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Recycling Review

The Annual Newsletter of the Sunbury Municipal Authority Recycling Department

Why Should We Recycle?



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Recycling means separating, collecting, processing, marketing, and ultimately using a material thrown away. Newspaper publishers can use this morning's for another morning's news. Cans and bottles can become other products. Many firms produce quality products and packaging from recovered materials. We can help create markets for recyclables by using products. Four reasons we should recycle:

- Recycling reduces our reliance on landfills and incinerators.
- Recycling saves energy.
- Recycling can help our health and environment when harmful substances are removed from the waste stream.
- Recycling conserves our natural resources because it reduces the need for raw materials.

Let's clean up our act to participate separate recyclables and put them out for curbside pickup. Do not throw away what you can use again. For example, you can use plastic containers many times. if you change your own auto oil, take it to a local service station or recycling center. Leave your grass clippings on the lawn or compost them with leaves.

Shop smarter when choosing between similar products, select the product with the least packaging. Use products in containers that our community can recycle. Use products that one can repair or reuse. Support recycling markets by using products made from recycled materials.

Get involved in our Sunbury Recycling Center and inform others about the benefits of recycling. Encourage friends and businesses you patronize to recycle and to use recycled material or recyclables. Participate in or start a voluntary recycling program with a local businesses, school, church, or community group. Organize a recycling program where you work.

A Closer look in recycling with everybody's help, recycling offers a great potential to improve management. Our goal is to reduce and recycle 25% of our waste. What can we recycle? We can recycle paper, newspaper, office paper, cardboard, and other paper types; compost yard trimmings, grass, leaves, and shrub and tree clippings. Remember to separate glass-bottles and jars according to color (clear, green, and amber) before we recycle. Recycled products include aluminum cans, other metal-tin cans, auto bodies, refrigerators, stoves, and batteries. Used motor oil-truck, tractor, and automobile crankcase oil are recycled. Plastics-soda bottles, milk jugs, foam cups, and detergent containers are recycled.



Guide to Curbside Recycling		
GLASS ✓ Rinse ✓ Remove lids, discard ✓ Labels may remain 	YES	Clear, green & brown bottles & jars Must be separated by color
	NO	Drinking glasses, window glass, ceramics, light bulbs, dishes, mirrors
ALUMINUM CANS ✓ Rinse 	YES	Aluminum cans
	NO	Tin cans, pots, pans, siding, chair legs
Guide to Recycling Center Drop-Off		
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	NO	Drinking glasses, window glass, ceramics, light bulbs, dishes, mirrors
ALUMINUM CANS ✓ Rinse 	YES	Aluminum beverage cans
	NO	Scrap metals, tin cans, pots, pans, siding, chair legs
PLASTICS ✓ Rinse ✓ Remove caps ✓ Flatten 	YES	Laundry detergent, milk, soda and water bottles
	NO	Cottage cheese, margarine or yogurt containers, plastic cups, toys, pill bottles, flower pots, 5-gallon buckets, clothes hampers and baskets
NEWSPAPERS ✓ Must be bundled or bagged 	YES	Clean, dry newspapers
	NO	Wet or yellowed newspapers, cereal boxes glossy, do not mix with magazines, glossy colored inserts or office papers
MAGAZINES CATALOGS ✓ Loose 	YES	Magazines, catalogs, glossy papers & inserts
	NO	Envelopes, junk mail, books of any kind; do not mix with newspapers or office papers
STEEL FOOD & BEVERAGE CANS ✓ Rinse 	YES	Steel & tin food and beverage cans, <i>EMPTY</i> aerosol cans
	NO	Scrap metals, pots, pans, chair legs, car tire rims
CORRUGATED CARDBOARD ✓ Fold down boxes 	YES	Clean, dry, corrugated cardboard
	NO	Cereal boxes, waxed, oily or wet cardboard, plastic inserts, pizza boxes or styrofoam peanuts
ELECTRONIC ✓ Working ✓ Non-working ✓ Remove batteries 	YES	TV's up to 19 inches, cameras, cell phones, game boys, laptops, monitors, calculators
	NO	TV floor models or TV screen larger than 19 inches and microwaves

