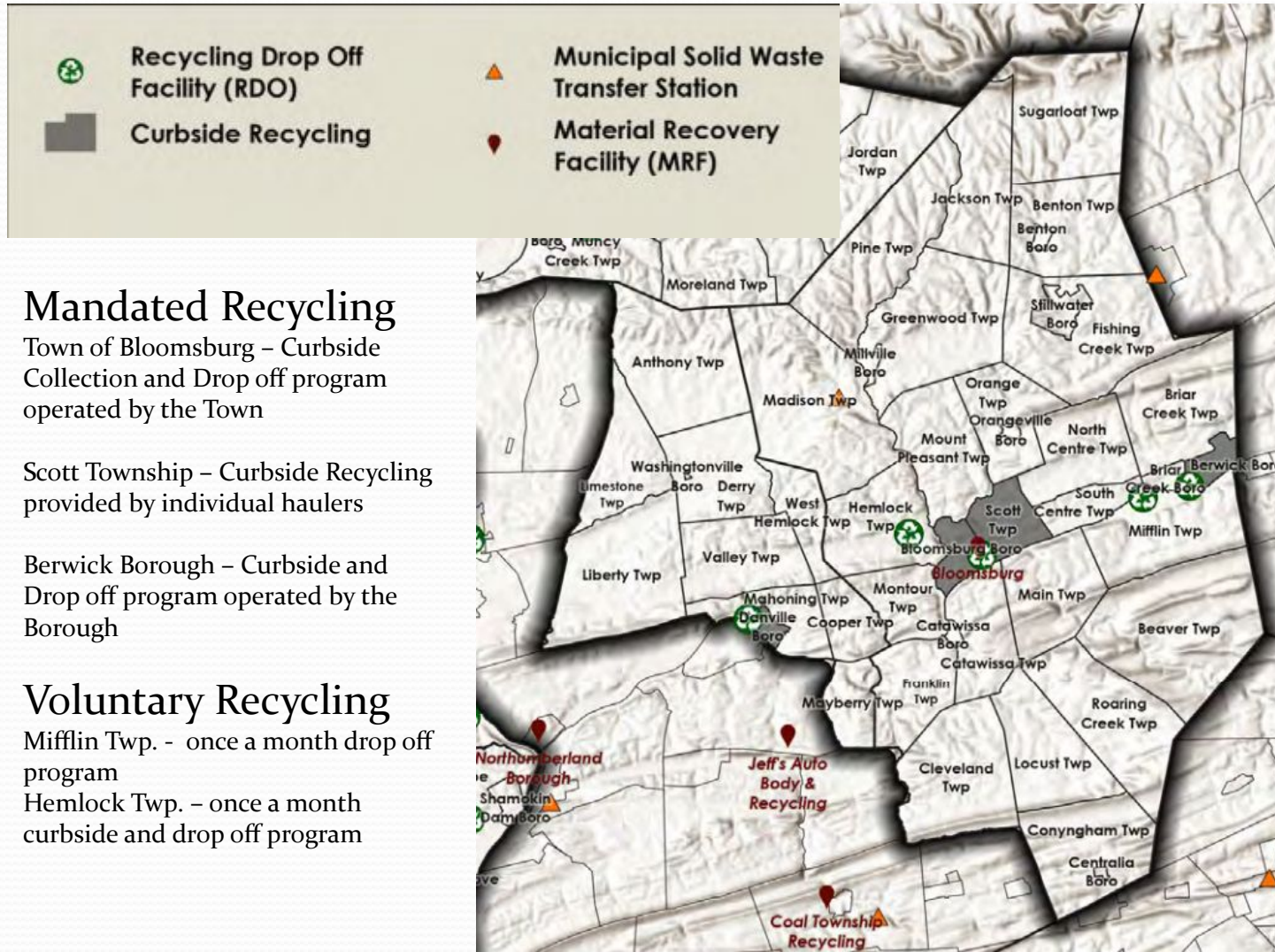


Columbia County Recycling



Mandated Recycling

Town of Bloomsburg – Curbside Collection and Drop off program operated by the Town

