

## **WEST DONEGAL TOWNSHIP TRASH & RECYCLING PROGRAM**

### **TRASH COLLECTION PROCEDURES**

West Donegal Township residents participate in a mandatory trash and recycling program with one hauler. Collection day is on Tuesday for the Township. Residents should have their trash, yard waste and recyclables on the curb the evening before or **no later than 5:00 a.m.** on trash day. Trash bags, containers, recycling bins and yard/woody waste must be placed no more than 5 feet from the curb or edge of the roadway and should be clearly visible.

Republic Services uses 96-gallon carts for trash and 64-gallon carts for recycling. No cost to the resident. This is equivalent to basic service of three 32-gallon trash bag or 32-gallon cans. Please use garbage bags for inside the **trash** carts. If you have special needs and cannot use these carts, please contact the Township office. If using trash bags curbside, we recommend placing any small bags inside a 32-gallon trash bag or container to avoid the presence of being over the limit. All bags may not to excide more than 30 lbs.

#### **What You Should Recycle:**

Only four types of items belong in the recycling bin! Corrugated Carboard, Plastic Bottles & Jugs with Necks, Metal Food & Beverage Cans, and Glass Jars & Bottles. See LCSWMA website <https://www.lcswma.org/> for more details.

#### **Corrugated Cardboard Dumpster:**

The Township offers a cardboard dumpster 24/7. It is located to the right-side parking lot when facing the municipal building. The carboard dumpster is emptied once a week on Thursday mornings. Please only place corrugated cardboard within the dumpster.

#### **Special Tags:**

Trash items requiring special tags must be purchased at the Township office by Friday before 3:30 pm the week prior to collection day the following week. Township hours are Monday – Friday 7:30 AM – 4:00 PM. These special tags include:

**Yellow Tags:** For additional 32-gallon bags, weighing no more than 30 pounds. Purchase a yellow tag sheet of 4 at the Township Municipal office. When using this tag, residents do NOT need to call and schedule pickup. Please have the yellow stickers on each bag. Each sticker must be place and visible for the driver to see.

**Red Tags:** For oversized items which include furniture, carpet, microwaves, etc. No more than two oversized items will be picked up at any one residence each week. Call the Township office when you are using a red tag if you already have a red tag. Call prior to Friday 3:30 PM to your collection day to let us know what is being collected. Also, you can call with questions, or to determine if a specific item is allowed. For larger items such as a sofa, will require more than one red tag based on its seat capacity.

White goods (appliances), dehumidifiers, and tires are **not** considered oversized items (*See White Goods [Large Appliances], Dehumidifiers & Tires.*)

#### **Yard Waste/Woody Waste/Leaves:**

The Township offers pick-up **every other week** for all yard waste, leaves, and garden residue between April through the last week of November. All yard waste, leaves, etc. must be placed in a Kraft bag available at the Township office or purchased at any retail location selling kraft bags. Do not leave these bags outside in the elements prior to the biweekly pick up. Cover them with tarps or plastic or keep them in a dry place. Our hauler will not pick up deplorable or damaged

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bags. Additional information can be found in the clip-out section of the Township newsletter. **There is a charge of \$1.50 per 5-pack of Kraft bags.**

Effective May 1, 2024, the number of Kraft yard waste bags that may be placed curbside per pick up will be limited to 20 bags per property. Woody waste such as branches and trunk pieces less than 3 inches in diameter will be picked up along with the yard waste as scheduled. The branches/trunk pieces must be bundled together with biodegradable twine and may not be more than 4 feet in length and each stack may not weigh more than 30 lbs. There are no additional charges for woody waste pickup.

All yard waste and woody waste must be placed curbside 5 feet from the curb or edge of roadway next to your trash and recycling. **Grass clippings are NOT recyclable.** Refer to the Hints and Tips section on the last page for information on Grasscycling!

### **Missed Trash/Recycling:**

**It is important that you contact the Township Office if your trash, recycling, yard or woody waste including Christmas trees is missed. Day of collection, call after 3:00 PM or BEFORE 10 AM on the morning after trash day.** Residents may call the Township at any time during or after business hours and leave a message. Please leave your name, service address, phone number and what specifically was missed. Be sure to leave the items curbside until they are picked up or as directed by the Township trash/recycling coordinator.

### **White Goods (Large Appliances), Dehumidifiers, & Tires:**

The Township has a special collection twice a year for white goods (large appliances – refrigerators, washers, dryers, dishwashers, dehumidifiers, air conditioners, freezers, hot water heaters, furnaces, etc.) and tires (4 tires per collection). One designated collection day is in April and one in October. These special collection dates are advertised in the Township newsletter and on our website.

All white goods and tires must be marked with an extra service tag. A large appliance tag is \$15.00 and the tire tag is \$5.00. These tags can be purchased at the Township office. These items should be placed curbside the night before or by 5 a.m. on the scheduled collection day. Tags for White Goods and Tires are sold mid-month (ie: mid-March and mid-September) prior to the pickup through to the Friday before the week of the scheduled collection day.

### **Appliances with Cords:**

Appliances including toasters, blenders, microwaves, vacuums, etc. are considered trash. Small appliances can be comingled with your normal household trash. Larger appliances such as microwaves and vacuums are required to have a red bulk item tag. **NOTE:** if it can fit in your toter and the lid closes, you may dispose of it in the trash.

