



# CITY OF LANCASTER

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**IMPORTANT  
INFORMATION**  
on trash & recycling  
in the City of  
Lancaster including  
a calendar.

**SOLID WASTE HOTLINE: 717-291-4744 • [swhotline@cityoflancasterpa.gov](mailto:swhotline@cityoflancasterpa.gov)**

## 2025 Newsletter Welcome Letter from the Mayor



The weekly residential curbside waste and recycling collection program continues to be a key part of the city's effort to keep neighborhoods clean and meet our recycling goals, which is a direct result of the recycling efforts made by our residents. The significant steps you as residents are taking to address the environmental impact on our community as well as your active participation in creating a more sustainable future for the City of Lancaster have been noticed.

Our 2024 recycling numbers have increased by about 20% from 2023 to 2024. The increase overall in the tonnage of recycling received curbside this year has increased from last year. An increase in recycling means we are keeping those recyclables out of our waste stream helping make an impact on our refuse tonnage by lowering the weight, helping keep those tipping fees down, which in turn impacts trash bills. In addition to increasing our curbside recycling numbers the City of Lancaster's recycling center has recycled a total of 662 tons as of the mailing of this newsletter and the year is not yet over.

To continue this forward momentum into 2025 and make an impact on our environment and reduce our waste we encourage you to continue to actively participate in the city's recycling program, check out the city's recycling center located at 850 New Holland Ave. for additional recycling options of your paper products, like pre shredded paper, books, magazines, newspaper etc., compost food waste where possible and minimize your single-use plastics.

Thank you again for your support of this program which contributes to the city's goal or environmental sustainability.

**Danene Sorace, Mayor**

# Recycling Information for the City of Lancaster



## Recycling is the Law

**Recycling is mandatory in the City for all residents; commercial, industrial and institutional establishments; and municipal facilities.**

Recyclables required for separation from waste include: paper, glass, aluminum, steel/tin cans, plastics, yard waste/leaves, white goods and tires. The City's residential contract program collects many items together as "Single Stream". City SWEEP Officers (Solid Waste Education and Enforcement Program) routinely inspect residential and commercial properties for compliance.

## What Goes in the Bin?

1



### CORRUGATED CARDBOARD

Includes packing and shipping boxes with fluted sheet.

2



### PLASTIC BOTTLES & JUGS

Includes plastic with a neck.

3



### METAL FOOD & BEVERAGE CANS

Includes food and beverage cans made from aluminum or tin.

4



### GLASS

Includes clear, green and brown glass bottles and jars.

## TIPS to RECYCLE RIGHT

- ✓ Remove lids
- ✓ NO plastic bags
- ✓ No other materials than listed
  - No pots
  - No foil
  - No wire hangers
  - No cutlery

- ✓ Items must be empty and rinsed out
- ✓ Flatten cardboard

For more info visit [lcswma.org/recycling](http://lcswma.org/recycling)

## Recycling Resources



The City, County and Penn Waste offer a variety of ways to educate the public about waste and recycling collection programs. The following are sources of information:

### City of Lancaster

**Solid Waste Hotline:**

☎ 717-291-4744 or

✉ [swhotline@cityoflanasterpa.gov](mailto:swhotline@cityoflanasterpa.gov)

Program information and reporting service issues or missed collections



[www.cityoflanasterpa.gov](http://www.cityoflanasterpa.gov)



[www.facebook.com/cityoflanasterpa](https://www.facebook.com/cityoflanasterpa)



[www.twitter.com/cityoflanasterpa](https://www.twitter.com/cityoflanasterpa)



[www.nextdoor.com](http://www.nextdoor.com)

Must sign up with your address on Nextdoor to get updates from the City of Lancaster

**Collection Schedule:**



[www.cityoflanasterpa.gov/resident/schedule](http://www.cityoflanasterpa.gov/resident/schedule)

### Penn Waste



[www.pennwaste.com](http://www.pennwaste.com)

Announcements and videos about recycling



[www.pennwaste.com/e-news-signup](http://www.pennwaste.com/e-news-signup)

Sign up to receive updates via email

### County Solid Waste Authority



[www.lcswma.org](http://www.lcswma.org)

Information about Household Hazardous Waste program and management/disposal of waste and recyclable materials

Where can I take recyclable items that aren't the "Big 4"?

