Jasar Recycling
330-426-2538

Niles Iron & Metal
330-652-0799

Shred-It
412-798-3800

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

Waste Management
800-451-3060

Disclaimer: This list is not all-inclusive and is included only as a starting resource for you. The Lawrence-Mercer Recycling/Solid Waste Dept. does not endorse, promote, or recommend any of haulers/recyclers listed here.



Recycling/Solid Waste Department

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.

This 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.

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Recycling at Work and School



A Guide to Recycling
For
Businesses,
Institutions, and Schools
in
Mercer County



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Frequently Asked Questions

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What is “Curbside Recycling?”

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

Am I required to recycle curbside?

ALL residents and business, institutional, and commercial establishments 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 may do so voluntarily if the service is available through your hauler.



What can I Recycle?

At a minimum, most businesses are required to recycle cardboard, office paper, aluminum cans, and leaves.

Some recyclers offer single stream recycling for your business.

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
- Fiberboard/Chipboard
- Junk Mail

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



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

Items not listed as acceptable by your recycler are trash. Plain and simple.

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



Is there a cost to recycle?

Generally, yes. As with all service industries there is a cost to collect and transport the materials to a recycling center. Occasionally, there may be fees associated with using a recycling center that further impact cost.

Your recyclables have no value until they have been separated and processed at a recycling center. At that point the recycling center can sell the material to generate a revenue stream. However, in most instances your recycling hauler will not benefit.

Hazardous materials such as electronics and fluorescent lights have higher recycling costs.

What are some tips for recycling at Work and School?

- Since you are generating less waste by recycling, remember to assess your trash service. Although you may be paying for recycling you should be able to reduce your trash bill by getting a smaller dumpster or having it picked up less frequently.
- Small businesses that are located close together should consider splitting the cost of recycling service. This helps address space limitation and/or businesses that generate small amounts of recyclables.



- An energy saving program can save significant amounts of money. Even simple tasks like using the power saving settings of your computers or turning off lights will make a difference.
- Place small recycling containers in each office or classroom.
- Contact us to help you with your recycling and/or energy conservation program.