

What is Recycling?

Recycling is taking something old and remanufacturing it into something new. For example recycled steel cans may become parts for a car, bicycle or toy. Just thirty-five empty two liter bottles can become the fiber filling for a sleeping bag or one square yard of carpeting.

Benefits of Recycling

By reusing products over and over again it cuts down the amount of raw materials needed to manufacture new products.

- Recycling one ton of newspaper saves 17 trees needed to make new paper.
- With every ton of steel recycled 2500 pounds of iron ore, 1000 pounds of coal and 40 pounds of limestone are saved.
- Recycling a ton of glass saves the equivalent of nine gallons of fuel oil.
- Recycling 40 aluminum cans save the equivalent of one gallon of gasoline.

Recycling reuses materials over again which also helps prevent other environmental damages caused by mining, logging and manufacturing of raw materials, and the best news is Everyone benefits when we recycle.

Preparation

Before setting materials out for recycling collection or before taking them to a recycling center remember these tips:

Keep papers dry and separate newspaper, magazine and office paper.

Empty and Rinse all bottles, jars and cans to assure that no food residue remains. The labels do not need to be removed. All materials must be sorted and separated: glass must be sorted by color, steel cans and aluminum cans must be kept separate and only plastic bottles #1 and #2 are accepted. Newspapers should be either bundled or placed in a bag to prevent the wind from blowing them away.

Collection

For curbside collection in the Bloomsburg area, have all materials set out by 7:30a.m. on the designated day. The Town of Bloomsburg is divided into five collection areas. Each area is collected twice per

month. Area 1 is the first and third Monday: Area 2 is the first and third Tuesday: Area 3 is the first and third Wednesday: Area 4 is the second and fourth Monday, and Area 5 is the second and fourth Tuesday. Materials should be placed in either paper bags, open top containers or recycling bins.

Drop off Recycling

Recyclables brought to the Recycling Center must be placed into the appropriately labeled bin. Signs above each bin list acceptable items and unacceptable materials.

Clear glass accepted at the center is bottles or jars only, the following are **NOT** accepted light bulbs, window pane, cups or dishes.

Acceptable office paper includes shredded and nonshredded, lined or unlined. Items that are **NOT** to be included are window envelopes, ream wrappers, paper cups/plates and floppy disks. Cardboard drop off is for corrugated boxes only that is packaging boxes that have a fluted layer of ridges between the outer liners. What is **NOT** accepted are cereal boxes, soda cartons, gift boxes or other paper board boxes. Only Plastic bottles #1 and #2 are accepted, please remember to remove the caps. **NOT** accepted are #3-#7 plastics such as butter tubs, yogurt containers, plastic bags or other non bottle plastics.

Hard to Recycle Items

To find out where to recycle items that are not accepted at Bloomsburg's Recycling Center check the Where to Recycle listing on the Department of Environmental Protection website at www.dep.state.pa.us under land/recycling. Searches can be done by zip code, county or statewide. Outlets for materials such as rechargeable batteries, shrink wrap, ink cartridges, tires, oil and antifreeze can be found. Always remember to call the business first before making a delivery.