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Recycling

The Township of Derry operates a Recycling Center at 650 Clearwater Road to supplement the curbside recycling program. The center provides an environmentally conscious method for residents to dispose of items that are not collected at the curbside.

HOURS OF OPERATION:

Please call the Recycle Line at 717-533-8665 for the effective date of seasonal hours, or see the website.

**Items may only be dropped at the Recycle center during operating hours.*

**Recyclable items are defined as glass, paper, metal, plastic, and textile recycling. See below for details on what is accepted through our facility.*

Spring & Summer

(Hours change the week of Daylight Savings)

Monday 4:00 - 8:00 pm
Wednesday 4:00 - 8:00 pm
Friday 8:00 am - 3:00 pm
Saturday 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

Tuesday, Thursday, & Sunday - Closed

Fall & Winter

(Hours change the week of Daylight Savings)

Monday 4:00 - 8:00 pm
Friday 8:00 am - 3:00 pm
Saturday 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Sunday - Closed

Derry Township Recycling Center

717-533-2057, OPT. 4

Recycling Center Hotline

717-533-8665

Location

650 Clearwater Road
Hershey, PA 17033



Township of Derry

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Derry Recycling History

Derry Recycling History Recycling in Derry Township began in the late 1980s with volunteers collecting newspapers, glass, aluminum, plastic, and cardboard in a fenced lot on Chocolate Avenue on Saturday mornings. When this location was outgrown, collection services were moved to a site on North Hockersville Road, and items increased to include tree and brush clippings, tires, and used appliances. The Township's current recycling center was built in 1995 and was funded by a local bond issue and grants. The new facility has enabled the township to offer residents a more extensive recycling program in which materials can be collected and sold to be processed and recycled. The Township recycles more than 13,000 tons of material a year. The operation of the center is in support of the Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling, and Waste Reduction Act of 1988 (Act 101). The act encourages waste reduction and recycling and the reduction of disposal or processing of waste. The act aims to reduce the amount of waste in landfills, recover valuable natural resources, conserve energy, and increase the reuse of materials. The state relies on municipal waste and recycling programs to educate the public and provide recycling services. The benefits of the programs exceed the costs, which are offset by disposal fee savings, sale of materials, collection fees, and state grants. Pennsylvania waste haulers are assessed a \$2 per ton charge on the waste taken to landfills and incinerators. This revenue is deposited in a recycling fund and is distributed in grants to support municipal recycling programs.



The Importance of Recycling

Improper disposal of trash is costly to clean up and takes a great toll on the environment. It can pollute ground and surface water, and harm wildlife. The Susquehanna and Potomac River watersheds contribute half the fresh water to the Chesapeake Bay. Product packaging accounts for almost half of the municipal solid waste disposed of in the U.S. today. Tires create environmental and health hazard when rain collects in them, creating a breeding ground for mosquitoes which transmit disease. Tire piles that catch fire are very difficult to extinguish and can burn for weeks causing the rubber to decompose into oil, polluting the ground and surface water, and producing gas and carbon black. Batteries contain toxic material that pollutes the ground. Americans throw away enough aluminum cans every 3 months to rebuild the entire U.S. commercial air fleet. Making one aluminum can out of raw materials requires 19 times the amount of energy that it takes to recycle 1 can. Lead, benzene, and zinc found in oil contaminate the water. Recycling oil requires less usage of virgin crude oil. Reusing 1 ton of paper will save enough energy to heat an average home for 6 months, 7,000 gallons of water, 380 gallons of oil, and save 3 cubic yards of landfill space.

CURBSIDE COLLECTION

The Township encourages residents to reduce the amount of trash that is generated and collected at curbside and to purchase items that are recycled. Ordinance No. 314, the Municipal Solid Waste and Recycling Ordinance, requires all residents to use the services of the hauler that is awarded the bid for waste collection by the township. Recycling in Derry Township is mandatory.

Trash

The trash hauler provides a 96-gallon container to be placed curbside each week by 5:00 am on the collection day.

If trash is not collected on the scheduled day of service, please call the hauler's customer service number.

