



Centre County Recycling and Refuse Authority

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Amy Schirf, Education Coordinator

Long-time Centre County Recycling Coordinator to Retire

After joining the Centre County Recycling and Refuse Authority (CCRRA) in 1990, Deputy Executive Director/Recycling Coordinator **Joanne Shafer** will retire - February 29, 2024.

As the longest serving Recycling Coordinator in Pennsylvania, Joanne has served the Authority with dignity and integrity. Joanne is an integral force for recycling in Pennsylvania and her legacy will live on for many years to come.

AUTHORITY SERVICES

- **Annual Recycling Reports** | Section 304 (f) of Pennsylvania Act 101 of 1988 requires each municipality to submit a report summarizing recycling efforts to the County by February 23. Thank you to those who submitted their information in a timely manner. If you haven't please submit today!
- **Curbside Recycling** is available in Marion Township, Walker Township, Howard Township, and Howard Borough for \$9 per month. Interested residents should contact CCRRA at (814) 238-7005.
- For January, the transfer station crew processed over 8,041 tons of refuse and the recycling crew processed more than 870 tons of inbound recycled material.
- Our enforcement team is working hard to battle litter and illegal dumping throughout our county. They collected a total of 800 lbs. of material (trash, tires, and scrap metal) illegally dumped. The total # of tires collected for January was (15) fifteen.
- Clean Energy recently installed a canopy over its RNG fueling station on Transfer Road. Renewable natural gas is available 24/7 at this location. Current price at the pump remains steady at \$3.19 /GGE
- Have a community event coming up? CCRRA staff are available to attend your meetings and events, at your request.
- Want a tour of our CCRRA facility? To request a tour for your group, just give us a call and ask for Amy!
- CCRRA produces a quarterly newsletter that is mailed to all municipal offices. If you are currently not on our newsletter mailing list, please let us know and we would be happy to add you. It is also delivered to subscribers through the Centre Daily Times, Centre County Gazette, and the Philipsburg Journal.
- Check out our new Recycling App - **RecycleCoach!** It can be downloaded for free from the App Store. It is a great tool for your smartphone to help you decide if an item is recyclable. The QR Code has been placed at the end of the report for easy downloading.

- CCRRA offers waste audits and educational materials for businesses and institutions to assist in your recycling efforts. Contact our Commercial Recycling Coordinator Ed Hicks for details. Email ehicks@centrecountyrecycles.org or phone (814) 238-7005.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- The annual **Hazardous Household Waste** event is scheduled for April 26-27, 2024. Friday 8 am - 4 pm and Saturday 8 am - 2 pm. Registration will be required for this event hosted by CCRRA at no-charge to Centre County residents. Residents can register after March 1, 2024 at www.centrecountyrecycles.org.

MEET THE CENTRE COUNTY RECYCLING AND REFUSE AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Each month the Authority will introduce you to a member of our Board of Directors!

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TIMOTHY MILLER

Currently serves as Treasurer & Finance Committee Chair

Board member since 2019

Represents the Bellefonte, Benner, Spring, Walker and Marion municipalities





GRANT FUNDING UPDATES

- We anticipate that DEP may announce an open round for **902 Recycling Program Development and Implementation Grants** in the winter. Please see the link here for application guidelines to see if your municipality is eligible to apply. [902 Recycling Grant Application Guidelines](#) . CCRRA's Recycling Coordinator is available to answer eligibility questions and to assist with the application process once the round is open. We will notify eligible municipalities when this round is announced.

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- **The Department of Community and Economic Development** has announced a funding opportunity for projects that enhance a community's quality of life. We have received clarification that eligible applicants may apply on behalf of non-profit organizations. Details can be found at [Local Share Account \(LSA\) – Statewide - PA Department of Community & Economic Development](#)

