

# RECYCLING NEWS

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*Lower Allen Township*



Lower Allen Township will offer a home composting workshop in 2026. This workshop will cover information on reducing waste, options for composting on any size property and more options to dispose of food waste and reduce curbside trash.

## **Food Waste = 325lbs per Person**

Food is wasted each day in Pennsylvania. Whether it is from food gone “bad” in the fridge, leftovers from that restaurant we were determined to eat for lunch the next day, or the meal not everyone was willing to try for dinner. In Pennsylvania there are 4.25 billion pounds of food thrown out each year. Discarded food in the trash reaches the landfill, rots, and releases methane gas.

Some foods never make it out of the grocery store, calculating even more food waste for the state. Food waste reduction programs assist residents and businesses with getting food to people that need it and finding a way to eliminate the massive amounts of food waste. One way residents can reduce their food waste is by donating excess food to your local food bank or curbside food box. Additionally, composting can assist with reducing the amount of food thrown out curbside.

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