

# Pike County



## *Residential Recycling Services Guide*

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# WHY RECYCLE?

Recycling is an important activity that all residents of Pike County can do to reduce their impact on the environment. Recycling saves material and energy resources and has a positive impact on water and air quality in the County.

Pike County is committed to encouraging recycling and providing information to residents to help divert materials from disposal.

# ABOUT THIS GUIDE

This guide provides information and resources to help Pike County residents reduce, reuse, recycle and re-think waste. The tools and resources provided in this guide will also help business owners find cost-effective and sustainable solutions for managing the waste they generate.

This guide includes a listing of local and area recycling service providers to help you recycle. Companies, organizations, and services listed in this guide do not constitute an endorsement by Pike County.

If you have any questions or comments about this guide, or have additions, edits, and/or vendors to add, please contact the Pike County Solid Waste/Recycling Coordinator, Michael Mrozinski at (570) 296-3500 or visit the County's website at [www.pikepa.org/planning.html](http://www.pikepa.org/planning.html)

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*This guide is designed to aid the residential sector as to where various materials can be recycled. The information in this guide is based solely on information supplied by the recyclers at the time the guide was compiled. Every attempt has been made to verify the information contained within. Pike County does not assume responsibility for, or guarantee the accuracy of, the information provided in this guide. Alternative recyclers may be available and the listing of recyclers in this guide does not constitute any endorsement on the part of Pike County. It is suggested that before any material is taken to these recyclers that the individual contact the listed recycler to verify pricing, hours of operation, specifications, acceptability, and any other concerns between the guide user and the recycler listed.*



## RECYCLING DO'S AND DONT'S

**Do Clean Recyclables** - A quick rinse in most cases is adequate in removing food waste residue. However, if the container or material is heavily soiled with food waste residue or grease and cannot be cleaned, it should be discarded in the trash.

**Do Dry Recyclables** - After rinsing out containers, ensure all containers are free of excessive moisture. Moisture itself can contaminate the recycling stream as it degrades the quality and recoverability of cardboard and other fiber-based materials.

**Don't Break Glass** - Aside from being a hazard to collectors and workers, broken glass degrades the quality and recoverability of fiber-based materials. It is important to follow your local recycling program guidelines concerning glass and only include it in the approved manner.

**Don't "Wishcycle" - Put in the Correct Recyclables** - Only include recyclables your program collects. Some material may potentially be recyclable; however, if your local recycling program does not collect the material, do not include it in your bin. Incorrect material causes contamination and good recyclable material can end up in a landfill.

**When in doubt, throw it out!**

## RECYCLING BEST PRACTICES

The most common materials that cause problems include plastic bags, plastic film, garden hoses, and wiring. Never include any material that may bind or restrict recycling sorting machinery. Sortation lines are routinely shut down due to the inclusion of these materials, which must be manually removed and disposed of by workers.

Never include any potentially hazardous material in your curbside bin. Examples are propane tanks, broken glass, needles, chemicals/pesticides, and any other dangerous materials. In addition to contributing to contamination in the recycling stream, these materials are dangerous to the haulers and workers handling this material.

### Commonly **Accepted** and **Unacceptable** Material

While not all inclusive, below are some of the most common items to place in, and keep out, of the recycling bin; however, it is important to check with your vendor prior to including/excluding any material:

#### **Include:**

- 👍 Plastic bottles and containers
- 👍 Cardboard and paperboard
  - 👍 Magazines & Catalogs
  - 👍 Cereal/soda/beer boxes
  - 👍 Chipboard/ Box Board
  - 👍 Office paper and mail
  - 👍 Newspaper
  - 👍 Paper Egg Cartons
- 👍 Aluminum, tin, and steel cans
- 👍 Glass bottles and containers

#### **Do Not Include:**

- 👎 Plastic bags or plastic films
- 👎 Recyclables in plastic bags
- 👎 Any soiled/wet/greasy material
- 👎 Food waste
- 👎 Broken glass
- 👎 Ceramics, crystal, and leaded glass
- 👎 Plastic toys, bins, bulk items
- 👎 Garden hoses and wire hangers
- 👎 Propane tanks
- 👎 Styrofoam
- 👎 Shredded Paper



## MUNICIPAL RECYCLING AND YARD WASTE PROGRAMS

The County encourages all residents and occupants of commercial, institutional, and municipal establishments to recycle to their fullest potential and divert recyclables and yard waste from disposal. Recent data indicates that only about 20 percent of the solid waste generated in the County is recycled.

