

BLOOMSBURG'S RECYCLING REPORT

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Recycling in Bloomsburg celebrates 30 years.

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It started in 1977 with a discussion about the concern over the closing of the Columbia County Landfill. The solid waste task force deemed that "recycling at the source—at each person's home can be a success". In August the first residential curbside collection was done.

In March of 1990 recycling became mandatory for all commercial, municipal and institutional establishments.

All businesses must keep separate from municipal waste the following materials.

Clear, brown and green glass bottles; steel cans; aluminum beverage cans; newspapers; corrugated cardboard and office paper.

A quarterly Recycling Report will be necessary for properties that do not have their recyclables delivered to Bloomsburg's Recycling Cen-

ter. Weight slips for all materials must accompany the report. Forms are available online at www.bloomsburgpa.org on the recycling page. This includes any company that backhauls materials to a corporate warehouse. Also any business that destroys files through an outsourced shredding company that provides a certificate of destruction/recycling should forward a copy of the weight certificate.

Multi-family Recycling

Multi-family housing properties are required to recycle all materials that are required of all residential properties. A Multi-family property has more than four units. Materials to be Recycled: **Clear, Brown & Green glass bottles; Steel cans; aluminum cans; newspaper and plastic bottles #1 PET & #2 HDPE.**

The landlord or agent of each property shall require tenants to recycle by a clause in the lease or other enforceable rule or regulation.

The landlord or agent is responsible for setting up a convenient location for the collection and storage of all recyclables. The landlord or agent is to make arrangements for the materials to be delivered to a recycling facility.

Methods of removal of recyclables include (1) delivering the recyclables to the recycling center directly. (2) Have a contracted hauler provide the service (3) Elect to have recyclables picked up curbside. (should this method be chosen the owner would be subject to the same recycling fee for each dwelling unit as those residents eligible for curbside recycling.

Special Event

recycling is also mandatory for community activities where food is served to more than 200 people or more than 2,200 pounds of municipal waste is generated.

- Mandated materials include corrugated cardboard; aluminum and steel cans; clear, brown, green glass; and #1 and #2 plastic bottles
- Sponsors are to place clearly labeled collection bins in convenient locations (i.e. next to trash containers).
- Sponsors should inform all employees and users (vendors, patrons, etc.) of the recycling program.
- Sponsors of the event should also provide for the transportation and marketing of the recyclables generated.
- Sponsors must provide to the Town a written report form the hauler with weigh slip broken out by material.

RECYCLE WITH US

Recycling surveys and annual report forms available online

What obstacles does your business encounter regarding recycling? We want to hear from you. Download the commercial survey form on the recycling page on the town's website www.bloomsburgpa.org. Let us know how we can help. Your input can help guide decisions regarding future recycling.

If you have not returned your annual report form yet, the form is available

on the recycling page under commercial guidelines. The annual report form must be filed with the Recycling center.



About Confidential Paper Shredding

On May 10th 2004 Town council approved the following fee schedule for shredding.

WEIGHT	COST
Under 500 lbs	\$50
501-1000 lbs	\$75
1001-2000 lbs	\$150
over 2000 lbs	Base fee of \$150 plus corresponding weight fee as designated above.

Benefits of Recycling

By reusing products over and over again it cuts down on the amount of raw materials needed to produce new products. Using recyclables as a component of producing new products also helps prevent other environmental damages caused by mining, logging and manufacturing of raw materials.

For example it takes 90-95% less energy to use recycled aluminum cans than it takes to mine and refine bauxite for a new can. Aluminum cans are 100% recyclable, if sent to the landfill it would take 500 years to decompose.

With every ton of newspaper recycled seventeen trees are saved from producing new paper. When steel is recycled every ton saves 2500 pounds of iron ore, 1000 pounds of coal and forty pounds of limestone needed to produce new steel. A ton of recycled glass saves the equivalent of nine gallons of fuel oil.

Using these figures see what the environmental benefits of Bloomsburg's recycling program has been over the last five years. From 2002-2006 the Center shipped:

3131 tons of newspaper — saving 52,227 trees.

470 tons of steel cans — saving 508 tons of iron ore: 235 tons of coal and 9.4 tons of limestone.

1953 tons of glass — accounting for the equivalent of 17,577 gallons of fuel oil saved.

Recycling facts:

3% of the world's energy is used in producing packaging.

Over 90% of all products in the US are shipped in corrugated cardboard boxes. Currently 70% of all corrugated is recovered for recycling.