Scott Township – Curbside Recycling provided by individual haulers

Berwick Borough – Curbside and Drop off program operated by the Borough

Voluntary Recycling

Mifflin Twp. - once a month drop off program

Hemlock Twp. – once a month curbside and drop off program

Columbia County Recycling

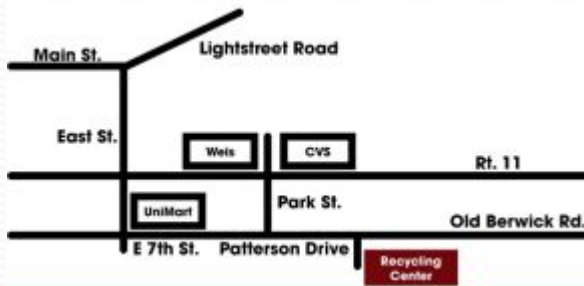
Outside of Community sponsored curbside collections, individual waste haulers offer curbside collection to customers.



In 2025

804.5 Tons
Of Recycling
was collected
direct from
households

Bloomsburg Recycling Center



Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 7:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m.
Closed Wednesday
Friday: 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Second and Fourth Saturday of Each Month
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

901 Patterson Dr, Bloomsburg, PA 17815



Recycling Center Drop Off Guide

PAPER

Bins are labeled for the separation of the following items:



NEWSPAPER
Includes all inserts



CARDBOARD
Corrugated boxes and paper bags



MIXED PAPER
Includes junk mail, envelopes, paste board boxes, phone books, paperback books, & magazines



HARDCOVER BOOKS
Includes encyclopedias & other bound books



OFFICE PAPER
Shredded or whole, lined or unlined paper

PLASTIC

Plastics should be sorted into the following four



#1
PET & PETE

Water Bottles, Soft Drinks, Sports Drinks, Peanut Butter Containers, Salad Dressing Containers, Vegetable Oil Containers



#2
HDPE

Natural- Milk Jugs, Water Jugs, Juice Jugs



#2
HDPE

Colors- Bleach Jugs, Household Cleaners, Laundry Detergents, Dish



#3-7
OTHER:

#3: Spray Bottles
#4: Fresh Produce Container Lids, Reusable Food and Drink Containers, Some Baby Bottles, Squeezable Bottles (e.g. Honey & Mustard)

#5: Butter Tubs, Medicine Bottles, Bottle Caps

#6: Aspirin & Vitamin Bottles, Yogurt Tubs & Lids

#7: Any other plastic containers (NO STYROFOAM OR PLASTIC BAGS)

GLASS



ACCEPTABLE	NOT ACCEPTABLE
- Glass Bottles	- Windowpane
- Jars	- Ceramics
	- Light bulbs

Separate by Color:

CLEAR | BROWN | GREEN

METALS



Separate by Metal:

Steel Cans	Aluminum Cans
All food cans, labels may remain on the cans	Beverage cans, cat food cans, and some food cans

OTHER

Scrap Metal	Plastic Film
Pots, pans, metal parts, microwaves	Grocery bags, packaging air packs, bread bags, Ziploc bags, water case overwrap, empty trash bags

NOW ACCEPTING

STYROFOAM

YES

**ONLY CHUNKY
WHITE FOAM
PACKAGING**













KEEP IT CLEAN

**NO STICKERS
OR TAPE**



NEED HELP RECYCLING? SEARCH FOR A RECYCLING SOLUTION BELOW

QUICK SEARCH

AUTOMOTIVE	
BATTERIES	
CONSTRUCTION	
ELECTRONICS	
GARDEN	
GLASS	
HAZARDOUS	
HOUSEHOLD	
METALS	
PAINT	
PAPER	
PLASTIC	

SEARCH FOR

CFLs, desktop computers, cell phones, etc...