# The City Drop-Off Recycling Center



**Located at  
850 New Holland Avenue**

## HOURS OF OPERATION

**Monday through Friday 7 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Every 3rd Saturday 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.**

## NEWSPAPER

**Accepted:** Newspaper (including ads/inserts), Phonebooks, Softcover Books



## MAGAZINES

**Accepted:**

- Magazines
- Catalogs
- Glossy/shiny paper (Brochures, Pamphlets, Mail Fliers)



## MIXED OFFICE PAPER

**Accepted:**

- Printer paper
- Envelopes
- Index cards
- File folders
- Dividers
- Uncoated (not glossy) junk mail



## CORRUGATED CARDBOARD

**Accepted:**

- Boxes with a fluted center
- Brown paper bags



## CHIPBOARD

**Accepted:**

- Boxes *without* a fluted center (Cereal boxes, egg cartons, toilet paper rolls)



**When delivering to the Recycling Center, please:**

- 1 Sort paper by type at home or at work before going to the Recycling Center.**
- 2 Flatten all boxes to save space.**
- 3 Save up a quantity of material to make your delivery worthwhile.**
- 4 Although staff is on site, the Recycling Center is a designed to be self-serve facility.**



# Special Waste Disposal and Recycling Options



## ▶ **Electronics: Televisions and Computers**

The state enacted legislation effective January 2013 that prohibits televisions and computers/peripherals (covered devices) from being disposed as waste. This requirement was established in order to recycle these valuable items. The law also put into place a network of retailers and public collection facilities that will accept these from residents at no charge. Covered devices need to be fully intact to be recycled. Check with retailers where you purchase new electronics if they will take back your unwanted device. The Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority (LCSWMA) Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Facility located at 1299 Harrisburg Pike accepts for free covered devices along with other HHW from county residents. Visit [www.lcswma.org](http://www.lcswma.org) for details.



## ▶ **Liquid Grease/Oil from Home Fryers**

Disposing liquids such as grease and vegetable oil in the trash can create a mess during collection since the solid waste system is not designed for this material. Similarly, this material should never be poured down the drain into the sewer system where it can clog pipes. Liquid oils and grease from cooking is recyclable. The Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority (LCSWMA) accepts this material at no charge at their HHW facility located at 1299 Harrisburg Pike. Visit [www.lcswma.org](http://www.lcswma.org) for details.



## ▶ **Textiles**

Clean, unwanted and unusable textiles, such as clothing, bedding, towels, shoes and accessories can have another life. There are many local non-profit organizations that accept and need textiles for reuse or resale to support their programs. Even clothing that is stained, torn or unwearable can be remanufactured into other products. Look for locations to recycle clean textiles at [www.Earth911.com](http://www.Earth911.com).

## ▶ **Shredded paper**

Office paper is not collected at curbside because many residents shred mail and other documents due to concern about identity theft. Shredded paper emptied out of recycling containers can become litter and is problematic at recycling facilities. Residents are encouraged to recycle office paper, whether shredded or flat sheet, by taking it to the City Drop-off Recycling Center located at 850 New Holland Avenue.



## ▶ **White Goods**

These are large appliances including: refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, water coolers, clothes washers and dryers, water heaters, and microwaves. These will not be collected with weekly trash. The city offers a monthly collection program (see Calendar) for these items with a \$15 tag purchased from the Treasury Office, 39 West Chestnut Street (735-3425). The city program ensures that the refrigerant gases are recovered in compliance with federal air quality regulations.



