

Recycling has been a way of life in Bloomsburg for more than thirty years. The Center processed over three thousand tons of material again last year. Not only are we conserving landfill space by recycling, it also provides a source of materials for manufacturers. Today over one third of all carpeting sold contains recycled PET plastic. Corrugated cardboard and newspaper are used in the making of drywall, paperboard boxes and other packaging. Recycled glass is substituted for up to seventy percent of raw materials needed to produce new bottles. Paper products from greeting cards to tissues are made with recycled content.

In an effort to increase paper recycling and provide a safe outlet for confidential papers, the Bloomsburg Recycling Center is offering a shred-it day for residents on Saturday March 29th from 9:00am until 12:00pm. Take advantage of this one day event to safely discard and recycle old bills and statements that you no longer need. Please limit amount brought in to one file box. This opportunity is for residents only not businesses. Any business interested in document destruction may contact the Recycling center to set up an appointment.

Recycling Center schedule:

Mark your calendar because due to the Easter holiday the Recycling Center is closed on the normal fourth Saturday in March. This special shred-it day will occur Saturday March 29th the fifth Saturday of March. Regular drop-off is also available that day. For more information contact the Recycling Center at 784-4532. Due to the Memorial Day holiday, the Recycling Center will be closed on the fourth Saturday in May but will again open the fifth Saturday May 31st. The Recycling Center is closed the following dates due to holiday. CLOSED Friday March 21st and Saturday March 22nd ; Saturday May 24th and Monday May 26th ; Friday July 4th ; Monday September 1st ; Thursday November 27th thru Monday December 1st ; and Thursday December 25th . The Recycling center will close early on Wednesday December 24th Christmas eve and Wednesday December 31st New Year's eve. Hours those dates will be 7:00am until 3:30pm.

What's New

Recycling collection and processing got a new look last year, a new Curbside collection truck took to the streets in January. The new truck like the old one has seven separated compartments to collect sorted materials that are placed at the curb. The larger bin sizes on the truck allow for more material to be collected prior to returning to the center to unload. At the Recycling Center a new baler was installed to improve material processing. Last year also saw the addition of our large soda bottle shaped collection containers for recyclable collection at the Town Park and pool. These containers may have been most recognized in use at the Bloomsburg Fair.

The easy to recognize recycling containers helped capture over one ton of bottles that may not have previously been recycled. Contact the Recycling Center for details on how your special event can set up recycling containers.

Accepted materials

The following materials are accepted at the drop off location at 901 Patterson Drive during regular business hours:

- Clear, brown and green glass bottles – must be separated by color and rinsed
- Aluminum cans
- Steel cans – rinsed clean of any food residue
- Newspapers – keep dry
- Magazines and catalogs
- Office paper
- Plastic bottles #1 and #2 which includes all soda bottles, cleaners, laundry and milk jugs
- Corrugated cardboard
- Hardcover and paperback books
- Computers

For more information about recycling, contact Environmental Services Administrator Charles Fritz or check out the Town of Bloomsburg Recycling page at www.bloomsburgpa.org.