ZIP CODE

zip code

SEARCH

WELCOME TO THE EARTH911 RECYCLING SEARCH!

With over 350 materials and 100,000+ listings, we maintain one of North America's most extensive recycling databases.

Simply dial 1(800)CLEANUP, or simply enter in the material you are trying to recycle along with your zip code and click search.





✓ Flexible Plastic Packaging

✓ Rigid Plastic Packaging



Plastic Packaging **Zero Waste Box™**

The simple, all-in-one solution to recycle almost everything.



Recycling options for over 91 hard to recycle items- grab a zero waste box or select one of the free recycling options available

Fan Favorite ❤️



RECYCLE

All-In-One - Zero Waste Box™

From \$241.00

Fan Favorite ❤️




RECYCLE

Plastic Packaging - Zero Waste Box™

From \$110.00

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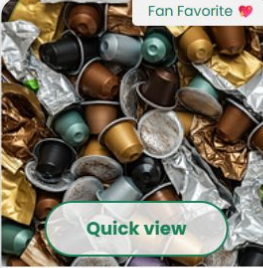


RECYCLE

Kitchen Separation - Zero Waste Box™

From \$183.00

Fan Favorite ❤️



RECYCLE

Quick view

Coffee Capsules - Zero Waste Box™

From \$133.00

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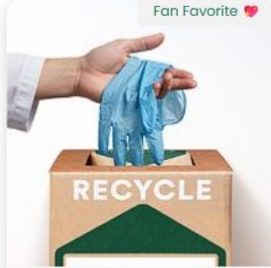


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Candy and Snack Wrappers - Zero Waste Box™

From \$105.00

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RECYCLE

Disposable Gloves - Zero Waste Box™

From \$165.00

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RECYCLE

Fabrics and Clothing - Zero Waste Box™

From \$160.00

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RECYCLE

Beauty Products and Packaging - Zero Waste Box™

From \$131.00

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RECYCLE

Shipping Materials - Zero Waste Box™

From \$113.00

Fan Favorite ❤️



RECYCLE

Shoes and Footwear - Zero Waste Box™

From \$156.00

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RECYCLE

Styrofoam - Zero Waste Box™

From \$118.00

Fan Favorite ❤️



RECYCLE

Pet Food Packaging - Zero Waste Box™

From \$134.00

Unlock 10% off!

Recycle hard-to-recycle trash, like beauty empties and snack packaging, from popular brands! It's simple, free, and keeps hard-to-recycle trash out of landfills and incinerators. Need help getting started? Click [here](#).

HOW LONG UNTIL IT'S GONE?

Estimated decomposition rates of common marine debris items



Estimated individual item timelines depend on product composition and environmental conditions.

Source: NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration), US / Woods Hole Sea Grant, US
Graphics: Oliver Lide / Museum für Gestaltung Zürich, ZHdK



Litter is primarily the result of individual behaviors.

About 85% of littering is the result of individual attitudes. Changing individual behavior is key to preventing litter.

Most littering behavior – 81% -- occurred with notable intent. This included dropping (54%), flick/flip of the item (20%), and other littering with notable intent (7%).

TOP 5 REASONS TO RECYCLE

Conserves Natural Resources.

Recycling conserves natural resources such as trees, water and minerals -- preserving the environment for future generations.

Reduces the need for landfills.

Recycling reduces the need for landfills because when materials are recycled, less waste is sent to disposal facilities.

Prevents pollution.

Recycling prevents pollution and reduces greenhouse gas emissions caused by the extracting and processing of raw materials.

Saves energy.

Recycling saves energy by eliminating the need to extract and process raw materials.

Creates jobs.

Recycling helps create new jobs in the United States for both the recycling industry and manufacturing.

