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## TRASH COLLECTION & RECYCLING NEWSLETTER 2005



**Thank You . . .** to all residents who participated in the Borough's residential recycling program during 2004.

**Your recycling efforts have allowed the borough to receive \$10,597.00 in grants to operate our program in 2004.**

The Borough currently recycles newsprint, clear glass, colored glass, aluminum cans, tin cans, yard waste, leaves, tires, appliances, Christmas trees, #1 and #2 plastic and magazines. (State law requires a minimum of three (3) items to be recycled.) The first 11 month statistics for 2004 show total collections of 1,364 tons of refuse; 179 tons of newsprint; 150 tons of commingled recyclables; 10 tons of yard waste; 4 tons of appliances and tires and over 300 Christmas trees. (These tonnages are for residential [non-commercial] collections only.) Of the 42 municipalities that have a recycling program, Millersville Borough ranks 6th highest with a recycling rate of 18.8% from all materials collected.

### Program Highlights

- Pick up is every Thursday (for exceptions see Holiday Schedule)
- **DO NOT** place containers out before 12 Noon on day before pick up.
- Remove containers no later than 12 Noon on day after pick up.
- Green recycling bins are available at the Borough Office.
- **ALL** containers for trash have a 32-gallon size and/or 30 lb. weight limit.
- Leaves are to be placed in Kraft Biodegradable bags, which are available at the Borough Office and do not require a tag.
- All other yard waste will require a kraft biodegradable bag and a \$1.25 green tag. Pickup will change from weekly to every other week. For more information on Woody Yard Waste see page 2.
- Annual March Spring Cleanup Program discontinued.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

The contracted single hauler (Penn Waste, Inc.) will be collecting trash and recyclables from 1,729 residential homes and dwellings of three (3) units or less during 2005.

**The hauler is permitted by contract to collect each Thursday between the hours of 5:00 AM and 6:00 PM, except for Holiday and Special Collections when they can begin at 2:00 AM.**

2005 will be the 15th year in which the basic trash/recycling fee of **\$130.00** a year has not been increased. The Borough program requires the use of **EXTRA SERVICE TAGS** that must be purchased from the Borough. A specific type tag must be placed on certain items whenever a resident generates extra items over what is allowed for the basic annual fee.

Beginning this year the yard waste recycling program will be expanded to include "Woody Yard Waste" (WYW). In addition to leaves and other "soft" yard wastes like grass clippings and garden residue that are currently collected, curbside collection of "Woody Yard Waste" (WYW) will be available on a bi-weekly basis.

WYW includes branches and prunings from the trees and shrubbery. Millersville Borough is collecting this material in order to further reduce the amount of waste disposed through the refuse collection program. Systems are now in place to collect and then process WYW into mulch products that are typically available from garden centers and landscapers.

Call the Borough Office at (717) 872-4645 if you have any trash or recycling issues.

## CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP

**FREE** Christmas Tree and greens collection will be held one day only on **Saturday, January 8, 2005**. Place your tree where you usually put your trash.

Remove all ornaments, tinsel and decorations. No artificial items will be taken. Put tree out **FRIDAY** evening. If you miss this **FREE** day, a red **\$4.00** oversize refuse tag will be required on tree if put out on the regular collection day.



## TRASH

The number of trash containers or trash items allowed under the basic fee is **three per week**. Each trash item above three must be marked with a **YELLOW EXTRA SERVICE TAG VALUED AT \$1.25 EACH**. Bundles of brush or limbs not over four foot in length and no more than 30 pounds will no longer be considered one of your trash items and must be **TIED and tagged with a GREEN EXTRA SERVICE TAG VALUED AT \$1.25 EACH**.



Other examples of items that could go as one of your three items would be lawn chairs, small grills, flower boxes and vacuum sweepers, etc.



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If you need to dispose of your **unusable** trash container, you must put a visible note on it telling the hauler to dispose of it. (This avoids the mistaken disposal of containers.) **CARDBOARD** is **NOT** a Borough recyclable. Boxes should be flattened, tied in a bundle and counted as one trash item.

The maximum size of bags or cans is 32 gallons and **NO MORE THAN 30 POUNDS**. Residents who use **LARGER** containers must use separate trash bags within the larger container, not to exceed three (unless properly tagged) or may have their pickup rejected due to excessive size and weight. 55 gallon drums and 96 gallon totes will **NOT** be collected with loose material in them.