Ten Facts About Recycling

- ✓ Americans use 2.5 million plastic bottles every hour.
- ✓ A typical family consumes 182 gallons of soda, 29 gallons of juice, 104 gallons of milk, and 26 gallons of bottled water a year.
- ✓ About 80% of what Americans throw away is recyclable, yet our recycling rate is only 28%!
- ✓ Every month Americans throw out enough glass bottles and jars to fill up a giant skyscraper, but all of these jars are recyclable!
- ✓ Plastic bags and other plastic garbage thrown into the ocean kill as many as 1,000,000 sea creatures a year! Ever heard of the Great Pacific Garbage Patch? It's twice the size of Texas and it's floating somewhere between San Francisco and Hawaii. It's also 80 percent plastic and weighs in at 3.5 million tons.
- ✓ Recycling one ton of paper saves 17 trees, two barrels of oil, 4,100 kilowatts of energy, 3.2 cubic yards of landfill space, and 60 pounds of pollution.
- ✓ The 17 trees saved by recycling one ton of paper can absorb a total of 250 pounds of carbon dioxide out of the air each year.
- ✓ If all of our newspapers were recycled, we could save about 250 million trees each year!
- ✓ More than 20 million Hershey's Kisses are wrapped each day, using 133 square miles of aluminum foil. Believe it not, all that foil is recyclable, but not many people realized most of it goes in the trash!
- ✓ Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to run a TV for three hours. Americans throw away enough aluminum to rebuild our entire commercial fleet of airplanes every three months!

Adjacent to the transfer station at the South end of Fourth Street, just off Fawn Lane. Operating Hours are Monday, Wednesday, Friday 7:30am-3:30pm and Saturday 7:00am- 3:00pm. The Transfer Station is closed Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday. The Recycling Drop-off Center follows the same operating schedule. Questions? Call (570) 286-9925.



Recycling Fun for the Family

Detecting Definitions

See if you can match the following words with their correct definitions.

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|------------------|--|
| _____ Waste | A. Materials made by nature that are necessary for life (also called raw materials). |
| _____ Resources | B. A specially constructed site for disposing of garbage. The less garbage we throw away, the less we need this. |
| _____ Conserve | C. Made from raw or recycled materials, consumers buy these every day. |
| _____ Products | D. Although it protects products before they are bought, some products, like fresh produce, don't need any. Look for products with less of this. |
| _____ Recyclable | E. This can be collected in our community and made into a new product by a manufacturer. |
| _____ Composting | F. Nature's way fo recycling food scraps and yard trimmings. |
| _____ Landfill | G. Something that can harm people or the environment if not disposed of properly is called this. |
| _____ Toxic | H. To use wisely, avoiding waste. |
| _____ Packaging | I. Metal comes from this mineral or rock in the ground. |
| _____ Ore | J. Food scraps, soiled paper, and other things you throw away. |



What Can You Reuse?

Recycled Plastic Bag Wreath



Materials you will need:

- Plastic grocery bags
- Wire hanger
- Scissors

Instructions:

- Cut the hook from a wire hanger. Straighten and bend into a loop. Join with tape or by wrapping the wire around itself.
- Cut plastic grocery bags into strips one inch wide by four inches long. Tie individual bag strips to the wire using a single knot.
- Push knots closely together and alternate the direction of the tag ends.
- Completely cover the wire hanger.
- To hang the wreath, either hang on a nail as is, or attach a bit of yard or string. Decorate with artificial flowers, berries, or any decoration you like for a personal touch!

Crack the Code

Decode these secret messages. These are all helpful hints for things you can do in your home to reduce, reuse, and recycle.

Don't PQVMX JUJO by taking more than you will XQM.

Use ZXIVQTXW NWQMXV and KINV at picnic.

ZXIVX bags instead of MSZUPAYF them QPQL.

VSQZX your old RQFQEAYXV with friends.

Try to buy items that are ZXKWKWQTXW in our KURRIYAML.

TIL NZUOIKMV that are made with ZXKWKWXO materials.

Learn about different types of KURNUVMAYF.

TOP SECRET CODES

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| A = I | Q = A |
| B = Q | R = M |
| C = V | S = H |
| D = K | T = B |
| E = Z | U = O |
| F = G | V = S |
| G = J | W = L |
| H = X | X = E |
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| L = Y | |
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| O = D | |
| P = W | |



CHOOSE TO REDUCE!

Choose recyclable products and containers and recycle them.





The Sunbury Municipal Authority is Committed to Electronic Recycling ALL YEAR

Over the past two years Sunbury's Transfer Station has hosted an Electronic Recycling event during the first two weeks of June. These events have been very successful, but created an over whelming flow of material and demanded a significant number of staff to handle the material.