How long it takes to Biodegrade:

Fruit/Vegetables - Most within 5 days/Month
Orange/Banana peel - Up to 2 Yrs.
Cigarette Butts - Up to 5 Yrs.
Candy Wrappers (foil lined) - Up to 10-20 Yrs.
Cans and Bottles - Never



Bulky Waste

Residential customers may place one bulky item curbside weekly on the regularly scheduled collection day. The items must be able to be lifted and placed on the truck by two men.

- Bulk items with fabric material, such as a sofa, box spring, or mattress, must be covered in plastic for pickup.



If you feel there is a recycling need that is not currently being met, please do not hesitate to contact the Department of Public Works at 717-533-2057, option 4, or the Recycle Line at 717-533-8665 for information on recycling.

Collectible Items

- Furniture
- Mattress & Box Spring
- Dishwasher
- Hot Water Heater
- Oven
- Washer/Dryer

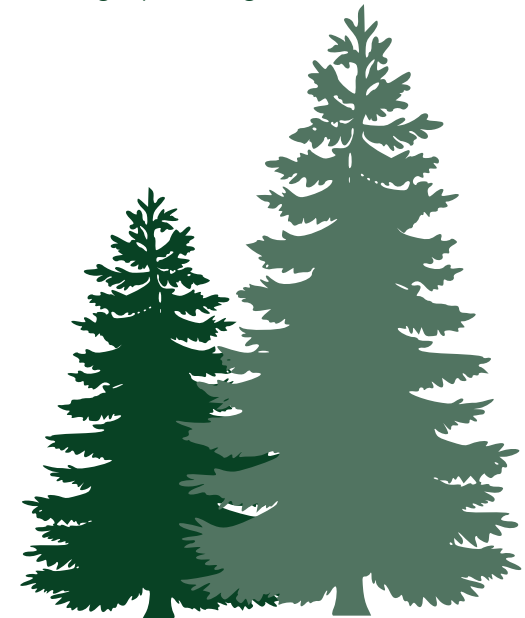
Non-Collectible Items

- Hazardous Waste-Paints/Electronics
- Herbicides & Insecticides
- Solvents/Chemicals/Propane Tanks
- Carpet
- Batteries
- Appliances containing Freon
- Tires
- Loose Piles of items/
- Construction Demolition

Arrangements can be made with the hauler to pick up items that are not included in the contract for an additional fee. Please contact the hauler with questions regarding this service.

CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL

Pennsylvania's newest Recycling Mandate under Act 101 no longer allows the disposal of any type of wood waste at a landfill. **As a result of this new mandate, residents will no longer be able to place their Christmas trees at the curbside with their weekly trash** for pickup by the waste hauler. The Public Works Department will pick up the trees during the month of January, weather permitting. The pickup schedule will be the same as the fall leaf collection, which can be found on our [website](#). Trees should be placed at the curbside. No pickups will be made in alleys. Residents may also dispose of their trees at the Township Recycling Facility at no cost during operating hours.



PLASTICS

#1 - #7 plastic containers - These items include soda bottles, milk and water containers, and detergent bottles. Remove the lids and rinse the container clean. The plastic lids can also be recycled. Please do not include plastic wrap or plastic bags.

GLASS BOTTLES

Clear, Brown, or Green glass - Remove and discard the lids and rinse the bottle clean. Please do not include window glass, mirrors, automotive glass, crystal, ceramic cookware and decorative pieces, Pyrex and tupperware glass or glass that is heat resistant, light bulbs, etc.



PAPER

Newspapers, magazines, junk mail, telephone books, and glossy paper. Paper items can be placed directly in the recycling bin.

ALUMINUM & STEEL CANS

These items include food, beverages, pet food, soda, and beer, including the tabs, aluminum foil as long as it is cleaned, and no food particles and aerosol cans. Please do not include paint cans (unless the paint is completely rinsed out), chemical cans, or scrap metals.

Pay As You Throw Bags (PAYT)

Bags must be purchased for \$9.50 for trash exceeding the weekly limit or for the Pay as You Throw Program. During operating hours, bags are available at the Recycling Center, Township Administration Building, Public Works Facility, and the Library. The bags do not expire, and there is no limit on how many bags may be used in a week.

Recycle Bins

The trash hauler provides a recycling bin to each residence. If one does not exist, a bin can be obtained by calling the trash hauler.



