



MILLERSVILLE BOROUGH

2020 Trash & Recycling Newsletter

IMPORTANT CHANGES IN OUR RECYCLING PROGRAM

Millersville Borough residents, have you heard? Recycling in Lancaster County has changed. A collapse in U.S. recycling markets means less items are accepted in your curbside bin. Stick to the “Big 4”, which includes metal food/beverage containers, plastic bottles/jugs that have a neck (meaning the base is larger than the neck), glass bottles/jars and corrugated cardboard. These items have always had a strong value domestically and are expected to in the future. All other items can be placed in your trash. **When in doubt, throw it out!** Our trash in Lancaster County is burned and turned into renewable electricity. In fact, Lancaster County’s trash powers 1 in 5 area homes. SEE MORE RECYCLING INFORMATION ON PAGE 2.

General Information

Eagle Disposal of PA is the 2020 contracted residential hauler for Millersville Borough. The hauler collects trash and recycling items each Monday between the hours of 5:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., except for Holiday and Special Collections when they can begin at 2:00 a.m. to aid in collections. Do not place containers out before noon the day before collection and remove containers no later than noon the day after collection. Our trash service fee is \$60.00 per quarter (\$240.00 annually). The green recycling bin is the property of Millersville Borough. If it is damaged or missing, contact the Borough for a free replacement. If needed, a resident may request a second recycle bin. If you move, you must leave the bin for the next resident. If you have any specific questions regarding trash or recycling collection, please visit our website at: www.millersvilleborough.org or call the Borough Office at (717) 872-4645 ext.100.

Trash

The number of trash items allowed to be placed curbside under the basic fee is three per week. The maximum size of bags or containers is 32 gallons and may weigh no more than 30 pounds. All garbage (food stuff) must be in approved leak-proof, covered, outside garbage containers. Each trash item above three must be marked with a YELLOW EXTRA SERVICE TAG (sold in a sheet of 4 for \$5.00). Residents who use larger containers must use separate trash bags within the larger container, not to exceed three (unless properly tagged). 55 gallon drums and 96 gallon toters will not be collected with loose materials. Other examples of items that could go as one of your three items would be lawn chairs, small grills, flower boxes and vacuum sweepers, etc. Littering of streets and properties can be a problem; it can be caused by rain storms, wind, birds and critters including dogs and cats. Residents can help by not overfilling their trash cans and recycling bins and use plastic bags inside their trash cans. No loose piles—all small items must be bundled, bagged, in a trash can or in a box marked ‘trash’.

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Recycling



1. **CORRUGATED CARDBOARD:** Includes any size material consisting of a fluted corrugated sheet, like shipping and packing boxes. Remove all packaging and **flatten all cardboard**. Bundle all flattened cardboard that does not fit into the recycling bin. DO NOT put paperboard (cereal boxes, shoe boxes, paper towel rolls or tissue boxes), pizza boxes, newsprint or junk mail in the curbside recycle bin.
2. **PLASTIC BOTTLES & JUGS WITH NECKS:** Throw away the lids and rinse out any residue. All other plastic material is considered trash. DO NOT put plastic bags, plastic cups and utensils, take-out containers, packaging, styrofoam, garden hoses, furniture, toys or other plastic items in the curbside recycling bin. Ignore the numbers, as they don't indicate if an item is recyclable.

3. **METAL FOOD & BEVERAGE CANS:** Includes cans made from aluminum or steel. Throw away the lids and rinse out any residue. DO NOT put metal hangers, cooking pots and pans, or other scrap metal like foil and pie plates in the curbside recycling bin.
4. **GLASS JARS & BOTTLES:** Includes clear, green and brown glass bottles and jars. Throw away the lids and rinse out any residue. No need to remove labels or neck rings. Do NOT put light bulbs, dishes, glassware, window or automotive glass, vases or any other glass material in the curbside recycle bin.

It's okay to throw everything else away. Lancaster County has an advanced waste-to-energy process that converts these materials into renewable energy, powering local homes and businesses.



CHECK THE WEATHER: If the weather calls for high winds or rain, please consider keeping your recycling inside until the following week. Wet cardboard products are more difficult to process.

