

RECYCLING NEWS

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Lower Allen Township

Recycling Takes Practice

Recycling is not easy! If it were easy everyone would do it. If everyone were doing it, the landfills would not be filling at the rate they are now. Did you know that Cumberland County is required to know the capacity of every landfill used by all residents of the county. Why? Knowing that information allows the county and state officials to plan ahead. Imagine if no one knew that the landfills will all reach maximum capacity in 10 years! Will they? Some may. Recycling helps to keep items out of the landfills and extends the available usage time of landfills for residents. If we all can reduce our waste by a minimum of 10% imagine how much we could save!



Do You Know What Can Be Recycled?

Curbside recycling can be confusing! What will they take, what won't they take, is it clean enough? Some items could be recycled curbside but are not collected.

We all know paperboard (thin cardboard like cracker boxes and cereal boxes) can be recycled but it is one item not collected curbside. The reason this is not recycled is due to the contamination rate. Items that can absorb liquids or food materials can quickly become contaminated making them unable to be recycled efficiently.

Lower Allen Township's curbside recycling hauler accepts the following items in curbside bins:

- newspaper (place in the bottom of the recycling bin to reduce the contamination)
- steel/aluminum cans
- Plastics (ONLY those with a #1, 2, or 5)
- Corrugated cardboard and shipping boxes
- Cartons (think milk, juice, soup, broth cartons)

For information on where to recycle other items, contact barnold@latwp.org.

November Notions = Recycle Something Not Curbside