The following table provides a list of public recycling and yard waste services in Pike County offered by various municipalities. Residents in the County have the flexibility to arrange with a private hauler of their choice for curbside recycling services and yard waste recycling.

Municipal Recycling and Diversion Programs		
Municipality	Program Details	Contact Information
Blooming Grove Twp	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contract with private waste hauler for curbside recycling</li> </ul>	<a href="http://www.bloominggrovetownship.com">www.bloominggrovetownship.com</a> (570) 775-6461
Delaware Twp	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requires curbside recycling by Township ordinance</li> <li>Electronics recycling events held as needed</li> <li>Contract with private waste hauler for curbside recycling</li> </ul>	<a href="http://www.delawaretownship.pa.gov">www.delawaretownship.pa.gov</a> (570) 828-2347
Dingman Twp	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Required curbside recycling by Township ordinance</li> <li>Consumer Battery drop-off at Township building</li> <li>Electronics, white goods, tires, scrap metal, freon-containing devices, and car battery recycling events held as needed</li> <li>Contract with private waste hauler for curbside recycling</li> </ul>	<a href="http://www.dingmantownship.org">www.dingmantownship.org</a> (570) 296-8455
Greene Twp	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contract with private waste hauler for curbside recycling</li> </ul>	<a href="http://www.greentownship.org">www.greentownship.org</a> (570) 676-9325
Lackawaxen Twp	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contract with private waste hauler for curbside recycling</li> </ul>	<a href="http://www.lackawaxentownship.pa.gov">www.lackawaxentownship.pa.gov</a> (570) 685-7288
Lehman Twp	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requires curbside recycling by Township ordinance</li> <li>Yard waste drop-off site at municipal building, 193 Municipal Drive, Bushkill</li> <li>Drop-off events for paint and electronics as needed</li> <li>Contract with private waste hauler for curbside recycling</li> </ul>	<a href="http://www.lehmantownship.com">www.lehmantownship.com</a> (570) 588-9365
Matamoras Boro	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yard waste drop-off site at Westfall Twp Municipal Building, 102 La Barr Lane; open select hours Monday-Saturday</li> <li>Yard waste collection offered weekly in fall</li> <li>Contract with private waste hauler for curbside recycling</li> </ul>	<a href="http://www.matamorasborough.com">www.matamorasborough.com</a> (570) 491-2771
Milford Boro	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Annual curbside leaf vacuum collection Nov. and Dec.</li> <li>Curbside yard waste collection service (weather permitting)</li> <li>Contract with private waste hauler for curbside recycling</li> </ul>	<a href="http://www.milfordboro.org">www.milfordboro.org</a> (570) 296-7140
Milford Twp	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contract with private waste hauler for curbside recycling</li> </ul>	<a href="http://www.milfordtownshippike.com">www.milfordtownshippike.com</a> (570) 296-5540
Palmyra Twp	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contract with private waste hauler for curbside recycling</li> <li>Electronics recycling event held as needed</li> <li>Recycling at township building M-F 7am-3pm and Sat 8am-12pm</li> </ul>	<a href="http://www.palmyrapike.org">www.palmyrapike.org</a> (570) 226-2230
Porter Twp	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contract with private waste hauler for curbside recycling</li> </ul>	<a href="http://www.portertownship.net">www.portertownship.net</a> (570) 223-0447
Shohola Twp	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contract with private waste hauler for curbside recycling</li> </ul>	<a href="http://www.shoholatwp.org">www.shoholatwp.org</a> (570) 559-7394
Westfall Twp	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yard waste drop-off site at the Municipal Building, 102 La Barr Lane; open select hours Monday-Saturday</li> <li>Annual spring clean-up</li> <li>Contract with private waste hauler for curbside recycling</li> </ul>	<a href="http://www.westfalltownship.org">www.westfalltownship.org</a> (570) 491-4065

## PRIVATE RECYCLING SERVICES

The following table provides recycling service providers operating in Pike County. Residents and businesses may contract with the hauler of their choice to arrange for curbside or onsite recycling services.