Woody/Yard Waste (WYW)

Collection Period: **MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2020 AND CONTINUES THROUGH MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2020.** WYW includes branches and prunings from trees and shrubbery, acorns, pinecones and nut burrs. Branches, limbs and other prunings less than 6 inches in diameter and no more than 4 feet in length can be bundled with biodegradable string and placed curbside for collection with a GREEN TAG affixed (sold in a sheet of 4 for \$5.00). The biodegradable brown bags are available to Borough trash & recycling residents and are located in the Police Carport at the rear of the Borough Office. There is a 20-bag limit per pickup. WYW biodegradable bags and bundles should not exceed 30 lbs. in weight. Do not staple or tape bags. It does not count as one of your three regular trash items. If found untagged, it will not be collected by the hauler. WYW is prohibited in regular trash during the WYW Collection period. A bag can be put out for pickup when the WYW Collection period has ended but the biodegradable bags will not be accepted; place your woody/yard waste in a regular trash bag. If you already have your limit of three trash items, you must tag it with a YELLOW EXTRA SERVICE TAG.



Leaves

All scheduled curbside leaf pickups are FREE of charge and will not require extra service tags during the leaf collection period. The biodegradable brown bags are available to Borough trash & recycling residents and are located in the Police Carport at the rear of the Borough Office. There is a 20-bag limit per pickup. The leaf composting facility will only accept biodegradable bags. **Please do not put trash, sticks or yard waste in with your leaves.** If you have a bag of leaves to dispose of after the collection period has ended, treat it as a regular trash item and do not use the biodegradable bags at this time. If you already have your limit of three trash items, you must tag it with a YELLOW EXTRA SERVICE TAG.

PICKUP DATES:



- Thursday, November 5, 2020**
- Thursday, November 19, 2020**
- Thursday, December 3, 2020**
- Thursday, December 10, 2020**

Please DO NOT tape or staple bags.



Christmas Tree/Live Greens

FREE Christmas tree and bundled live greens collection will be ONE DAY ONLY on **Saturday, January 11, 2020.** Put item(s) out Friday (no earlier than noon) where you usually put your trash. Please make sure trees are free of all ornaments, lights, tinsel, plastic bags and/or covers. No artificial items will be taken. If you miss the free day, a RED OVERSIZE REFUSE \$4.00 TAG will be required and then may be put out on the regular collection day.

Large Appliance and Tire Collection



When large appliances (white goods) are thrown out, many of them require special disposal because some items contain a large amount of metal and may also contain refrigerant. Appliances that contain refrigerants include refrigerators & freezers (with doors removed), air conditioners, water coolers, dehumidifiers and water heaters. Each appliance must be scheduled for pickup and tagged with a BLUE APPLIANCE \$12.00 TAG purchased from the Borough Office before noon the Friday prior to the pickup date. Place large appliances curbside Friday (no earlier than noon) as the hauler may begin pickup as early as 2:00 a.m. on Saturday morning. If you purchased a Blue Appliance Tag and did not use it for a previous collection, please notify the Borough Office so your item and address can be placed on the list for the next collection date.



A \$4.00 RED TAG must be used for each tire. A tire on a rim requires two red tags. Tire tags must be purchased and the Borough Office notified before noon the Friday prior to the pickup date. Place tires curbside Friday (no earlier than noon) as the hauler may begin pickup as early as 2:00 a.m. on Saturday morning. If you purchased a Red Tag and did not use it for a previous collection, please notify the Borough Office so your item and address can be placed on the list for the next collection date.

APPLIANCE & TIRE

PICKUP DATES:

Saturday, April 18, 2020

Saturday, October 17, 2020

Oversize Refuse Items

Oversize items will be picked up curbside weekly during regular trash collection. No more than 2 items per week will be picked up per residence & each item must be tagged with a RED OVERSIZE REFUSE \$4.00 TAG. Types of items: chairs, couches, tables, 4ft. rolled & tied carpet, microwaves, mattresses/box springs, doors, windows/mirrors (glass must be wrapped in cardboard and secured with tape), rain spouting bundled & tied in 4ft. lengths, toilets, fiberglass bathtubs only (no cast iron or steel tubs), large wheeled charcoal or gas grill (no tanks), window shutters bundled & tied, small engine push lawn mowers (disconnect gas line, drain all fluids and leave caps off). Please feel free to call the Borough Office at (717) 872-4645 ext. 100 to discuss questionable items.



