

"BLOOMSBURG'S" RECYCLING REPORT

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RECYCLING COLLECTIONS MISSED DUE TO HOLIDAY CLOSINGS WILL NOW BE COLLECTED LATER IN THE WEEK.

Residents in Area 1 this means that in September 2005 a collection will take place on Thursday September 8th.

Residents in Area 4 will have collections on Wednesday November 30th and Wednesday December 28th of 2005..

NOTE: These changes are only for the Holiday, the normal collection day for both Areas is on Mondays.

NEW -COLLECTION DAYS TO BE MADE UP Make sure to check out the 2006 Calendar for the following changes to collection times. Holiday's when the recycling center is closed causing an area to miss a collection day will be made up on Wednesday's for AREA's 4 and 5, while AREA's 1,2, or 3 will be picked up on Thursday. ALL OTHER COLLECTIONS WILL STAY ON THE REGULAR COLLECTION DAY. See example below.

Monday Center Closed	Tuesday AREA 2	Wednesday AREA 3	Thursday AREA 1	Friday
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Monday Center Closed	Tuesday AREA 5	Wednesday AREA 4	Thursday	Friday
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2006 Holidays the Recycling Center is closed:

- New Year's Day - Area 1 will be collected on Thursday January 5th
- Presidents Day -- Area 1 will be collected on Thursday February 23rd
- Good Friday - no collections missed
- Memorial Day -- no collections missed
- Independence Day - Area 2 will be collected on Thursday July 6th
- Labor Day -- Area 1 will be collected on Thursday September 7th
- Thanksgiving -- no collections missed
- First day of Deer - Area 4 will be collected on Wednesday November 29th
- Christmas. - Area 4 will be collected on Wednesday December 27th

RECYCLING – IT’S THE LAW! Recycling is **mandatory** in Bloomsburg for residents, businesses, schools, offices, multi-family housing properties and organizers of special events.

RESIDENTS are required to recycle:


- Clear, brown and green glass – remove lid, empty, rinse and sort by color
- Steel cans – empty and rinse
- Aluminum cans – empty
- Newspapers – bundle or bag and keep dry
- #1 and #2 plastic bottles and jars – remove lid, empty and rinse

Separate and place recyclables at the curb in a paper bag or open top container by 7:30 am on your scheduled day.

CURBSIDE BINS are available at the Recycling center for use in curbside collection. The bins are free to Town of Bloomsburg residents. Bins keep material separate and make it easier to spot for curbside collection.

OTHER MATERIALS WE ACCEPT AT OUR DROPOFF FACILITY: All items we collect curbside can be dropped off at our Recycling center at 901 Patterson drive. In addition to the items we collect curbside we accept hardcover and paperback books, office paper, magazines, corrugated cardboard and computers.

Computer Recycling has been a huge success since its start in 2003. In that first year we collected 30,155lbs. of computer monitors, towers, keyboards, printers and other miscellaneous electronics. In 2004, we deferred another 25,980lbs. from being sent to a landfill. So far in 2005, we have collected 30,000lbs. of electronics.

BLOOMSBURG RECYCLES 2004				AT THE COMPOST SITE		
<u>Material</u>	<u>Residential Tonnage</u>	<u>Commercial Tonnage</u>	<u>Total tons</u>	Curbside Leaf collections begin on October 10th and continue through November 23rd		
Clear Glass	111.6	14.1	125.7			
Brown Glass	114.8	25.4	140.2			
Green Glass	72.3	13.9	86.2			
Steel Cans	44.7	5.2	49.9			
Aluminum Cans	12.7	0.9	13.6			
Plastic	74.8	8.9	83.7			
Office Paper	12.4	100.2	112.6			
Mags/Phone Books	199.5	5.5	205.0			
Newspaper	389.0	75.0	464.0			
Cardboard/Kraft	183.6	1513.7	1697.3			
Hardcover Books	10.8	0	10.8		Curbside	DropOff
Paperback Books	7.3	0	7.3	Leaves	632.0	
Computers/Electronics	13.0	0	13.0	Christmas Trees	6.0	2.8
TOTAL	1246.5	1762.8	3009.3	Yard Waste	239.1	5738.4
				TOTAL	877.1	5741.2

Recycling Program receives honors: The Town of Bloomsburg received a special recognition this year for being a Multi-Year Waste Watcher Award winner. Bloomsburg was one of seven programs in the state to be recognized. An official with the PA Waste Industry came to present the Town with a recycled content plaque in recognition of an outstanding Curbside, Drop-off, processing facility, special collection and recycling education categories.

RECYCLING IN PENNSYLVANIA TOPS 4.4 MILLION TONS

Department of Environmental Protection Secretary Kathleen McGinty announced early this year that PA residents and businesses recycled 4.45 million tons of materials, rather than sending it to a landfill. The environmental benefits of PA's recycling effort include:

- A savings of natural resources needed to produce new products to the extent of 1.3 million tons of iron ore, 716,167 tons of coal and 61,386 tons of limestone.
- By recycling over 577,000 tons of paper, PA reduced the need to cut down more than 7.6 million trees.
- Energy savings equivalent to 75.7 trillion BTUs or enough energy to power 739,969 homes for a year.
- A saving in landfill disposal cost of over \$240 million.

Source DEP News Release 5/13/2005

2005 REMAINING COLLECTION DATES BY AREA

AREA 1	Sep* 8,19	Oct 3, 17	Nov 7,21	Dec 5,19
AREA 2	Sep 6,20	Oct 4, 18	Nov 8, 22	Dec 6,20
AREA 3	Sep 7,21	Oct 5, 19	Nov 9,23	Dec 7, 21
AREA 4	Sep 12,26	Oct 10, 24	Nov 14 ,30**	Dec 12, 28**
AREA 5	Sep 13,27	Oct 11, 25	Nov 15,29	Dec 13, 27

(NOTE: Look for your **AREA** number on the address label.)

* MAKE UP DAY FOR AREA 1 ON THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 8TH (DATE IS NOT ON CALENDAR)

** MAKE UP DAY FOR AREA 4 ON WEDNESDAY NOV 30TH & WED DEC 28TH (DATE IS NOT ON CALENDAR)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 5th	The recycling center will be closed for Labor Day. There are no curbside collections in Area 1 on that day.
October 10th	Curbside leaf collections begin. Rake leaves to the curb line. Town crews will collect leaves on the same day and side of the street as the street sweeper schedule. The collections will take place weekly until November 23 rd .
October 31st	Curbside collection of magazines in Areas 1,2,&3.
November 1st	Curbside collection of magazines in Areas 4&5
November 2nd	Due to the time change, the compost site will now be open on Wednesdays from 2:00-5:00 pm. Saturday hours will remain the same.
November 23rd	Compost site closes for the season.
November 24th thru November 28th	The recycling center will be closed.
December 24th & 26th	The recycling center will be closed.