### Private Recycling Services

Hauler	Service Description	Contact Information
County Waste	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Residential:</b> Curbside collection services with rolling cart; available as stand-alone recycling services or in conjunction with curbside trash collection</li> <li><b>Commercial:</b> Various sizes of recycling dumpsters available; tailored collection frequency</li> <li><b>Available County-wide</b></li> </ul>	<p>17 Industrial Park Rd Lake Ariel, PA 18436</p> <p>(570) 685-7000</p> <p><a href="http://www.county-recycling.com">www.county-recycling.com</a></p>
Eastern Waste & Recycling*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Residential:</b> Weekly curbside collection services (includes trash collection); provides rolling cart</li> <li><b>*Matamoras and immediate vicinity</b></li> </ul>	<p>570-409-6933</p> <p><a href="http://www.pa.easternwr.com">www.pa.easternwr.com</a></p>
Empire State Sanitation*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Residential:</b> Weekly curbside collection services (includes trash collection); provides rolling cart</li> <li><b>*Shohola, Delaware &amp; Dingman Townships Only</b></li> </ul>	<p>PO Box 237 Glen Spey, NY 12737</p> <p>(973)271-2040</p> <p><a href="http://www.empirestatesanitation.com">www.empirestatesanitation.com</a></p>
Waste Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Residential:</b> Weekly curbside collection services with trash collection); includes rolling cart</li> <li><b>Commercial:</b> Various recycling dumpster sizes available; collection frequency varies by property</li> <li><b>Available County-wide</b></li> </ul> <p><i>WM BEACH LAKE FACILITY - Available drop-off of source-separated recycling, construction and demolition debris (CDD), and bulk waste at the Beach Lake transfer station located north of Honesdale, PA (fee may apply)</i></p>	<p>165 Rosencranse Rd Beach Lake, PA 18405</p> <p>(800) 869-5566</p> <p><a href="http://www.wmsolutions.com">www.wmsolutions.com</a></p>
Woodland Waste & Recycling*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Residential:</b> Weekly curbside collection services with trash collection; includes rolling cart</li> <li><b>* Servicing Wild Acres &amp; Pocono Mountain Lake Estates and immediate vicinity</b></li> </ul>	<p>421 Raymondskill Road Milford, PA 18337</p> <p>570-234-4117</p> <p><a href="https://woodlandwasterecycling.business.site">https://woodlandwasterecycling.business.site</a></p>

\*Service areas accurate at time of publication, please contact vendor for accurate/updated service areas and services



## SPECIAL MATERIALS

The following provides a listing of materials that may also be recycled in Pike County and potential options for recycling these items. Residents should call ahead to confirm the designated materials are accepted at these facilities.

- Local grocery or retail stores, including **Weis Markets, Price Chopper, Shop-rite, and Wal-Mart**

Plastic  
Bags



- **Arthur Trovei & Sons**  
(845)856-1142
- **Burnett Trucking**  
(845)754-7671
- **George's Salvage**  
(973)459-4445

Scrap  
Metal



- **Advanced Recycling**  
(570)253-2083
- **Best Buy**  
(845)692-7553 or  
(570)346-8977 (no TV's)
- **Staples**  
(570)491-2840

Electronics



- Most Auto Parts stores accept used oil and antifreeze for recycling
- **Advanced Oil Recovery**  
dba S&M Waste Oil (Bulk)  
(570)409-6631
- **Lorco Petroleum Services**  
(800) 734-0910 (bulk)

Used oil and  
antifreeze



- **Home Depot**  
(570) 491-5938 (Westfall)  
(570) 253-3148  
(Honesdale)
- **Lowes**  
(570) 491-9440

Batteries



- Most tire retailers will accept tires for recycling for a nominal fee

Tires



- See section on paint disposal
- **Safety-Kleen**  
(570)825-8134

Paint



- **Safety-Kleen**  
(570)825-8134

Household  
Hazardous  
Waste



- Contact your garbage/recycling hauler or local municipality

Bulk



## WASTE REDUCTION

Reducing waste is free and a better solution than recycling! By reducing waste, you can save money, conserve natural resources, and save energy. Consider the following tips to reduce the amount of waste you produce.

### FOOD WASTE

- Make a shopping list and buy only what you need
- Incorporate leftovers into next meals
- Organize your refrigerator to keep food fresh longer
- Establish a backyard composting system

### PLASTICS

- Use reusable bottles and containers for food and beverages
- Re-use items for other home uses or projects
- Bring your own bags to the grocery store – keep your reusable bags in your car
- When possible, buy foods with reduced or sustainable packaging

## SPECIFIC ITEMS

### Alkaline Batteries (Single-Use/Disposable)

- Consumer batteries may be safely disposed of with normal household waste.