The Economic Impact of Recycling to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

A Report of the Pennsylvania Recycling Markets Center



Wednesday, April 8th - 1:30 pm

Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection Secretary Jessica Shirley to announce results of the 2026 state-wide Recycling Economic Impact Study (REI) developed by the Pennsylvania Recycling Markets Center in cooperation with John Dunham Associates with funding provided by PA DEP.

WWW.PENNRMC.ORG

The results of the *Economic Impact of Recycling to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania* study are summarized in Table 1. The key highlights from the study include:

- The recycling economy is a vital part of the economy in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The industry directly accounts for nearly \$76.9 billion in economic activity at firms or entities collecting and processing recycled materials, firms or entities promoting the reuse of goods and materials, and firms utilizing recycled materials as part of their production process.
- The recycling industry in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is responsible for a total of 319,628 full-time equivalent jobs in the state, paying average wages and benefits of nearly \$84,600, or about \$1,625 a week.¹ This is well above the living wage in the state.²
- In total, the recycling industry is responsible for \$130.5 billion in economic activity in Pennsylvania, or roughly 7.2 percent of the state's total output.³
- These firms and entities directly create over 104,000 full-time-equivalent jobs, for people in all 67 of Pennsylvania's counties.
- Firms and entities in the direct segments (core, reuse and downstream) of the industry pay their employees over \$10.3 billion in wages and benefits. This is equal to \$99,380 per job.
- The Commonwealth and its localities receive over \$4.3 billion in tax revenues as a result of the activities of the recycling industry.

Benefits of Recycling

1. Saves Natural Resources

Fact:

Every Ton of Paper Recycled Saves 17 trees

Fact:

Every Ton of Steel recycled Saves 2500 pounds of iron ore, 1000 pounds of coal and 40 pounds of limestone



Recycling
REPLACES raw
materials



ELIMINATING the
energy needed to
extract raw materials



So **FEWER** fossil
fuels are burned

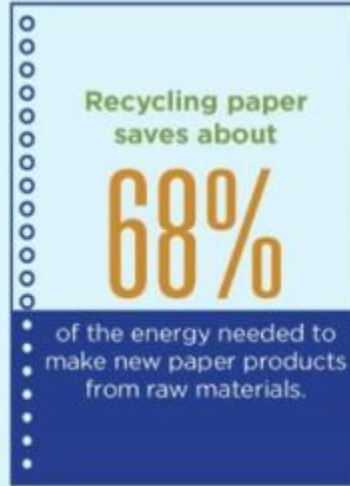


Which **REDUCES**
greenhouse gas
emissions



and **LOWERS**
the climate
change impact.

ENERGY SAVED USING RECYCLED VS. RAW MATERIALS



Benefits of Recycling

Water and Land

Water savings from recycled fiber alone: 6.6 billion gallons per year (182,000 people/yr)

Landfill savings from fiber & PET:
203 million cubic feet per year (695 acres to a depth of 3 feet)



Benefits of Recycling

GHG, Energy, Forests

EPA WARM model estimates a 1% rate point increase in recycling:

- 4.15 million metric tons of Greenhouse Gas's reduced (761,720 cars off the road)
- 29.6 Trillion BTUs of energy saved (5 million barrels of oil or electricity for 500,000 US homes)
- 29,000 acres preserved from deforestation (16 mm trees)

Benefits of Recycling

Saves Energy

Fact:

It takes 90 -95% less energy to recycle an aluminum can than it takes to mine and refine bauxite for a new can

Fact;

Recycling just one glass bottle saves enough energy to run a 100 watt light bulb for 4 hours

Americans throw away enough aluminum cans every three months to rebuild an entire commercial fleet



A plastic bottle will
last indefinitely in a
landfill



but when Recycled

5 two liters can become
an XL t-shirt

35 bottles is enough material to make
one square yard of carpeting or the fiber
fill in a sleeping bag

Other uses plastic lumber, car parts,
industrial strapping or new bottles



1x4



For more information

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