Starting in August of 2010 we have set an additional container at our recycling drop-off center to collect electronics year-round. Unlike other materials at our facility, before using the electronic recycling bin, you must cross our scale and let the weigh master on duty know what material you are recycling. We are accepting electronics in small quantities due to the size of the containers. If the containers become full you will be asked to return another day. TV's are accepted up to 19 inches in size. Floor Models or larger screen TV's and microwaves are not accepted. All materials recycled are taken to Unicom in Lewisburg for Recycling (for more information about Unicom visit their website at www.unicom.gov/recycling/)



Borrow, Rent, or Share Items Used Infrequently

Seldom-used items, like certain power tools and party goods, often collect dust, rust, take up valuable storage space, and ultimately end up in the trash. Consider renting or borrowing these items the next time they're needed. Infrequently used items also might be shared among neighbors, friends, or family. Borrowing, renting, or sharing items saves both money and natural resources.

Rent or borrow party decorations and supplies such as tables, chairs, centerpieces, linens, dishes, and silverware.

Rent or borrow seldom-used audiovisual equipment. Rent or borrow tools such as ladders, chain saws, floor buffers, rug cleaners, and garden tillers. In apartment buildings or co-ops, residents can pool resources and form "banks" to share tools or other equipment used or needed infrequently.

Before discarding old tools, camera equipment, or other goods, ask friends, relatives, neighbors, or community groups if they can use them.

Share newspapers and magazines with others to extend the lives of these items and reduce the generation of waste paper.

Composting

Trees taken down by contracted work will not be picked up by the City. Anything larger than 12 inches round, will not be accepted by the City or at the drop off location.

City residents may take brush, grass clippings, leaves and tree trimmings to the lot next to Beiters Furniture Store at North 4th Street. Hours are Saturdays 7:30 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. Proof of residence may be required. The City will pick up these items on Mondays, time and weather permitting. Please do not deposit on the street. No large piles will be picked up (No piles 2 feet or higher). Please empty all bags and boxes, you must take these items with you. Anyone found leaving these items or any other items considered to be trash will be prosecuted.

If you have any questions you may call the Public Works Office at (570) 286-5761 or E-mail Sunbury1@ptd.net.

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Detecting Definitions:

- J Waste
- A Resources
- H Conserve
- C Products
- E Recyclable
- F Composting
- B Landfill
- G Toxic
- D Packaging
- I Ore

Crack the Code:

Don't waste food by taking more than you will eat.

Use reusable plates and cups at picnics.

Reuse bags instead of throwing them away.

Share your old magazines with friends.

Try to buy items that are recyclable in our community.

Buy products that are made with recycled materials.

Learn about different types of composting.





2012 Curbside Collection Calendar – Monthly Curbside Collection Dates

Place material at curb by 8:00 am. Materials will be collected rain or shine. Place recyclables on the curb, not in alleys or service roads. **Remember, if it is not properly prepared, it is still trash!**

January							February							March							April						
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Curbside Recycling

The Transfer Station/Recycling Center Will be closed for the following Holidays

Day	Date	Holiday
Sunday	January 1, 2012 <i>Observed January 2, 2012</i>	New Year's Day
Monday	February 20, 2012	Presidents' Day
Friday	April 6, 2012	Good Friday
Monday	May 28, 2012	Memorial Day
Wednesday	July 4, 2012	Independence Day
Monday	September 3, 2012	Labor Day
Thursday	November 22, 2012	Thanksgiving
Tuesday	December 25, 2012	Christmas

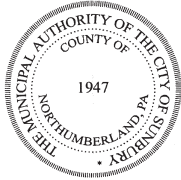
Rates For The Sunbury Municipal Authority's Transfer Station:

REGULAR FEES:	
0 - 500 lbs.	\$20.00
501 - 750 lbs.	\$30.00
751 - 1,000 lbs.	\$40.00
PER TON	\$81.00
MISCELLANEOUS FEES:	
Trash bags (6 bag limit)	\$2.00 per bag
Tires	\$4.50 each
Appliances & Furniture	\$10.00 per item
Burn Barrels	\$7.00 each
Public Weighs	\$3.00 per wt.
Container/Roll off Service	20.00 fee plus weight \$100.00 deposit required



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Reuse Holiday Decorations

Save your holiday decorations for reuse next year. Donate decorations to local schools, churches, town offices or non-profit organizations. Use natural ornaments such as pine cones, shells, dried flowers or berries.

Do You have Questions?

Or are you new to the area and would like to know what, where and how to recycle?

You can find all the answers to your questions on line at our newly posted web site. Just type www.cityofsunbury.com and scroll down to Municipal Authority and you will find information on recycling. We provide both curbside and dropoff programs. Find out what materials are accepted. Commercial, Institutional and Municipal facilities must recycle and submit annual reports.

In addition to recycling you also can find information on municipal disposal fees, transfer station hours and a variety of additional information about the Municipal Authority and it's many departments.

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