### **Magazines/Catalogs/Shredded Paper:**

Magazines, catalogs, and other household paper should be disposed as trash, which LCSWMA will then transform into renewable energy (electricity). Please do not put magazines or catalogs into your recycling bin. Paperboard (ie: cereal, prepackaged food & tissue boxes) are not recyclable and should be placed in the regular trash.

## **SPECIAL WASTE**

As a resident, you are one key to the success of managing the County's waste in an environmentally responsible manner. When you dispose of these special wastes in a responsible manner that will not harm disposal facilities or the environmental, you are doing your part to protect the system and environment.

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### **Hazardous Household Wastes**

Many materials used in the home, garage and garden are considered Household Hazardous Waste (HHW).

They can cause serious safety and health problems in transportation or in disposal facilities. Residents of Lancaster County can dispose of these materials, listed below, at the Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority's (LCSWMA) HHW facility **free of charge**.

The following are accepted at the HHW Facility (and **should not be placed in the curbside recycling bins or trash**):

- Adhesives
- Automotive Fluids (max. 5 gallons per container)
- Batteries: Automotive and Household, Battery bags are available at the Township office or from LCSWMA. Place the batteries in the orange collection bag and when full, put the bag next to your trash container for collection.
- Chemistry Sets
- Cooking & Frying Oil
- Fire Extinguishers
- Floor & Furniture Polish
- Fuel, including kerosene, gasoline, and propane.
- Household Cleaners
- Iodine
- Lawn Treatments: Herbicides, Insecticides & Pesticides
- Mercury-containing Items: (max of 30 per month) Ballasts, Fluorescent Bulbs of all Types, Thermometers & Thermostats
- Paint, Rust Inhibitors, Stains, Turpentine, Thinners
- Photographic & Pool Chemicals

### **Electronic Waste**

Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority (LCSWMA) accepts the following e-waste materials from Lancaster County residents for FREE at the HHW Facility, with a limit of 10 items per customer, per day. All electronics must be intact and will not be accepted otherwise.

- Desktop computers, Laptops, Monitors, Computer peripherals, including a keyboard, mouse, printer, and speakers.
- Televisions
- E-Readers that browse the internet.
- Cameras: photo and video
- Cell Phones, smart phones, and peripherals: chargers, batteries, Bluetooth earpieces, air cards, clips, cases
- DVD and VCR players
- MP3 players and iPods
- PDA's
- Portable electronic game players and video game consoles

LCSWMA reserves the right to inspect, delay or deny deliveries of covered devices and e-waste materials for any reason, at the discretion of their staff.

**The following are NOT accepted at the HHW Facility:**

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☉ Materials from Businesses, Institutions, Industries & Agriculture

**HHW Facility Address:**

1299 Harrisburg Pike, Lancaster, PA 17603

Phone: (717) 397-9968

Email: [info@lcswwa.org](mailto:info@lcswwa.org) Website: [www.lcswwa.org/lcswwa\\_hhw.html](http://www.lcswwa.org/lcswwa_hhw.html)

**In-Home Medical Wastes**

Since medical wastes may be infectious when put in the trash, they pose a risk to those picking up the trash. Potentially hazardous items include “sharps” (syringes and needles), soiled bandages, disposable sheets, medical gloves, etc.

For the safe management of “sharps” the LCSWMA will provide residents with a complimentary Safe Clip, a device that clips a needle off and safely stores it. They can be mailed to you or picked up at LCSWMA’s main office. When full, they should be delivered (free of charge) to the HHW facility. Residents may also use a sealed container to dispose of sharps in their regular trash.

**Prescription Drugs**

The proper disposal of prescription drugs is directed by the Office of National Drug Control. Please **DO NOT** flush them down the toilet unless the label indicates you should do so.

For your convenience, Northwest Regional Police Department offers a drop off box for prescription drugs at the township office. This locked box is in the lobby of the township office and is available during normal township business hours.

There is also a drop off box for prescription drugs at the Northwest Regional Police Department offices located at 8855 Elizabethtown Road, Elizabethtown, PA 17022.

**HINTS AND TIPS**

- Grasscycling is a simple alternative to bagging grass. Simply leave clippings on your lawn where they breakdown in 7 to 10 days and act as a top-dressing fertilizer. The grass clippings can also be used as surface mulch around vegetables and flowers to inhibit weed growth and retain soil moisture. Remember to keep the clippings at least 2 inches away from young plants. Grass clippings do not create thatch. Thatch is an overgrowth of the root and stem of the grass plant caused by over watering and over fertilizing.

Cut grass frequently every five days so clippings do not clump together on the top of the lawn. Or you could invest in a mulching mower or blade for your current mower. Don’t over fertilize your lawn. With a mulching mower it is also possible to mulch leaves because chops them up into fine pieces. These small changes could save you a great deal of money over the years.

- Home Composting is a great way to make your own beneficial soil amendment while reducing the amount of food scraps you throw away each year and leaves, you’re putting in Kraft bags. To learn more about composting go to [www.epa.gov/epawaste/conserve/rrr/composting](http://www.epa.gov/epawaste/conserve/rrr/composting).