Littering of streets and residents properties can be a problem. It can be caused by rain storms, wind, birds and critters including dogs and cats. Residents can help by not overfilling their trash cans and recycling bins. It would also help the men on the trucks avoid littering if residents would use plastic bags inside their trash cans. Of course, tie the top shut when it's full. By doing this, the men would not be carrying cans and trying to dump loose trash into the truck. They could just lift the bag out of the can and take it to the truck.

**No loose piles** – all small items must be boxed, bundled, bagged or in a trash can.



will be collected. Prepare for recycling by removing and discarding lids, caps or pumps and rinse out residue. You can save space by stepping on them so they are flat.

You can also tie a string through handles of a bunch of bottles. Lay them on the ground beside your other recyclables.

### ALUMINUM & STEEL

Rinse out, but **DO NOT** crush cans. No foil, pie tins, paint cans, aerosol cans, siding or scrap metals.



### NEWSPAPERS



Everything that comes with the newspaper (except the dog) can go out with the newspaper. Tie in bundles or put in brown grocery bags and place in or beside your recycling container.

### MAGAZINES

Since 1999 residents have been recycling their magazines. They must be prepared the same as your newspapers, in paper bags or tied in bundles. Place next to or on top of your green bin.



## OVERSIZE REFUSE ITEMS

Pieces of furniture such as:  
Chairs, couches, tables, etc  
4 ft. rolled & tied carpet  
Microwaves

Mattresses/Box Springs

TV--portable/console

Doors/Windows

Rain spouting bundled & tied in 4 ft. lengths

**Small** engine push lawn mowers.

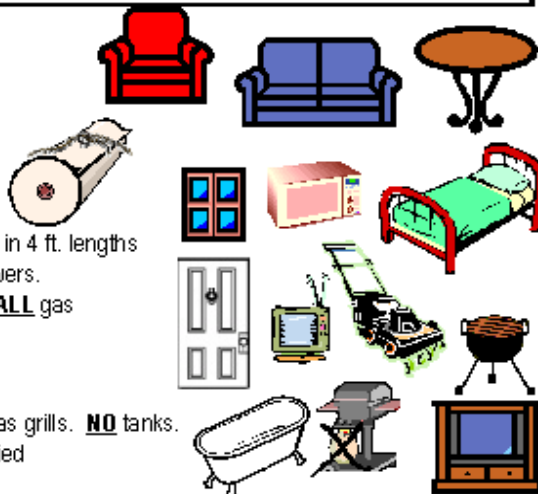
Disconnect gas line & drain **ALL** gas and oil. Leave caps off.

**Fiberglass** bathtubs **ONLY**.

No cast iron or steel tubs.

Large wheeled charcoal or gas grills. **NO** tanks.

Window shutters bundled & tied



Oversize items will be picked up weekly during regular trash collection. **NO MORE THAN 2 ITEMS** per week will be picked up & each item must be tagged with a **RED OVERSIZE REFUSE TAG** valued at \$4.00. Call the Borough Office at (717) 872-4645 to discuss questionable items.

## RECYCLING

This is a State, County and Borough **MANDATORY RECYCLING PROGRAM**. These instructions will help you prepare recyclables for collection. Contamination by mixing non-recyclable items into your recyclables may cause an inspection of your containers which could result in rejection by the hauler and the Borough.

This is a **COMMINGLED** recycling program meaning cans, glass and plastic **DO NOT** have to be separated by color or type. All can go in the green recycling bin.

### GLASS

Food and beverage bottles, and jars only. Glass bottles and jars should be rinsed and **caps or lids removed and thrown in the trash**. No need to remove labels. Light bulbs, window/auto glass, drinking glasses, cookingware and broken glass, etc. **ARE NOT** recyclable.

### PLASTIC

**ONLY PLASTIC BOTTLES** designated with a #1 (PETE) or a #2 (HDPE)



## WOODY YARD WASTE

Beginning April 1, 2005 Millersville Borough will be expanding the the yard waste recycling program. In addition to leaves and other "soft" yard wastes like grass clippings and garden residue that are currently collected, curbside collection of "Woody Yard Waste" (WYW) will be available **THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2005 AND CONTINUE EVERY OTHER WEEK THROUGH THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2005**. WYW includes branches and prunings from the trees and shrubbery. This material is being collected in order to further reduce the amount of waste disposed through the refuse collection program. Systems are now in place to collect and then process WYW into mulch products that are typically available from garden centers and landscapers.

