

COLUMBIA COUNTY RECYCLING

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History – In 1977 the Columbia County Landfill closed. A task force was established to determine how to manage waste. It was determined that recycling at the source, at each person's home can be successful. In August, 1977 the first residential curbside collection occurred. The Town of Bloomsburg is recognized as the first community in Pennsylvania to provide curbside recycling collection.

Statewide recycling in Pennsylvania began in 1988 with the Municipal Waste Planning Recycling and Waste Reduction Act (ACT 101) that requires larger municipalities to recycle. Mandated municipalities are determined following each decennial U.S. census. The most recent U.S. census was in 2020. Pennsylvania currently has 474 mandated municipalities. In Columbia County, residents and businesses within Berwick, Bloomsburg and Scott township are required to recycle by ordinances. Links to these community's recycling information is below. In addition, many local haulers now offer curbside recycling collection services to rural customers. Contact your hauler for information.

[Berwick Borough](#)

[Town of Bloomsburg](#)

[Scott Township](#)



In 2022, over 4.92 million tons of recyclable materials were collected and processed in Pennsylvania. This removed the equivalent of more than 7.57 million metric tons of carbon dioxide emissions from the air. This number is equal to over 1.69 million passenger vehicles taken off the road for one year. These same recycled resources are also equal to eliminating the electricity used in nearly 1.47 million homes per year.

source [PA Dept. of Environmental Protection](#)

While it will be no small feat to change Pennsylvanians' behavior, by working together we can ensure that Pennsylvanians have convenient access to responsible waste disposal and recycling, that people understand that littering and illegal dumping are not acceptable, and that litterers and illegal dumpers are held accountable. The result will be a cleaner, ore vibrant Pennsylvania, which we can all agree is the Pennsylvania we want to live in.

The Department is pleased to share the final report and underlying data of the [2021 Waste Composition Study](#) (PDF). Please direct any questions to ra-eprecyclepa@pa.gov.

Pennsylvania Litter Action Plan

The [Pennsylvania Litter Action Plan](#), developed with input from over 100 stakeholders from around the state, envisions a cleaner Pennsylvania with state and local government offices, the General Assembly, community and environmental organizations, businesses, and residents all doing their part to prevent littering.

It presents many actionable solutions we can all take to reduce littering. While each community's needs and challenges are different, the report highlights successful programs and strategies that can be duplicated or modified to fit the needs of any community.



Guidelines for Recycling in Your Community

- [Printable Brochure](#) (PDF) - *To print at home, select double sided—flip on short edge.*
- [Web-friendly Brochure](#) (PDF)

Electronics Recycling

Where can you recycle electronics?

The following businesses offer electronics recycling. Call or follow the links to the information for details.

Lycoming County Resource Management Services

Located at 447 Alexander Dr. Montgomery, PA 17752

1-800-736-7559 see information at right



Recycling Center

HandUp Foundation
275 Mahoning Street
Milton, PA 17847

Website: www.handupfoundation.org
Email: info@handupfoundation.org

Phone: (570) 742-3000
Monday, Thursday & Friday 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
Saturdays, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

ITEMS YOU CAN RECYCLE FOR FREE:

TEXTILES: Clothing, Shoes, Purses & Backpacks, Belts, Hats, Blankets, Sheets, Towels & Linens

ELECTRONICS: Cell Phones, Stereos, CBs, ones with metal framing

METALS: Copper, Insulated Copper, Stainless Steel, Brass, Scrap Metal, Aluminum Cans, Scrap Aluminum, Filing Cabinets

STYROFOAM: Ridged Styrofoam only (No packing peanuts!)

PAPER PRODUCTS: Corrugated Cardboard, Newspaper, Magazines, Office Paper - (No Shredded Paper will be accepted!)

MISC: Usable Furniture, Appliances, Household Items, Batteries with Acid - (Ex; Car Batteries)

Staples- 1005 Scott Town Center 570-912-6008

Accepts printers, computers, adapters, cables, mice, keyboards, media players, tablets, phones, routers, modems, writing instruments, gaming consoles, flash drivers, tablet cases, batteries, and ink/toner cartridges. **DO Not accept** air conditioners, TVs, large speakers and floor model copiers

Goodwill – Lewisburg location

175 International Drive Lewisburg, PA 17837
all computer and peripheral devices, TVs, cameras, printers, phones, video player (VCR/DVD)

Columbia County Residents!
FREE TV & COMPUTER RECYCLING
WITH LYCOMING COUNTY RESOURCE MANAGEMENT SERVICES (LANDFILL)

WHERE & WHEN
M-F: 7AM-4:30PM LCRMS (LANDFILL)
SATURDAY: 7AM-12PM 447 ALEXANDER DR.
MONTGOMERY, PA 17752
PHONE: 1-800-326-9571

WILL ACCEPT WHITE GOODS (AIR CONDITIONERS, DEHUMIDIFIERS, ETC) FOR A \$20 FEE.

USERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR UNLOADING THEIR OWN VEHICLES.

DRIVERS LICENSE AND VEHICLE REGISTRATION MUST BE PROVIDED AT THE WEIGH STATION

THIS IS OPEN YEAR-ROUND FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY RESIDENTS.

KEEP ALL BATTERIES OUT OF TRASH & RECYCLING
www.LCRMS.com/Batteries

Batteries are a fire hazard and can cause harm during collection, transportation, & disposal. LCRMS experienced two landfill fires in 2023 presumably caused by lithium batteries, along with near-missed fires inside our recycling building.

FREE & PROPER DISPOSAL:
LCRMS - 447 ALEXANDER DRIVE, MONTGOMERY, PA
STAPLES & LOWES - ACCEPTS RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES
OTHER LOCATIONS - VISIT CALL2RECYCLE.ORG

HOW TO HANDLE BATTERIES AT HOME:
1. TAPE SHINY SIDES OF THE BATTERY (USE PACKING TAPE/CLEAR TAPE)
2. STORE NO LONGER THAN ONE YEAR
3. BRING TO PARTICIPATING BATTERY RECYCLING PROGRAM
4. IF DAMAGED/SWOLLEN BATTERY, CONTACT LCRMS

LCRMS ACCEPTS:
ALKALINE BATTERIES
LITHIUM BATTERIES
NICKEL CADMIUM (Ni-Cd)
NICKEL METAL HYDRIDE (NiMH)
LEAD-ACID CAR BATTERIES
BATTERY CONTAINING UNITS*
*ITEMS SUCH AS TOYS & TOOLS
*WE CANNOT HANDLE VAPES OR ELECTRIC VEHICLE BATTERIES

LCRMS
LANDFILL-ENERGY-RECYCLE

Didn't find what you were looking to recycle? Try this website

www.earth911.com

What should I do with leftover paint?

To properly dispose of leftover paint the following are the recommended disposal options:

REDUCE

First – Buy only what you need and return any unopened cans. If you are at the end of a job and realize you need only a small amount to finish, exchange the unopened can for a smaller quantity.

REUSE

If you do have leftover paint, use it as an undercoat, second coat, touchups, projects (fences, birdhouses, basements), offer it to a friend or neighbor, OR donate leftover paint to community groups, schools, local theater group, recreation department, sign painter, etc.

Latex Paint

Latex paint is not hazardous waste.

Latex paints are water-bases and are a safer alternative than oil-based paints. But if the paint is unusable and you must get rid of it there are things you can do.

The goal is to simply the latex paint into a non-liquid form. This can be done in one of two ways.

Let it air dry – Lift off the lid, place the can away from children and pets, and allow the water content of the paint to evaporate. Once it's done, the semi-dry paint left in the bottom of the can may be placed in a plastic trash bag and disposed of in your regular waste pick-up.

Mix it with "kitty litter" or other absorbent – If it takes too long to evaporate the water content, you can mix the paint with an absorbent (clay based kitty litter, vermiculite, shredded newspaper, or shop "oil-dry" absorbent). This can be done in the paint can itself, if you have only a quart or so in the can, or in the plastic tray. Mix 2 to 4 cups of absorbent into each quart of paint. After the absorbent has soaked up the paint and it is no longer a liquid, dump it onto a couple layers of newspaper, wrap it up and place it in a plastic trash bag and dispose of it in your regular waste-pick-up. If you mixed the absorbent into the paint right in the can, simply place the open can and its non-liquid contents into a trash bag for disposal.

[PA DEP additional links](#)

- [Fluorescent Lamp Recycling](#)
- [Mercury Thermostat Recycling](#)
- [Pharmaceutical Management](#)
- [Renovation and Demolition Waste](#)
- [Waste Oil Program](#)
- [Waste Tire Program](#)