## ▶ **Oversized Refuse**

The weekly collection program allows each residential unit to set out one (1) oversized item each week, which then limits the set out to four (4) trash containers for that week. Oversized items include: sofas, stuffed chairs, furniture, mattress and box spring sets, or a roll of carpet no longer than 4 foot wide. An oversized item can be no heavier than what two men can lift and load into a trash truck. If in doubt, contact the Solid Waste Hotline.

## ▶ **Medical Waste**

Medical waste generated in the home must be properly managed to protect people, animals and the environment. Clothing, bedding, bandages and other waste soiled with body fluids can be discarded by placing in a sealable bag and disposing in the trash. Please follow these guidelines for other types of medical waste:



**Sharps** – for safe disposal of sharps (needles, lancets, etc.) please place in a specially made container available for this purpose from pharmacies. Sharps may also be placed in an opaque hard plastic container with a screw cap. Place sharps in the container along with a small amount of rubbing alcohol or bleach to disinfect. To dispose, secure cap with tape and place container in the trash. Do not place in recycling container.



**Prescription Drugs** – outdated or unwanted prescription drugs should be disposed of according to instructions on the drug label or may be delivered to drug take-back programs. The City of Lancaster Police Department has a prescription drug drop off box, located at 39 W. Chestnut Street. For additional locations visit <http://lancaster.crimewatchpa.com/da/11617/post/prescription-drug-drop-locations> Never dispose of pharmaceuticals down the toilet or drain. To dispose in trash, remove the drug from its original package and mix with an undesirable substance like coffee grounds, cat litter or grease/fat. Place in a sealable bag or container and dispose in the trash. For additional information, visit [www.disposemymeds.org](http://www.disposemymeds.org).

## Yard Waste and Leaf Collection

Residents are required to separate yard waste and leaves from their trash; the city provides seasonal collection. Set your yard waste out only on your regularly scheduled trash day listed in green. Please see the calendar.



Tie brush into bundles no longer than 4 feet and with no material more than 2" in diameter.

UP TO **30lbs**



Each bag or bundle must weigh no more than 30 pounds.



There is no limit to the number of paper leaf and yard waste bags or bundles of brush for collection.



Roll tops of bags shut to protect from rain and snow and prevent leaves from blowing away.



Leaves that are not in paper yard waste bags will not be picked up.



Use only paper yard waste bags, available at stores or for free from the city  
(see calendar page for locations).



Please **do not** include garbage, litter, bricks, rocks, animal waste, or soil.

For additional questions about yard waste and leaf collection, contact the hotline at 717-291-4744.

**This is a reminder that leaves from your yard are not to be pushed into the street.**



Per § 258-21 of the City of Lancaster Code, including corresponding enforcement provisions § 238-27 both of which were adopted in August of the year 2000, leaves may be swept from the **public sidewalk** into the gutters on the day prior to or on the day of the sweeping. Leaves on **private property**, such as side and front yards, however, shall not be swept or deposited in the public right-of-way, but shall be disposed of properly by the property owner or the person responsible for the property. Our street sweeping equipment cannot handle the volume of leaves in the street when residents sweep large amounts of leaves from the yard into the street. Unlimited complimentary yard waste bags are available for Lancaster City residents only at any of the following locations:

**Recycling Drop Off Center -  
850 New Holland Ave.**

Monday – Friday 7:00 am to 4:00 pm  
Every third Saturday of the month,  
7:00 am – 11:00 am.

**City Hall - 120 N. Duke St.**

Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Treasury Office - 39 W. Chestnut St.**

Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Streets Department -  
225 Riverside Ave.**

Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

**Lancaster City Water Department -  
150 Pitney Road**

Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Leaves in yard waste bags are collected alongside regular trash and recycling on specific weeks starting April through December.

## Commercial Recycling Services

### Permitted Haulers

City regulations require that private waste and recycling haulers be registered as "Permitted Collectors." Haulers properly registered will have current year stickers on all their collection vehicles. Permitted Collectors must also provide recycling collection services so that their customers can fully comply with recycling requirements. Permitted Collectors must meet the standards established by city, county and state regulatory agencies and maintain vehicles in compliance with motor vehicle standards. The city maintains a list of Permitted Collectors.