Items Accepted With A Charge

- Appliances (ovens, washers, dryers, etc.)
- Appliances containing Freon (refrigerators, a/c units, etc.)
- Bulky Waste (furniture and items over 50 lbs.)
- Mattresses/Box Springs
- Fluorescent Lamps (4' and 8') U Tube Fluorescent Lamps
- Fluorescent Ballast
- High-Intensity Discharge Lamps
- High-Intensity Discharge Ballast
- Tires (up to 20" inner diameter)
- Tires on Rims
- Water Heater
- Anti-Freeze
(Do not mix with other fluids)
- Motor Oil (Do not mix with other fluids)

Items Accepted with No Charge

- Aluminum Scrap (no cans or foil)
- Batteries - (Alkaline and lithium-ion batteries are NOT accepted.)
- Car Batteries (auto, truck, motorcycle)
- Corrugated Cardboard (clean, dry, and flat)
- Metals (ferrous and non-ferrous)
- Office Paper and Magazines
- Styrofoam Peanuts and food containers (clean and reusable)
- Polystyrene #6 (clean and reusable)
- Propane Tanks
- Yard Waste
- Retired U.S. and State Flags

**Materials determined to be contaminated or unusable will not be accepted. Construction materials and demolition debris are not accepted. Please contact the Recycle Line at 717-533-8665 for prices.*

Hazardous Material

Hazardous waste is any product that exhibits toxicity, ignitability, corrosivity, or reactivity. Improper disposal of these products can cause environmental and human health problems. Residents may call the Household Hazardous Waste Hotline at 1-800-449-7587 to arrange for the collection of household hazardous waste from their homes free of charge. Electronic waste can be taken to the Dauphin County Recycle Center located at 1625 South Cameron Street Harrisburg, PA 17104

Electronics

Derry Township does not accept electronic waste. In order to dispose of such material(s) Derry Township residents will need to contact the Dauphin County Recycling Center.

Dauphin County Recycling Center:
717-982-6772

Mulch

The yard waste that is dropped off at the Recycling Center is ground into mulch. An unlimited amount of mulch is available to township residents at no charge. Compost and mulch may only be retrieved during operating hours.

Compost

The leaves that are collected through the township's residential leaf collection program are ground and turned into compost. The compost is available to township residents at no charge and is only available during operating hours.

Grass clippings or stumps are accepted. Any yard waste container with trash or grass clippings included will NOT be collected. NO shrubs over 50 lbs; all soil must be removed from the roots. NO loose piles of leaves or shrubs are accepted.



Yard Waste

Residents may bring an unlimited amount of yard waste to the center. Please be sure that there are no foreign objects in the yard waste. The waste is ground into mulch, and foreign items are a hazard to the employees and the equipment. The trash hauler will collect yard and leaf waste once a month, April through October, on your normal collection day. The schedule will be posted on the Township's website. Containers must not exceed 50 lbs. Branches and tree limbs must not exceed 2" in diameter or 4" in length. Branches should be bundled and secured by rope or twine, not exceeding 50 lbs. We also request that Brown compost bags or 10 to 36-gallon trash cans must be used for yard waste. Mark the containers as Yard Waste.

LEAF COLLECTION

Leaf Collection begins mid-October through the beginning of December, weather permitting. Please call the Public Works Department at 717-533-2057, option 4; for the specific dates, see the township newsletter or local newspapers. The collection will only be made on streets, not alleys. Please remove materials such as rocks, toys, boards, and tree trimmings. When these items are hidden in leaf piles, they can cause harm to the workers and the equipment. Please trim street trees to a height of 9' above the cartway and remove basketball nets to allow leaf trucks, school buses, snow plows, and emergency vehicles to pass with ease. Some delays may occur due to inclement weather or an overabundance of leaves.

LEAF & CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION

MONDAY:

W. Areba Avenue, W. Caracas Avenue, W. Granada Avenue, Beech Avenue, Chestnut Avenue, Cedar Avenue, Swatara Avenue, Reese Avenue, Half Street, Annscott Manor, Robin Road (Area) Stafford Heights, E. Caracas Avenue, E. Granada Avenue, (IN TOWN), E. Areba Avenue, Java Avenue, Ceylon Avenue, Bahia Avenue, Para Avenue, Hockersville Road, Fishburn Road, Hilltop Road, Clark Road, Church Road, Valley View (Area), McCorkle Road, Old Hershey Road, Gates Road, Jacobs Creek.

