



CENTRE COUNTY

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Centre County Recycling and Refuse Authority

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Hours of Operation

Transfer Station
Monday – Saturday
8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Recycling Processing Facility
Monday - Friday
8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Office
Monday – Friday
8:00 am to 4:30 pm

Holiday Collection Schedule Changes

Christmas Holiday

New Year's Day

See page 3 for details.

Did You Know?

Our curbside recycling program is expanding.

Information can be found under the Guide to Curbside Recycling on page 4.

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The plastics you recycle in Centre County are, in fact, being recycled

Every so often a national news piece is released detailing that plastics are not being recycled. Most recently an article from Greenpeace was penned and featured on NPR. This article stated that only 5% of plastics are actually recycled, leaving residents with questions and concerns about recycling in Centre County.

The Centre County Recycling and Refuse Authority (CCRRA) crews collect recycling weekly from 28,000 households, 800 businesses and countless drop off containers. The plastic collected is not going to landfills – it IS being recycled.

To be fair, there is a lot of plastic that cannot be recycled. A lot. Maybe that is where this number comes from. The Centre County recycling program cannot accept plastics that are not marketable. Acceptable plastics in our program include plastic bottles, jugs and jars as well as miscellaneous plastic containers as detailed in our educational flyers. There is a market for this material. Companies want plastic to recycle. They buy it from us and turn it into products that we can all use again. It is a business that works very well and has worked well for a very long time.

It is hard for our staff to read these national stories about plastic not being recycled when 70 CCRRA employees go to work every day to make sure that recycling works in Centre County. The Centre County Recycling and Refuse Authority has a goal of zero waste in 40 years and a Long Range Strategic Plan to guide us to this goal. Throwing marketable plastics away does not fit into this plan.

CCRRA can promise that the plastic recycled with us is not being thrown out, if it is an acceptable product in our program. Be assured that we do have end-use markets for all of the plastics we collect.

While national stories can be powerful, the stories about plastic not being recycled do not apply to our County recycling program. Hopefully this helps to alleviate any fears that plastics are not being recycled where we live. Our Education Coordinator, Amy Schirf, is available to give tours of the CCRRA facility to show off the operation we are so proud of. Just send Amy an email at aschirf@centrecountyrecycles.org and she will get it on the books.

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Recycle this Holiday Season

Be environmentally conscious this holiday season. Check out our tips on what to do with corrugated cardboard, wrapping paper and Christmas trees.

Corrugated Cardboard Boxes

Corrugated cardboard boxes can be recycled if they are flattened and free of all “peanuts.” Curbside customers can place flattened boxes beside, in or under their curbside recycling bins (do not place flattened cardboard in a box - all corrugated cardboard must be flattened). Residents may also bring their flattened cardboard boxes to any drop-off recycling container labeled “Corrugated Cardboard.”

Wrapping Paper & Gift Boxes

Gift boxes and non-metallic wrapping paper can be recycled. CCRRA curbside recycling customers can recycle their gift boxes, non-metallic wrapping and tissue paper with their curbside recyclables. Please bag these with mixed paper. Non-curbside customers wishing to recycle gift boxes, non-metallic wrapping paper and tissue paper can bring it to any drop-off recycling container labeled for “Mixed Paper.”

For a recycling drop-off location nearest you, call our office at 814-238-7005 or visit our website, www.centrecountyrecycles.org.

Christmas Trees

Be sure to check with your local municipality for Christmas tree recycling options.

Buy Recycled This Season

Purchase holiday cards and wrapping paper that are labeled “made from recycled material.”

Save the Date - April 28 & April 29, 2023 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event

Pre-Registration will be Required - Look for Information in 2023

What to Bring

Insecticides/weed killers
pool chemicals
cleaners/poisons
corrosives
flammables,
oil based paints
CFL bulbs
fluorescent tubes
and most other
hazardous chemicals
from households only.

Questions?

Event details and registration information will be posted on www.centrecountyrecycles.org

Look for information early next year on how to register.

This is a free event

DO NOT BRING

latex paint
motor oil
antifreeze
medications
batteries
ammunition
explosives





Calendar of Events / Holiday Collection Schedules

2022 Centre County Recycling and Refuse Authority Board Meetings

Check the Calendar of Events on our website for meeting times, agendas and information on how to join virtually.

· December 19

2023 dates coming soon!

Recycle Electronics Properly

CCRRA offers a free drop off recycling program for many electronics.

Bring items such as televisions, computers and cell phones to our facility located at 253 Transfer Road, Bellefonte Monday - Saturday from 8am - 4pm.

Follow signs to the “Scales” upon entry.

A complete list of acceptable electronics can be found at www.centrecountyrecycles.org.

CCRRA’s Holiday Collection Schedule

The Centre County Recycling and Refuse Authority’s office and Recycling Processing Facility will be closed on Monday, December 26 and Monday, January 2.

The Authority’s Transfer Station will remain OPEN on Monday, December 26 and Monday, January 2 from 8:00am - 4:00pm.

See the charts below for possible changes in recycling collection during the holidays.

State College Borough Holiday Collection Schedule

| Holiday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Christmas Day Week of Dec. 26 | NO Bulk/Brush Collection | Regular Collection | Regular Collection | Regular Collection |
| New Year’s Day Week of Jan. 2 | NO Bulk/Brush Collection | Regular Collection | Regular Collection | Regular Collection |

Bellefonte Borough Holiday Collection Schedule

| Holiday | Normal Date for Refuse/ Recycling Collection | Alternate Date for Refuse/ Recycling Collection |
|-------------------|--|---|
| Christmas Holiday | Friday, Dec. 23 Monday, Dec. 26 | Wednesday, Dec. 21 Wednesday, Dec. 28 |
| New Year’s Day | Monday, Jan. 2 | Wednesday, Jan. 4 |

Centre Region COG Holiday Collection Schedule

The following applies to residents living in the Townships of Benner, College, Ferguson, Harris & Patton.

Christmas Day (observed); December 26 - There will be no change to collection for the Christmas holiday. Please put your recycling out as usual.

New Year’s Day (observed) ; January 2 - There will be no change to collection for the New Year’s holiday. Please put your recycling out as usual.

*For all other municipalities, please contact your trash hauler for a list of possible holiday delays.

Guide to Curbside Recycling

CENTRE COUNTY RECYCLING & REFUSE AUTHORITY

RECYCLE

MIXED PAPER, PAPERBOARD, MAGAZINES & NEWSPAPER

Must be bagged or bundled together or they will not be accepted. Bag shredded paper. Place inside bin.



PLASTIC - BOTTLES, JUGS & JARS

Rinse containers. Lids and labels acceptable.



GLASS - BOTTLES, JUGS & JARS

Rinse containers. Lids and labels acceptable.



CORRUGATED CARDBOARD

Break down all cardboard boxes. Place beside bin.



STEEL & ALUMINUM - CANS & FOIL

Rinse and remove food residue. Labels acceptable.



WHEN IN DOUBT, CHECK IT OUT

NO Batteries
NO Styrofoam™
NO Paper Plates/Cups
NO Glassware/Ceramics
NO Miscellaneous Plastics

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Did You Know?

Curbside recycling service has expanded to Marion Township, Walker Township, Howard Township and Howard Borough. If you live in one of the above municipalities, and do not currently have curbside recycling service, you can sign up! Beginning in 2023, we will be offering weekly curbside collection of recyclables on Fridays only, for \$9 per month (payable in two semiannual installments). Give our office a call for more information at 814-238-7005.

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