**All yard wastes (both soft and woody) will be collected at curbside in 30-gallon biodegradable kraft (paper) bags available at the borough office.** Branches, limbs and other prunings less than 6 inches in diameter that will not fit into a bag can be bundled with biodegradable string and placed at curbside for collection. Bags and bundles should not exceed 30 lbs. in weight. Bundled material should be cut no longer than 4 ft. **The kraft bags are free, however, each bag must have a green \$1.25 tag affixed to it.** It does **NOT** count as one of your three regular trash items. **If found untagged, it will be rejected.** WYW IS PROHIBITED IN REGULAR TRASH. IF AN INSPECTION OF YOUR TRASH CONTAINERS REVEALS WYW, IT WILL BE REJECTED FOR COLLECTION.

As with all source-separated recyclables - proper material preparation is crucial to making the program successful. Your help by placing only natural organic material in the kraft bags will enable the borough to market the WYW which will save money. Please keep all contaminants such as litter, plastic bags and pots, and other debris out of yard waste bags. When bundling brush and limbs, please use only biodegradable twine or string to tie the bundles. Plastic twine, tape, wire and other similar materials cause problems with processing and the quality of finished mulch products.

If you have any questions about WYW recycling issues, please contact the Millersville Borough Office at (717) 872-4645.

Thank you for doing your part to make the recycling program successful!



# LEAVES

## FOUR SPECIAL LEAVES ONLY PICKUP DATES ARE:

- Monday, October 31, 2005**
- Monday, November 14, 2005**
- Monday, November 28, 2005**
- Monday, December 12, 2005**

All four are **FREE** of charge and will not require extra service tags.



The Borough will again have the biodegradable Kraft Leaf Bags available for free distribution. **\*\*The biodegradable bags will be the only form of container that will be accepted at the leaf composting facility. LEAVES IN PLASTIC TRASH BAGS OR LEAVES LOOSE IN CANS WILL BE REJECTED BY THE HAULER.**

If you have an **occasional bag** of leaves to dispose of and cannot wait until the special day, treat it as a **trash item**. If you already have your limit of three trash items, you must tag it with a yellow tag.

# LARGE APPLIANCE AND TIRE COLLECTION

Clothes washers and dryers, dishwashers, refrigerators, freezers, stoves, hot water heaters, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, furnaces, etc. -- and tires will be picked up twice a year.

Each appliance **must be tagged** with a **\$12.00 BLUE APPLIANCE TAG** purchased from the Borough. A yellow tag (also used for extra trash items) must be used for each tire. A tire on a rim requires two yellow tags.

## COLLECTION DATES ARE:

- Saturday, April 23, 2005**
- Saturday, October 15, 2005**

**PLACE ITEMS AT CURB FRIDAY NIGHT AS THE HAULER MAY BEGIN PICKUP AT 2:00 AM SATURDAY MORNING.**



# HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

In an effort to safely remove toxic mercury from the home and to properly recycle this material, the Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority announced the establishment of a thermometer exchange program for County residents.

The Authority will start the program on America Recycles Day, Monday, November 15, 2004 and it will continue while supplies last.

Each participating household who takes in an item that contains mercury, such as thermometers, old thermostats, fluorescent bulbs, button batteries, old chemistry sets etc., will receive one digital thermometer, free of charge. The Authority's Executive Director, Jim Warner said, "This program is an excellent illustration of our commitment to the environmental health of Lancaster County. Yes, our facilities are designed to manage all our waste, but it is a far better option to have materials such as mercury removed from the waste stream, and be recycled. We feel this program embodies our mission to manage solid waste and recyclable materials in an environmentally safe, reliable and efficient manner."

Mercury is a toxic, gray liquid metal, and the old-fashioned thermometer contains between one-half and one gram of mercury which environmentalists say is enough to contaminate a 20-acre lake. Residents may bring mercury-containing items to the Household Hazardous Waste Facility (HHWF) located



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at 1299 Harrisburg Pike open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. and every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. In the case of glass thermometers, it is recommended that residents wrap them in an old towel or similar item to ensure they do not break in transit. Items containing mercury are picked up at HHWF by Cycle Chem, a company licensed to haul hazardous materials, and are taken to AERC Recycling Solutions for mercury removal and recycling.

