

The FAQs of Trash/Recycle Collection

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- 1. When must trash/recycling be put out for collection?** Trash & recycling MUST BE CURBSIDE BY 5AM on your scheduled collection day. Recycling is collected the same day as trash, but not always at the same time.
- 2. What if they miss me?** If your trash and/or recycling is missed, you must report it the same day or next day by 10AM in order for it to be collected the day after your scheduled day; otherwise, it will have to wait until your next scheduled collection day.
- 3. What are acceptable trash containers?** Containers should have pre-molded handles, and lids to keep birds and squirrels out. Cans or barrels without handles are unacceptable. Collection allows for three trash bags/ cans each week. Bags/cans must not exceed 32 gallons or 30 pounds, or a RED extra service tag is required. Additional bags/cans require a YELLOW extra service tag attached to each. Oversized items (sofa, mattress, carpet) may be put out with the trash (limit 2 per week), and must have a RED tag attached to each. Purchase tags at the township office. No construction/demolition debris will be collected; it must be disposed of at the Lancaster County Solid Waste Facility.
- 4. What is THE BIG 4 in Recycling?** Recycling is mandatory in the township, and is a co-mingled program. *The only acceptable materials for recycling are THE BIG 4:* corrugated cardboard, plastic bottles/jugs with necks, metal food/beverage cans, and glass jars/ bottles. All items should be cleaned out. Recycle containers can be purchased at the township office. If purchased elsewhere, be sure the container is clearly marked RECYCLING. In case of rain, snow, ice, or high winds, keep corrugated cardboard inside until the following week.
- 5. How do I dispose of batteries?** Household batteries are no longer being accepted at the township office for disposal. Residents may still pick up a special battery collection bag at the township office during regular office hours. **When the bag is full**, place the collection bag on the ground NEXT TO your trash container, NOT IN IT. The trash hauler will collect the bag(s) during regular trash pick-up. Household batteries can also be taken to the [household hazardous waste facility](#) at 1299 Harrisburg Pike. **Automotive batteries** cannot be put out for collection, and must be taken to the [HHW](#) facility.
- 6. How should electronic devices be disposed of?** PA Covered Devices Recycling Act 108 of 2010 prohibits the disposal of e-waste with trash or recycling (e.g. televisions, computers/accessories, cell phones, cameras, etc.). These items must be taken to the county Hazardous Waste Facility at 1299 Harrisburg Pike. (717) 397- 9968. www.lcswma.org
- 7. How should needles be disposed of?** NEVER put loose sharps/needles in the trash—ALWAYS USE a Safe Clip™. Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority provides them for free, and they are available for purchase at most pharmacies. Once full, place container in the trash, never in recycling.
- 8. Who is required to use the township's trash contractor?** All landowners within the township must have their trash picked up by the township hired contractor, Waste Management. Exceptions are apartment buildings with four or more units and businesses (not including in-home occupations). Those that are exempt from being on the township trash service are still required to have a licensed LCSWMA-approved hauler to pick up their trash. Apartment owners are to provide trash/recycling opportunities for their tenants. It is the landlord's responsibility to inform tenants of any ordinances the township has that may affect them.

RECYCLING IS MANDATORY IN LANCASTER TOWNSHIP (Ord1990-02) for all residents, apartment dwellers, and businesses within the Township. It is a co-mingled program. Recycle containers may be purchased at the township office at a cost of \$10/each, or you may purchase your own. Be sure the container is marked RECYCLING.

ILLEGAL DUMPING OF ANY REGULATED MATERIAL IS A PUNISHABLE OFFENSE. LANCASTER TOWNSHIP WILL ENFORCE ALL REGULATIONS AND IMPOSE PENALTIES ON VIOLATORS.