

Due to the decrease in facilities that will buy recycled materials, Lancaster County has begun cutting back on what can be placed in residential recycling bin. All items NOT listed below can be placed in your normal trash bags and will be sent to the Waste to Energy facility.

Recycling right doesn't have to be hard.



What Can Be Recycled?

Only the following materials can be recycled. Think of them as the “Big 4”. Everything else should be placed in your trash. If you aren't sure, remember this phrase: “When in doubt, throw it out!” LCSWMA will transform discarded waste into renewable energy.

CORRUGATED CARDBOARD:

This includes any size material consisting of a fluted corrugated sheet, like shipping boxes, packing boxes, CLEAN pizza boxes (no grease or food remnants), etc. Flatten all boxes and remove packaging including Styrofoam, peanuts, bubble wrap and plastic liners. **Do NOT put paperboard (cereal boxes, shoe boxes), newsprint or junk mail in the bin.**

You can bring your corrugated cardboard to the West Earl Township building for drop-off (157 W. Metzler Road, Brownstown)

PLASTIC BOTTLES AND JUGS:

This includes plastic bottles, jars, jugs and anything else with a neck. Throw away the lids and rinse out any residue. All other plastic material is considered trash. Ignore the numbers, as they don't indicate if something is recyclable. **Do NOT put plastic bags, toys, buckets, packaging, Styrofoam, hosing, furniture, or other plastic items in the bin.**

METAL FOOD AND BEVERAGE CANS:

This includes all food and beverage cans made from aluminum or steel. Throw away the lids and rinse out any residue. **Do NOT put metal hangers, cooking pots and pans or other scrap metal like foil and pie plates in the bin.**

GLASS:

This includes clear, green and brown glass bottles and jars. Throw away the lids and rinse out any residue. **Do NOT put light bulbs, dishes, glassware, window or automotive glass, vases or any other glass material in the bin.**

Visit earth911.com for a list of locations that accept a variety of other recyclable materials.

And remember – WHEN IN DOUBT, THROW IT OUT