



# CENTRE COUNTY Recycles

Spring 2020

## Centre County Recycling & 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

## Upcoming Holiday Collection Schedule Changes

Memorial Day  
Independence Day

See page 3 for details.

## Did You Know?

There are certain plastics that you can recycle and certain plastics that you cannot recycle?

See page 2 for details.

## Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event to be held April 24-25

The Centre County Recycling & Refuse Authority will be holding an event to collect Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) from residents. Just bring your HHW to our facility on April 24-25, and we'll take it free of charge.

Household Hazardous Waste is defined as any household products that are corrosive, toxic, ignitable or reactive. Products include pesticides, insecticides, chemicals, cleaners and flammables containing hazardous ingredients and require special care when you dispose of them.

Improper disposal of household hazardous waste, such as pouring them down the drain, on the ground, into storm drains, or mixing them out with the trash. The dangers of such disposal are not always immediately obvious, but improper disposal of these wastes can pollute the environment and pose a threat to human health.

Although we will collect a wide variety of household hazardous waste, there is a list of items that we cannot take. Some items we are not accepting include latex paint, antifreeze, motor oil, medications and alkaline batteries. Call our office if you have a question regarding certain items. This event is for households only.

<p><b>HHW Event Dates:</b></p> <p>9:00 am - 2:00 pm</p> <p>Saturday, April 25 8:00 am - 2:00 pm</p>	<p><b>Acceptable HHW Materials:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>cleaners</li> <li>oil-based paints</li> <li>insecticides</li> <li>weed killers</li> <li>pool chemicals</li> <li>CFL bulbs</li> <li>fluorescent tubes</li> <li>and more!</li> </ul>
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<p><b>DO NOT Bring:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>NO</b> latex paint</li> <li><b>NO</b> antifreeze</li> <li><b>NO</b> motor oil</li> <li><b>NO</b> alkaline batteries</li> <li><b>NO</b> medications</li> <li><b>NO</b> explosives</li> </ul> <p>Call for alternative disposal options.</p>
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## Where Can I Recycle Plastic Bags and other Frequently Asked Plastic Recycling Questions

We have received a lot of calls and emails recently with questions on recycling plastics. A few of the most asked are listed below with the answers.

### **Q. Where can I recycle plastic bags?**

Plastics in the form of bags, plastic wrap and plastic film can be recycled at many of our local grocery stores and retailers as long as they are clean and dry and stretch. Many of our local stores have collection bins for plastic bags, film and wrap at their entrance ways. Just place your acceptable plastic in the correct bin to be recycled. A good resource for plastic bag recycling can be found at [www.abagslife.com](http://www.abagslife.com). Here you will find a list of acceptable plastic that can be recycled at our local stores including newspaper bags, dry cleaning bags, bread bags, veggie bags, product wrap, etc. Don't treat your plastic bags, wrap and film like trash, recycle them!

### **Q. My plastic cup has the recycling symbol on it, so why can't I recycle it?**

If you look at many plastic items, you will inevitably see the recycling arrows with a number in the middle. The common conception is if a plastic item has the recycling arrows, it CAN be recycled; that is NOT true. While many items with the recycling arrows CAN be recycled, many CANNOT. The recycling arrows/numbers on plastic were put there to show what type of polymers make up that particular plastic, and it is not an indication of recyclability. A good tip in our Centre County Recycling Program for recycling plastics is: if you have a plastic item that is a BOTTLE, JUG or JAR, regardless of the recycling arrows and number, that BOTTLE, JUG or JAR can be recycled.

All plastic bottles, jugs and jars can be recycled either curbside, at one of our many recycling drop-off containers across the county, at special events in the bins labeled for plastic bottles, jugs and jars or in any recycling bin or container in Centre County labeled for plastic bottles, jugs and jars. Recycling the correct commodities helps to keep our program running efficient and cost effective. For more information on recycling plastic, [visit www.centrecountyrecycles.org](http://www.centrecountyrecycles.org).

### **Q. Can I recycle yogurt containers, butter containers, food containers and other miscellaneous plastic containers?**

Yes. While these plastics CANNOT be included with your curbside recyclables, we do offer six drop-off locations to recycle miscellaneous plastics. Please visit our website for a list of locations and acceptable miscellaneous plastics.

### **Q. Can I recycle pill bottles?**

Yes, and as a matter of fact, as mentioned above, a pill bottle is a BOTTLE, and in turn can be recycled in our program. Empty pill bottles can be recycled curbside or in any drop-off recycling container labeled for plastic bottles, jugs and jars.

If you have any questions about Centre County's Recycling Program, send them in an email to our Education Coordinator at [aschirf@centrecountyrecycles.org](mailto:aschirf@centrecountyrecycles.org).



# Calendar of Events / Holiday Collection Schedules

## 2020 Centre County Recycling & Refuse Authority Board Meetings

Meetings begin at 5:30 pm unless otherwise publicized. Meetings are held at the CCRRA Office, 253 Transfer Road, Bellefonte.

- March 25 (canceled)
- April 22 (virtual meeting - noon)
- May 27
- June 24

## CCRRA's Holiday Schedule

The Centre County Recycling & Refuse Authority will be closed on May 25. The office will be closed on July 3 (Transfer Station will be open) and our entire operation will be closed on July 4.

## State College Borough Holiday Collection Schedule

Holiday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Memorial Day Week of May 25	NO Bulk/ Brush Collection	Regular Collection	Regular Collection	Regular Collection
Independence Day Week of June 29	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
Memorial Day	Monday, May 25	Wednesday, May 27
Independence Day	Friday, July 3	Wednesday, July 1

## Centre Region COG Holiday Collection Schedule

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

**Memorial Day; May 25** - Recycling collection will be delayed one day from Monday on, for the rest of the week (recycling normally collected on Monday will be collected on Tuesday, and so on).

**Independence Day; July 4** - There will be no change in collection as a result of the July 4 holiday.

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

### Guide to Curbside Recycling



#### 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.





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

**WHEN IN DOUBT,  
CHECK IT OUT**

  

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### Did You Know?

You can buy State College Borough Compost at CCRRA. The cost is \$6.00 per 40 lb. bag. Just ask our Scale Operator for details and we will even load the bags into your vehicle. Proceeds benefit the Authority's Education Endowment Fund.