Household Batteries and Cell Phones

You may dispose of household batteries and cell phones at the Household Hazardous Waste Facility or you may use the orange plastic battery/cell phone collection bags provided by the Borough, FREE of charge. Place all household batteries and cell phones in the orange collection bag and place next to your refuse containers during the regular trash pickup.



Prescription Drug Disposal

The Millersville University Police Department is offering FREE drug drop-offs at their office, located at 237 North George Street (Lebanon House). Do not flush any drugs down the toilet. Prescriptions, prescription patches, medications, prescription ointments, vitamins, samples and pet medication are all acceptable. The most accessible hours are weekdays, Monday—Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. when the University Police lobby is open. The process does not involve forms or waiting in line, just simply approach the MedReturn box in the University Police lobby and put your medications inside—no questions, no forms and no meeting with any Officers or staff. For safe disposal of sharps (needles), contact LCSWMA, 717-397-9968, for a free Safe Clip™, a portable device that clips and stores needles. When full, it can be disposed of in your regular trash.

Commercial Recycling Requirements

Businesses in the Borough are required to recycle certain items mandated by State and Borough Ordinance. Those items include cardboard, office paper, glass bottles and jars, steel and aluminum cans and plastics. In addition, automotive repair shops should be recycling used motor oil and other vehicle fluids, tires and batteries. Each person who owns or occupies a Non-Residential Unit shall Source Separate Recyclable Materials. For full details, see Millersville Borough Code of Ordinances, Chapter 310-18 available on-line at www.millersvilleborough.org.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU!

To all our residents who participate in the Borough's Recycling Program, your recycling efforts allows the Borough to receive grant money to operate our program.

RECYCLE RIGHT—RECYCLE THE BIG 4

2020 HOLIDAY COLLECTION SCHEDULE Exceptions to regular Monday Trash/Recycling Pickup

Memorial Day Collection day—Tuesday, May 26, 2020

Labor Day Collection day—Tuesday, September 8, 2020

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Payments can be placed in the overnight depository box located to the left of the front doors.



Lancaster County Household Hazardous Waste Facility

The Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Facility is located at the Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority transfer station, 1299 Harrisburg Pike and has the following receiving hours: **Monday—Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 12 p.m. (Noon).**

The HHW Facility only accepts materials generated by Lancaster County residents and businesses.

For Facility details visit their website at: www.lcswma.org or call 717-397-9968.

Many materials used in the home, garage and garden are considered household hazardous waste and must not be thrown into your trash. Residents can dispose of qualifying materials at the HHW Facility, FREE of charge. The following are accepted: ●Adhesives, ●Automotive Fluids (5gallon container maximum), ●Batteries—Automotive and household, ●Cooking and Frying oil (5 gallon container maximum), ●Covered devices: desktop computers, laptops, LED/LCD monitors, computer peripherals (keyboard, mouse, printer and speakers), televisions and e-readers. Limit of 10 per customer, per day, ●E-waste: photo cameras, video cameras, cell phones and smart phones, cell phone peripherals (chargers, batteries, Bluetooth earpiece, air cards, clips, cases), DVD and VCR players, MP3 players and iPods, PDA's, portable electronic game players, video game consoles, stereos and stereo peripherals (CD players, turntables, amplifiers, speakers). No wooden speakers. Limit of 10 per customer, per day, ●Fire extinguishers, ●Floor and furniture polish, ●Fuel, including kerosene, gasoline and propane, ●Household cleaners, ●Lawn treatments including herbicides and pesticides, ●Mercury containing items including ballasts, flourscent bulbs, thermostats and thermometers ●Paint, rust inhibitors, stains, turpentine and thinners, ●Photographic and pool chemicals.

A RECYCLING MYTH

A common misconception people have about recycling is that it simply means placing materials in their curbside recycling bin—often, as much as possible. However, recycling is actually a system of collecting and processing used materials that still have value, in order to transform them into new products. This means, **not everything is recyclable**. Just because a product has a recycling symbol on the bottom, does not mean it's recyclable or that it should be placed in your curbside bin.

So why is it important to debunk the recycling myth? Though most of us are well-intentioned, when we put materials in the bin that do not belong, we are actually contaminating the recycling stream, which negatively impacts our environment and economy.

LET'S RECYCLE RIGHT!