Every day American businesses generate enough paper to circle the earth twenty times.

Recycled glass is substituted for up to 70% of raw materials in bottle production.

One third of all carpeting sold today contains recycled PET plastic.

Recycling is not just about saving landfill space. Recycling provides a source of materials for manufactures of various products. Here are some examples of what recyclables can become.

Cardboard and newspaper is used in the making of drywall, paperboard boxes and other packaging. Glass bottles can be recycled over and over again into new bottles, it is also used in fiberglass insulation and tiles. One thousand milk jugs is enough product to build a park bench out of plastic lumber. Thirty-five 2 liter bottles can become one square yard of carpet or the fiber filling for a sleeping bag. See the chart below for more of what recycling can become.

Bloomsburg's Recycling Totals for 2006

Material	Residential Tons	Commercial Tons	Total Tons
Clear Glass	143.9	16.3	160.2
Brown Glass	147.8	37.8	185.6
Green Glass	77.8	16.5	94.3
Steel Cans	50.7	2.4	53.1
Aluminum Cans	11.5	0.6	12.1
Plastic	92.8	10.4	103.2
Office Paper	14.9	116.4	131.3
Cardboard	182.5	1452.7	1635.2
Newspaper	411.9	56.5	468.4
Magazine/Phone Books	221.7	1.3	223.0
Hardcover/Paperback Books	23.2	0	23.2

AT THE RECYCLING CENTER

The recycling center at 901 Patterson Drive accepts the following materials for drop-off during open hours.

CLEAR, BROWN, & GREEN GLASS — separate by color.

STEEL CANS & ALUMINUM CANS separate by metal type

NEWSPAPER— including all ads and inserts must keep dry

PLASTIC BOTTLES #1PET & 2 HDPE which includes all soda, juice, milk and laundry bottles Check for the number in the

chasing arrows

CORRUGATED CARDBOARD boxes that have a layer of ridges

MAGAZINES & CATALOGS

OFFICE PAPER –lined or unlined shredded or whole

HARDCOVER, PAPERBACK AND PHONE BOOKS

COMPUTERS AND ALL PERIPHERALS

CENTER HOURS

MONDAY 7AM-3:30PM

TUESDAY 7AM-3:30PM

WEDNESDAY 7AM-5PM

THURSDAY 7AM-3:30PM

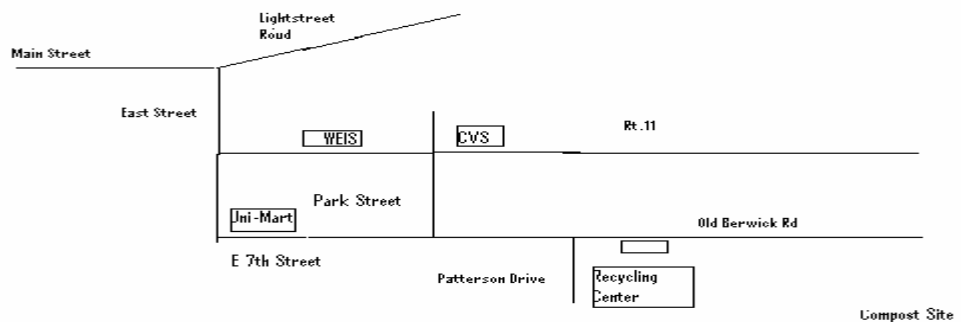
FRIDAY 7AM-3PM

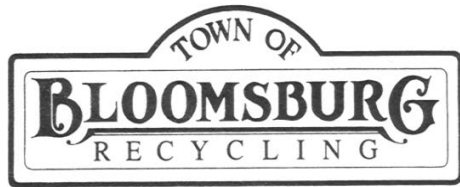
2ND & 4TH SATURDAY

9AM-1PM

DIRECTIONS TO CENTER

From Main Street follow Rt.11 turn right onto East Street. Go to the third red light and turn left onto E 7th Street. The Center is 1/2 mile ahead on the right side behind Whitmoyer's Car Detailer (formerly Walt's Best Gas Station)





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Questions about Recycling?

Do you have questions about recycling? Here is your chance to ask. Call the recycling center at 784-4532 or email cfritz@bloomsburgpa.org.

CENTER CLOSINGS:

The Recycling Center will be closed for the following holidays.

May 26-28	Memorial Day
July 4	Independence Day
September 3	Labor Day
Nov 22-26	Thanksgiving
December 25	Christmas
January 1	New Years Day