### Commercial Opt In Program

The city residential contract program offers collection services to small businesses and institutions that generate quantities of waste and types of recyclables similar to a household. Many small businesses, multi-family residential properties (5 or more units), and mixed-use properties that need only once per week collection are served by the city program and invoiced at the same annual fee as residential customers. For additional information about services and options, please contact the Solid Waste Hotline at 717-291-4744.



# Yard Waste Informational Updates

For those looking for yard waste disposal options for the three months our contract does not cover (January, February and March) City of Lancaster Residents Options are as listed:

LCSWMA Frey Farm Landfill	Martin Mulch Products	Zeager Brothers
3049 River Road Conestoga, PA 17516	55 Woodcrest Drive Ephrata, PA 17522	4000 E. Harrisburg Pike Middletown, PA 17057
717-397-9968	717-733-1602	800-346-8524
<b>Accepted:</b> All garden residues, leaves, shrubbery, trimmings, grass clipping, branches less than 12" diameter and stumps less than 12" diameter <b>Not Accepted:</b> Containers larger than 10 cubic yards <a href="http://www.lcswma.org">www.lcswma.org</a>	Please contact directly for fees, hours, and acceptable material before driving to the location.	Please contact directly for fees, hours, and acceptable material before driving to the location. <a href="http://www.zeager.com">www.zeager.com</a>
Open to public. Residential yard waste ONLY. No commercial or licensed haulers.	Open to the public.	Open to the public.
Monday-Friday 7 AM to 3:30 PM Saturday 7 AM to 11 AM	Call for hours.	Call for hours.
\$30 per ton; free for Manor Township residents with valid pass. Manor Township residents must pick up a pass from the Manor Township office to drop off yard waste for free. Call or visit website for current fee information.	Call for current fee information.	Call or visit website for current fee information.

These options are subject to change, for the most updated yard waste disposal locations open to the public please visit Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority's link here: <https://www.lcswma.org/services/trash-disposal/> Scroll down to the "What to Do With Special Waste:" heading and click the blue **this resource list** link under the Yard Waste section for the most up to date yard waste disposal options for January, February and March.

## Lancaster Compost Co-Op



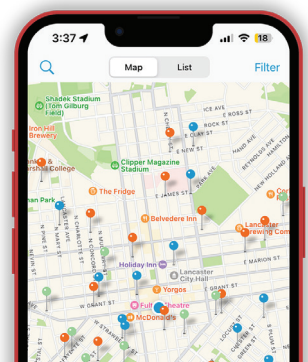
**Lancaster Compost Co-Op** is a volunteer-led initiative that enables residents of the City of Lancaster to divert and reduce landfill waste, reduce tipping fees, create high-quality compost, and build community. If you are interested in turning your food scraps into black gold, visit their website and sign up for a free orientation and join one of their 7 current sites. Step by step instructions on how to become a member can be found at [www.lancastercompost.com](http://www.lancastercompost.com).

## 311, FIX IT! Lancaster

<https://fixit.cityoflanasterpa.gov/>



**Fix It! Lancaster** is your connection to the City of Lancaster government for non-emergency service requests and more. Use the website or download the app to report concerns, receive status updates, and track resolutions. You can also learn about our city and get information on current projects. Please note that trash and recycling service issues, such as missed trash, recycling or yard waste should be called in to our hotline for immediate assistance at 717-291-4744.



**GET THE FIX IT!  
LANCASTER APP!**

Available on the  
**App Store**

GET IT ON  
**Google Play**

## Adopt It!



**Adopt It!** Is a volunteer-based block cleanup program within the City of Lancaster that works with local businesses, churches, schools, neighborhood associations, civic groups, families, clubs and other service-related organizations to perform block cleanups at a minimum of 4 annually. To find a block that could use some love, check out our website for available locations and start the application process today!