TUESDAY:

Locust Avenue, Maple Avenue, Elm Avenue, Oak Lane, Briarcrest (Area), Cherry Drive, Peach Avenue, Somerset Drive, Cambridge Commons, Glenn Acres, Glenn Acres East, Chadds Ford, South Hills (Area), Sandhill Road (N. of Roush Road).

WEDNESDAY:

Mill Street, Hillcrest Road, Orchard Road, Glen Road, Valley Road (IN TOWN), Cocoa Avenue, Cocoa Townes, Laurel Woods, Sandhill Road, (S. of Roush Road), Woodridge Manor, Roush Road, Wellbeckon, The Meadows, Hillcrest (Area), Hill Church Road, Twin Oaks/Sunnyside (Area), Village of Innsbruck, Shady Hill Estates, Waltonville Road, Walton Spring Hills, Stoney Run, Landvater Road, Bullfrog Valley Road.

THURSDAY:

Ridge Road, Linden Road, Brook Lane, Governor Road, Clifton Heights Road, Dartmouth Farms, Stone Creek, JoAnn Avenue, Locust Avenue, Middletown Road, Southpoint, Southpoint Commons, Deer Run, Orchard Run, Indian Run, Carol Acres, Carol Acres East, The Oaks, Waltoncroft, Derry Woods, Stone Creek, Oakmont, Division Street, Royal Street, Old Quarry Road, East Main Street, Mountain View.

FRIDAY:

W. Chocolate Avenue, E. Chocolate Avenue, N. Lingle Avenue, Lehman Street, Wexford Road, Brittany Drive, Stauffers Church Road, Hotel Road (Area), Owls Hills (Area), Trinidad Avenue, Palmdale (Area), E. Derry Road, Center Road, Park Avenue, Park Place, (Front Street).

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

AS A FINAL NOTE, WE WOULD LIKE TO REMIND ALL RESIDENTS THAT CHILDREN PLAYING IN LEAVES ON THE STREET AND CARS PARKED ON LEAVES CONSTITUTE EXTREMELY DANGEROUS CONDITIONS.

COMPOSTING

Composting is beneficial to the environment and to your garden. Compost is a mixture of decaying organic matter which provides nutrients for healthy plant growth. Composting is easy once you get started and get into the habit. Compost bins speed up the natural process of decomposition of complex organic compounds. The compounds break down into a rich organic material called humus.



HOW TO START

Purchase or build a container. Determine how much material you can compost and use. Find a location with good drainage out of direct sunlight. Begin with a layer of coarse material such as twigs, straws, or leaves. Add a layer of dry grass clippings or mulched leaves, mixed with kitchen waste like eggshells, fruit and vegetable scraps, coffee grounds, or tea bags. Add more material as it becomes available. Keep layers of the same type of material no thicker than six inches. Turn the mixture on a weekly or bi-weekly basis to provide air space. Poking the mixture will assist by creating pores. The pile must be kept moist. The pile will heat and decrease in volume as the materials decompose. Add food scraps to the center of the pile and fold them into the mixture. The material is ready for use when it is dark brown and crumbly. The compost may be screened to remove items that did not totally decompose.

ITEMS WHICH HELPS WITH DECOMPOSITION

The following items provide a carbon/nitrogen mix to assist with decomposition:

- Mulched leaves
- Dry grass
- Tree/shrub trimmings
- Garden plants
- Weeds Old potting soil
- Soft plant stems
- Fruit and vegetable trimmings
- Crushed egg shells
- Tea bag
- Coffee grounds and filters
- Shredded paper, tissues, paper towels, shredded cardboard



The Township of Derry's Recycling Program was awarded the Pennsylvania Waste Watcher Award by the Department of Environmental Protection. The award acknowledges Derry's commitment to increasing the collection of recyclable materials through the curb and sidewalk collection and the recycling center. The Township of Derry has been named a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation since 1992. The National Arbor Day Foundation is a non-profit organization that encourages the planting and caring of trees and the celebration of Arbor Day to advance global environmental stewardship for the benefit of current and future generations. The Department of Environmental Protection recognized Derry Township for conserving natural resources and Pennsylvania's environment by recovering and recycling used motor oil. The Township of Derry was also recognized by the state as a Business for the Bay for cooperation with the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay.