

# WEST EARL TOWNSHIP

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### TRASH COLLECTION AND RECYCLING PROGRAM

#### INTRODUCTION

The trash collection and recycling program includes a number of services under one contract with the Township's contracted hauler.

***The current charge for the Refuse/Recycling service provided by the Township is \$15.50 per month.***

The collection day for trash and yard waste is **TUESDAY**, with the exception of some holidays. Yard waste is picked up every other week from April into October.

Place your trash and recycling on the curb the evening before collection day. The trash hauler starts collection by 5:00 a.m. Each residence is allowed three (3) 32-gallon trash bags or cans per week. Trash bags, containers and your recycling bin must be put out no more than five (5) feet from your curb and should be clearly visible to the hauler. No alley or back door service will be provided, except by prior arrangement with the hauler for individuals with physical disabilities. Do not overstuff trash bags or cans; each bag or can should not weigh more than 30 pounds. You are allowed to put out more than three 32-gallon trash bags or cans; however, each additional trash container must be marked with a yellow extra service tag. Attach the tag securely to the container so that it is visible to the hauler. All types of tags are available at the Township office. Please have your house number displayed clearly.

The contractor will not collect on the following holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. The dates for these pickups will be announced in the Township Newsletter. **Contact the Township Office if your trash and recycling collection is missed or if you have any questions about the program.**

Yard waste such as grass clippings, leaves, sod and other garden residue must be placed in a paper Kraft bag for pickup by the hauler. Kraft bags may be purchased at the Township Municipal office. Woody material (shrubbery and tree trimmings) must be securely tied in bundles with string or twine and may not exceed four feet in length and thirty pounds in weight. Each bundle requires a green yard waste tag. Attach the tag securely to each bundle so that it is visible to the hauler. Tags are available at the Township office. Yard waste is collected every other week from April 1<sup>st</sup> through mid-October. Specific pick-up dates will be indicated on the yearly calendar.

Oversized refuse items, such as small pieces of furniture, carpet, mattresses and box springs, will be picked up each week during regular trash collection. All oversized items must be marked with a red extra service tag. Tags should be attached securely and must be clearly visible to the waste hauler. No more than two oversized items will be picked up at any one residence each week.

**On January 24, 2013, the Covered Devices Recycling Act was passed by the Pennsylvania legislature. This law prohibits residents from disposing of covered devices as trash. These devices must be recycled. Covered devices include: DESKTOP COMPUTERS, LAPTOPS, MONITORS, COMPUTER PERIPHERALS (KEYBOARD, MOUSE, PRINTER AND SPEAKERS) TELEVISIONS, AND E-READERS THAT BROWSE THE INTERNET.** Residents may recycle these covered devices at the Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority's Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Facility, located at 1299 Harrisburg Pike, Lancaster. Phone 717-397-9968.

Large appliances such as clothes washers and dryers, dishwashers, refrigerators, freezers, stoves, water heaters, air conditioners, furnaces, etc. are picked up twice a year. The dates for these pickups will be included on the yearly calendar. All large appliances put out for collection must be marked with an extra service tag.

Tires will be collected twice a year along with the large appliances. An orange extra service tag must be used to dispose of each tire. Tags should be attached securely and must be clearly visible to the waste hauler.

## **RECYCLING**

Items for recycling consist of aluminum cans, tin/ bimetallic cans, clear and colored glass, plastic bottles with a #1 or #2 on the bottom and newspapers. Recyclable materials will be picked up each week on the same day that trash is collected, but they are not picked up at the same time. This is a commingled recycling program. Cans and glass do not have to be separated by color or type. Store all the containers mixed together in the recycling bin. Newspaper must be set out separately.

Glass containers should be rinsed and the lids removed (throw lids in your trash). It is not necessary to remove labels. Light bulbs, window and auto glass, drinking glasses and cookware are not recyclable. Aluminum and all other food and beverage cans (which are made of steel, tin or a combination of metals) also should be rinsed. You should not crush any cans. Other aluminum products such as foil and pie plates are not recyclables. Aerosol cans ARE NOT acceptable. Newspapers should be put into paper grocery bags or tied into bundles. Please do not use plastic grocery bags. Place newspaper on top of or next to your recycling bin when you put it on the curb for collection. Other paper will not be accepted; please remove the color inserts from your newspaper. On rainy days, please refrain from putting out newspaper for collection. Save it until the next weekly pickup.

This is a mandatory recycling program; you are required by township ordinance to separate those materials for special collection as described above. No recyclable materials are allowed in trash containers.

**SPECIAL WASTES** Several wastes in addition to those already mentioned in this information packet also must be handled separately from regular trash.

**Needles** If you use hypodermic needles for a medical condition, never place used needles in the container with recycling material. Place these needles in a puncture proof container and dispose of the closed container in the trash.

**Household Hazardous Waste** 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 disposal facilities. Household hazardous wastes that should not be thrown in your trash are:

Auto Products	Antifreeze, transmission and brake fluids, batteries, used oil
Cleansers	Oven cleaners, toilet cleaners, disinfectants, drain cleaners, rug and upholstery cleaners, bleach, ammonia-based cleaners, abrasive cleaners and powders
Polishes	Floor and furniture polish
Fuels	Gasoline, kerosene
Chemicals	Old chemistry sets, Photographic chemicals, pool chemicals
Paints	Paint-related products, stains, turpentine, thinner, rust protecting products
Garden items	Pesticides, herbicides, and insecticides

You can dispose of materials on this list at the Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority's Household Hazardous Waste/Recycling Facility. The facility, located at 1299 Harrisburg Pike near the Park City mall, has daytime and limited evening and weekend hours; you must call the Authority at 397-9968 for an appointment to drop off materials.

You can dispose of household batteries with the regular trash pickup. Place all household batteries in the orange collection bag, which is available at the Township office. When the bag is full, put it next to your refuse container, not with the recyclable materials. The Township's trash hauler will collect the bag during regular trash pickup.

**CONSTRUCTION/DEMOLITION WASTE** You are allowed to include one 32-gallon, 30-pound container of waste from construction or demolition activities at your home in your regular trash. If you have more than one container, or the waste will not fit into a 32 gallon bag or can, make special collection arrangements with the Township's trash hauler or deliver materials to the Authority's transfer station, 1299 Harrisburg Pike 397-9968.