### Automotive Parts & Scrap Metals

- These are too large and cumbersome for recycling equipment and could cause injury and damage to recycling processing equipment. Most scrap metals can be recycled, but not via your curbside services.

### Household Glass

- Items like window panes, mirrors, light bulbs, and dishes are dangerous and should be left out of your recycling. Light bulbs can be recycled at many hardware and home improvement stores. Dishes, if not broken, can be donated to local charities.

### Medications

- Household unused medication must be disposed of properly. Do not dispose in your household garbage or flush down the toilet or drain. Please dispose unused medications at the following locations:
  - 👉 Pike County Sheriff's office – 506 Broad Street, Milford
  - 👉 Eastern Pike Regional Police Dept. – 105 La Barr Lane, Matamoras
  - 👉 Lord's Valley Village Pharmacy - Rt739, Lords Valley Traders Market, Lords Valley

### Mercury-Containing devices

- Contact Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection at (570)826-2580

### Paints

- Paint and paint fumes may be hazardous in liquid form. Solidify first, then dispose of paint.
  - 👉 Do not pour paint down household drains
  - 👉 Do not throw liquid paint in the trash
- If only a small amount of paint is left, simply remove the lid (outside, ventilated, safe area - protected from rain, children, pets, animals) and let dry. Once dried, the can may be disposed in household garbage. Tips to dry paint:
  - 👉 Open can in a safe ventilated area and allow to dry
  - 👉 Paint Hardener - Some local hardware and paint stores carry a paint solidifier. Simply purchase, follow directions, and when paint is dried, put out for trash collection.
  - 👉 Get a sturdy cardboard box and fill with clay-based kitty litter, pour the paint onto the kitty litter and let dry. When dry, dispose of this dried mixture with your trash.
  - 👉 Pour kitty litter into paint can, just enough to absorb the paint. Leave lid off in a safe and ventilated area and allow to dry. When dry, dispose with your trash.

### Rechargeable Batteries

- Automotive or rechargeable batteries should be recycled according to US federal guidelines. Some retailers accept rechargeable batteries for recycling and may include Home Depot and Lowes.

### Shredded Paper

- Shredding paper reduces its size so dramatically that it ends up mixed with the residue or glass at recycling facilities. Because the machines sort broken glass and other debris by size, the shredded paper often gets destroyed or disposed of because it ends up in the wrong place. Once it is mixed with glass or residue, it cannot be recovered for recycling.



### Styrofoam (Polystyrene)

- Although Styrofoam is recyclable, there are few vendors. It requires highly specialized equipment that single stream recycling facilities are not equipped with. Some restaurants accept their own Styrofoam products for recycling.

### Take-Out Containers & Donut Boxes

- Food residue can contaminate the boxes or other recyclable material. They can only be recycled if free of food waste and residue from food (think cheese/grease from pizza).

### Televisions/Electronic devices

- Televisions are difficult to dispose of in Pennsylvania due to the Covered Device Recycling Act. The Covered Device Recycling Act (CDRA), Act 108 of 2010, requires manufacturers to provide recycling programs for desktop computers, laptop computers, computer monitors, computer peripherals and televisions sold to consumers in Pennsylvania.
- A disposal ban on covered devices exists in Pennsylvania. No person may dispose of a covered device, or any of its components, with their municipal solid waste. These devices and their components must be properly recycled and may not be taken to, nor accepted by, landfills or other solid waste disposal facilities for disposal.
- See “Electronics” section on the Special Materials page.

### Yard Waste

- Consider recycling/composting yard and leaf waste on-site. Mulching yard waste adds nutrients to the soil. In addition to the municipal yard waste programs identified above, most local landscaping businesses will provide yard waste recycling services.

## RESOURCES

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection provides information on Recycling and waste reduction at:

<https://www.dep.pa.gov/Citizens/RecyclingDisposal/WasteReduction/Pages/default.aspx>

<https://www.dep.pa.gov/Business/Land/Waste/Recycling/Pages/default.aspx>

The United States Environmental Protection Agency provides recycling information here:

<https://www.epa.gov/recycle>

Covered Device Recycling Act (CDRA), Act 108 of 2010 (electronics) - A General Overview [2520-FS-DEP4324](#) (Factsheet, PDF)