<https://adopt-it-lancaster-1-lancaster-pa.hub.arcgis.com/>

## Property Violation Notice (PVN) Payments

Property Violation Notice Payments can only be taken at our offices located at 850 New Holland Ave. or at Treasury located at 39 W. Chestnut St. Cash or check only as these cannot be paid over the phone or online. To make payments seamless when sending in information please detach the bottom portion of the violation and send along with payment. If you are not sending along the stub, please be sure to include the customer ID number, and reference number on the check.

REFERENCE #	VIOLATION	ISSUE DATE	AMOUNT DUE
123456	PVNI	1/1/2021	\$25

## Inclement Weather

Wintery weather conditions creating icy streets and plowable snow accumulations of 3-4 inches can challenge trash and recycling collection services. When ice and snow make streets and sidewalks treacherous and snow banks along the curb restrict travel lanes preventing access to containers, residents should expect delays or rescheduling. To minimize disruption of service and ensure the safety of collection crews, residents and personal property, please follow these recommendations:

- 1 If a plowable snow is expected overnight, whenever possible please set out trash after the snow stops or on the morning of collection. Snow covered trash is more difficult to find and collect.
- 2 Limit set outs and avoid setting out bulk items or extra bags that could be held until conditions improve.
- 3 If you normally use a wheeled curb cart for trash, instead set out trash in plastic bags that are designed for trash collection and are properly secured to prevent spillage or littering.
- 4 If snow is piled between the sidewalk and street, make a cutout in the bank to set trash containers or place bags on top of the snow bank ensuring bags can't tumble onto the street or sidewalk.
- 5 If your recycling container is not full, consider holding it for the following week. If you must set it out on a snow bank, be certain that it will not slide onto the street or sidewalk or spill its contents.
- 6 If you are missed, contact the Solid Waste Hotline at 717-291-4744 and arrangements will be made for a missed pick-up or taking double the following week.
- 7 Recognize that the City and Penn Waste want to provide collection services each week, but understand that weather conditions out of our control may cause collection schedule changes. Sign up for current information at:

[www.pennwaste.com/e-news-signup](http://www.pennwaste.com/e-news-signup).

# 2025 Lancaster City Trash & Recycling Collection Calendar

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- = Christmas Tree Collection
- = White Goods Collection
- = Yard Waste Collection

Observed holidays are noted in **RED**. Collection days that fall on or after the holiday will be delayed one day. EXCEPTION: If holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday, there is no change in service prior to or after the holiday.

## BASIC RESIDENTIAL GUIDELINES

- Trash and Recycling must be placed curbside no earlier than 6pm the night before your scheduled collection day, and no later than 5:00 am the day of your scheduled collection. This is a city ordinance, and any violation of this may result in a violation notice and a fine.
- Trash must be secured in a can or heavy-duty bag to prevent spillage and littering. Do not overfill cans.
- Each trash container or bag must not exceed 32 gallons or 30 pounds, with a limit of 6 per week. One over-sized item may be substituted for two trash containers. A 96 Gallon Curb Cart equals three trash containers.
- If you should exceed your allotted 6, 32 gallon bags of trash, additional bag tags can be purchased at the Treasury Department, 39 W. Chestnut St., M - F 8:30 am to 5:00 pm. A sheet of 5 stickers for \$10 = 5 bags.
- Yard Waste bags and bundles must not exceed 30 pounds or 4 feet in length.
- Yard Waste and Christmas trees will be collected on trash day according to the Calendar schedule.
- Yard Waste is picked up only on your regularly scheduled trash day listed in green.
- White Good/Large Appliance collection will occur the 3rd Friday of each month except for April (See Calendar). A \$15 tag must be obtained at the Treasury Office, 39 W. Chestnut St (717) 735-3425.
- Penn Waste leases 96 Gallon Trash Curb Carts for \$6 per month billed separately on a quarterly basis.
- For information, sign up for E-News Updates at [www.pennwaste.com](http://www.pennwaste.com) or call 717-767-4456.



**Recycling Bins and Free Yard Waste Bags Available at:**  
**Recycling Drop Off Center.....850 New Holland Ave**

