



Centre Region Council of Governments

Refuse & Recycling Newsletter

APRIL 2024

DATES TO NOTE

Holidays in 2024:

- Memorial Day - May 27
- Independence Day - July 4
- Labor Day - September 2
- Thanksgiving - November 28
- Christmas - December 25

If your collection day occurs on or after the date, collection will be delayed one day that week.

Other Dates:

- Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Event
April 26 & 27
- Backyard Composting Classes - May 1 & 18
- Spring Bulk Waste Week
May 13 - 17
- Collection begins at 6 a.m.
May 28th through Labor Day
- Fall Bulk Waste Week
October 14 - 18



Some Surprising Facts about Trash

- Over 2,520 years ago, the city of Athens in Greece had mandatory garbage service. Residents could either put their garbage out for collection and disposal for a fee or they had to bring it one mile outside of the city walls themselves.
- Being a refuse and recycling collection worker is the fifth most dangerous job in the U.S.
- Enough plastic is thrown away each year to circle the earth four times.
- The Great Pacific Garbage Patch, a floating island of garbage located halfway between Hawaii and California, is estimated to be about 620,000 square miles in size – that's twice the size of Texas and three times the size of France.
- Each driver on one of our trash and recycling routes stops at about 589 houses per day, 260 days per year.
- The United States produces the equivalent in weight of 2.3 million Boeing 747 jumbo jets. If we loaded all this trash into trucks and lined them up bumper to bumper from Los Angeles to New York City, the trucks would be lined up more than 100 times.
- And the final crazy fact: About 80 % of all that trash is actually recyclable!

Get the Dirt on Backyard Composting

Dates: Wednesday, May 1 6 - 7 p.m. & Saturday, May 18 1 - 2 p.m.

Location: Millbrook Marsh Nature Center

Join us to learn the basics of backyard composting: why it's important to compost, what to add and not to add to a compost pile, how to maintain a compost pile, and how to use finished compost. Attendees will receive a composter compliments of the Centre Region Council of Governments' Refuse and Recycling Program. Advance registration is required. Go to <https://www.crpr.org/mmnc-public-programs> to register.



SPRING BULK WASTE COLLECTION

May 13 - 17 on your regular collection day

GUIDELINES TO ENSURE BULK WASTE COLLECTION:

- Bulk waste must be residential waste from one residence only. No commercial bulk waste will be collected.
- All items must be at the curb by 7 a.m. on your regular collection day. Bulk waste will not be collected at the door, even for customers with door service.
- Do not use cardboard boxes as containers. They are not sturdy and get too flimsy when wet. Cardboard should be flattened and placed with weekly recycling.
- Garbage bags containing wet or very heavy materials can break when lifted, so these will not be collected.
- Use multiple containers instead of overfilling a container. Overfilled containers will not be collected.
- Items near the bulk waste pile such as wheelbarrows, tarps, and bicycles will also be taken. Put a sign on anything you do not want to be taken, including cans, baskets, tarps, and bins.

SPECIFIC ITEMS AND LIMITS:

- Furniture: make sure 2 workers could lift it. Very large or heavy items will need to be taken apart.
- Bedding: keep it dry before collection.
- Wood/lumber: nothing larger than 4" diameter; cut to 4 foot lengths, tie in bundles or place in a can.
- Carpeting: dry, rolled and tied; cut into 4 foot lengths.
- Glass panes: must be sealed in a box.
- Homeowner-generated small project construction materials: bag or bundle. Do not include any debris from contractor construction.

These items are collected for recycling in separate trucks; please keep them separate from other bulk waste:

- Appliances: limit of 1 of each kind only. Remove refrigerator doors.
- Electronics (devices with screens, printers, computer components, cables): limit of 2 televisions.
- Tires: limit of 6; 20" diameter (passenger car tires), remove rims

THESE WILL NOT BE COLLECTED:

- Loose piles of wood, yard waste, soil/dirt, or debris
- Items that are too heavy or will damage the truck, such as pianos or organs, hot tubs, furnaces, cast iron items, trailer/boat hitches
- Liquid paints and solvents
- Car/boat/motorcycle batteries and motor oil
- Concrete, bricks, or stones
- Railroad ties
- Propane tanks
- Dead animals
- Bags of grass clippings or leaves
- Tires larger than 20" diameter or more than 6 tires
- Electronics, appliances or tires buried beneath or behind the bulk pile
- Anything longer than 6 feet
- Contractor-generated materials
- Items from other properties
- Items on trailers or in truck beds

Questions about what will and will not be collected? Call COG's Refuse and Recycling office at 814-234-7198.

For alternative disposal options, call the Centre County Recycling and Refuse Authority at 238-7005 or COG at 234-7198.



The Centre County Active Transportation Plan (ATP) is to improve mobility for bicyclists, pedestrians, and wheels in Centre County. This plan will build upon current and historic bicycle and pedestrian plans, and where available information for other mobility devices. The plan will evaluate current and future needs, deficiencies, and safety concerns in Centre County to work toward an implementation plan to improve the county transportation network. Beginning March 19, 2024, an online survey and engagement map will be posted for the public input. Scan the QR code for more information and updates.