

RECYCLING NEWS

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Lower Allen Township



Possible Changes

Legislative changes are possible in Pennsylvania. In November 2025, HB 1233 passed the state House by a vote of 111-91. This bill now moves to the Senate.

Why is this important? This bill provides for portable battery stewardship and establishes requirements for battery stewardship plans. **What does that mean?** Battery disposal will be required and will not be at the cost of residents. The legislation would require battery manufacturers to establish and pay for a statewide program to provide safe collection, transportation, and recycling of used batteries.

Proper Disposal Improves Safety

Not all items can be disposed of in curbside collection carts. The differences are due to safety concerns that certain items can impose on handlers, property owners, and facilities that process the collected items. Batteries contain heavy metals which react with chemicals to power electronics. Those metals have value and when properly disposed of recycling can place that material back into a circular economy. Most batteries that are found in homes can be divided into three categories: alkaline, lithium ion, and lead acid. All three can be disposed of during Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Events and should not be disposed of in curbside recycling carts. The Department of Environmental Protection issues a permit for HHW Events to ensure proper disposal. In Cumberland County, the events are held at the Cumberland County Electronics Recycling location on Claremont Road in Carlisle.

Recycling Looks Different for the Future