## COMMON WASTES

**Many materials used in the home and garden are considered household hazardous waste and must not be thrown into your trash.** They can cause serious safety and health problems in transportation or in disposal facilities. **Wastes that you shouldn't throw in your trash include:**

- Auto fluids & batteries
- Driveway sealant
- Household batteries
- Fire extinguishers
- Pesticides, herbicides, insecticides
- Photographic chemicals; pool chemicals
- Household cleansers & polish
- Gasoline, kerosene
- Old chemistry sets
- Paints/paint-related products

**Dispose of those materials at the Authority's Household Hazardous Waste Facility.** The facility, located at the Authority's transfer station, 1299 Harrisburg Pike (About a mile from the Park City mall), has the following Receiving Hours:

- Monday - Friday** 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM
- Saturday (2nd & 4th of each month)** 8:00 AM - 12 Noon

(Homeowners are not charged for this service.)

Put materials you deliver into a box and separate and cushion the contents with newspaper. It is not necessary to bring containers that once held household hazardous waste to the facility; simply dispose of these **empty** containers in your trash. Items the facility **does not** accept include propane tanks, explosives and ammunition.

**The facility only accepts materials generated in a Lancaster County residence as a result of normal household activities.**

For more information call (717) 397-9968 or visit [www.lcswma.org](http://www.lcswma.org).

## HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES

**Household batteries – used in toys, radios, watches, hearing aids, etc. – also are harmful to disposal facilities and should not be thrown away in your trash. You may dispose of household batteries at the Household Hazardous Waste Center or you may use the plastic battery collection bags provided by the Borough.** Place all household batteries in a collection bag. When the bag is full, put it **next to** your refuse containers during regular trash pickup. If you need replacement bags, you can pick them up at the Borough Office.

## IN-HOME MEDICAL WASTE

**Medical wastes generated in the home may be infectious.** When thrown in the trash, they pose a risk at curbside, where bags are accessible before pickup; to waste haulers and waste facility operators, who must handle those materials; and to the facilities themselves.

### Potentially hazardous items are:

Sharp objects, such as needles, syringes and lancets, soiled bandages, disposable sheets and medical gloves. **Even if you have only a small quantity of medical waste and want to throw it in your trash, proper disposal is still important.** Put needles, syringes and other similar sharp objects in a hard plastic screw-top bottle (such as a bleach or detergent bottle) or a coffee can with a lid. Secure the lid with tape.

**Place the bottle or can in your trash – not in recycling container. Never put loose needles in either your trash or recycling bin.**

Double-bag bandages, sheets and gloves in plastic bags and fasten them securely before putting them in a garbage can or bag with your other trash.

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## 2005 RESIDENT TRASH & RECYCLING INFORMATION

### CONSTRUCTION AND/OR REMODELING WASTE

The borough's hauler will not pick up items such as drywall, shingles, siding, etc. during the normal Thursday collection day as they are not accepted at the incinerator. You may make special arrangements with the Borough's hauler, Penn Waste, Inc.; call (717) 392-9900, or personally deliver it to the Lancaster County Solid Waste Authority Transfer Station, 1299 Harrisburg Pike, Lancaster.

### 2005 HOLIDAY COLLECTION SCHEDULE

EXCEPTIONS TO REGULAR THURSDAY TRASH PICK UP

	<b>Memorial Day</b>	<i>week makeup collection day -- Friday, June 3, 2005</i>
	<b>4TH OF JULY</b>	<i>week makeup collection day -- Friday, July 8, 2005</i>
	<b>LABOR DAY</b>	<i>week makeup collection day -- Friday, September 9, 2005</i>
	<b>Thanksgiving</b>	<i>day makeup collection day -- Friday, November 25, 2005</i>
	<b>Christmas</b>	<i>week -- NO CHANGE</i>

### HELPFUL INFORMATION

The green recycling bin is the property of Millersville Borough. If it is damaged or stolen, contact the Borough and you can pick up a replacement at the office. If you move, you must leave the bin for the next resident.



It is advised that you mark your street address on the outside of your green bin. Your name is not necessary. Any spillage not caused directly by the hauler is the responsibility of the resident to clean up.

