



CENTRE COUNTY

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Centre County Recycling and Refuse Authority

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Hours of Operation

Transfer Station
Monday – Saturday
8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Recycling Processing Facility
Monday - Friday
8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Office
Monday – Friday
8:00 am to 4:30 pm

Holiday Collection Schedule Changes

Veterans Day
Thanksgiving Day
Christmas Holiday
New Year's Day

See page 3 for details.

Did You Know?

The COG Fall Bulk Waste Collection dates are October 17-21, 2022.

More information on page 3.

Be a Good Sport and Recycle Right this Football Season

It is super easy for folks to recycle at home Penn State football tailgate parties. Once you settle in at your tailgate spot, walk over to an A-Frame labeled PSU Football Recycling. The A-Frames contain two colors of bags (blue bags for recycling plastic bottles, glass bottles and aluminum cans – and clear bags for everything else).

Once you fill your blue bags with empty bottles and cans, just tie up the bag and leave it at your tailgate. Do the same with your clear trash bag: tie it up and leave it at your tailgate. The grounds crew will begin collecting blue and clear bags the morning after the game. Clear bags will go to the landfill and the blue bags will be delivered to the Centre County Recycling and Refuse Authority (CCRRA) where the contents will be sorted and recycled.

To sort the recyclables, employees of CCRRA will open each bag by hand and empty the contents on our sorting conveyor belt. They will then sort the materials from the bags by hand into the following categories: plastic bottles, clear glass bottles, green glass bottles, brown glass bottles and metal cans. The recyclables will be prepared and sent to market and made into new products.

This will be a relatively easy process if the blue bags only contain empty plastic bottles, glass bottles and metal cans. It is not as easy when the blue bags also contain trash.

Please help us educate your friends and family on proper recycling at football tailgates this fall. As a community we can do this!

Remember when you are at Beaver Stadium for a game this year:

- Blue bags are for empty bottles and cans
- Clear bags are for trash

Lastly, leave your tailgate area better than you found it. Our employees, the PSU grounds crew and your community will thank you for it.



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Education is the Key to Recycling Properly



Learning is a lifelong process. I saw this first hand when I was invited to The Village at Penn State Retirement Community to talk to the resident recycling educator and “Recycling Buddy” Joan Bouchard. Joan, along with Jim Tate, Chairman of the Village Recycling Committee, have made it a point to educate residents on recycling right.

As I sat with Joan in her apartment at The Village, she took me through the process of how she reaches every newcomer to talk to them about how recycling is done in their community. Joan and Jim are very proud of The Village recycling program, as it just won an Emerald Award this past spring as part of the Centre County Green Business Partnership Program.

Joan does not want to overwhelm new residents, so she waits about a month until they are settled in. She then gives each a call to ask if she may come to speak to them about how to recycle at The Village. Joan is met with open arms as the older generation is very aware and eager to do their small part to save energy and help slow the fill of our landfills. Many have lived through the Great Depression and do not like to waste. They put a definite value on items as only one could who have lived through such a trying time.

To help simplify the recycling process at The Village, Joan takes her “Recycling Buddy Case” along to each visit. This is a customized suitcase (constructed by Chairman Jim Tate) that includes samples of each material that can be recycled at The Village. Joan opens up the case and shows each new resident, items that may be recycled onsite and where the recycling containers are located.

Joan is eager to answer any questions during her visit. There is an endless supply of questions and each resident has one different than the next. Joan knows that if she is unsure of the answer, I am always there to lend a helping hand, and we are in contact many times a month.

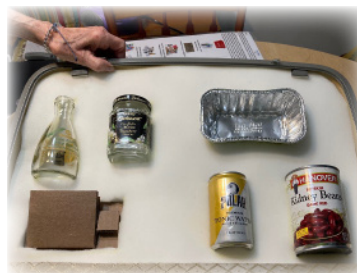
In addition to the many items are collected onsite by the recycling crew, The Village has special containers for items such as miscellaneous plastic and plastic bags that must be recycled off site. This is the job of 84 year old Jerry Gross, who has taken it upon himself to collect these items and help Joan to make sure they are recycled. As you can see, this is a team effort at The Village.

I’d like to end with wise words from Joan, “Instead of worrying about what I can’t control, I do what I can, here and NOW to help preserve this precious planet we live on.” I hope we can all learn from Joan, Jim, Jerry and the older generation that has so graciously paved the way for all of us.

Written by Amy Schirf, CCRRA Education Coordinator

This article was taken from the August 2022 Recycling Column published in the Centre Daily Times (CDT).

Amy has been writing a monthly Recycling Column for the CDT for over 15 years. It can be found in the CDT on the third Sunday of each month.



Shown above: the contents of Joan’s “Recycling Buddy Case”



Calendar of Events / Holiday Collection Schedules

2022 Centre County Recycling and Refuse Authority Board Meetings

Check the Calendar of Events on our website for meeting times, agendas and information on how to join virtually.

- September 26
- October 24
- November 28
- December 19

COG Fall Bulk Waste Collection Week

Fall Bulk Waste Collection for the Townships of Benner, College, Ferguson, Harris & Patton will be held October 17-21.

Bulk Collection will occur on your normal day of service.

Items must be properly prepared. Loose piles will not be collected.

Tires, Appliances, Scrap Metal and Electronics will be collected separately and RECYCLED.

CCRRA's Holiday Collection Schedule

The Centre County Recycling and Refuse Authority will be closed on November 24. We will also be closed on Monday, December 26 and Monday, January 2, however, the Transfer Station will be open regular hours on Monday, December 26 and Monday, January 2.

State College Borough Holiday Collection Schedule

Holiday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Thanksgiving Day Week of Nov. 21	Bulk/Brush Collection	Regular Collection	Regular Collection	Collection One Day Delay
Christmas Holiday Week of Dec. 26	No Bulk/Brush Collection	Regular Collection	Regular Collection	Regular Collection
New Year's Day Week of Jan. 2	No Bulk/Brush Collection	Regular Collection	Regular Collection	Regular Collection

Bellefonte Borough Holiday Collection Schedule

Holiday	Normal Date for Refuse/ Recycling Collection	Alternate Date for Refuse/ Recycling Collection
Veterans Day	Friday, Nov. 11	Wednesday, Nov. 9
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, Nov. 24	Wednesday, Nov. 23
Christmas Holiday	Friday, Dec. 23 Monday, Dec. 26	Wednesday, Dec. 21 Wednesday, Dec. 28
New Year's Day	Monday, Jan. 2	Wednesday, Jan. 4

Centre Region COG Holiday Collection Schedule

The following applies to residents living in the Townships of Benner, College, Ferguson, Harris & Patton.

Thanksgiving Day; November 24 - Recycling collection will be delayed one day from Thursday on, for the rest of the week (recycling normally collected on Thursday will be collected on Friday, and so on).

Christmas Day (observed); December 26 - There will be no change to collection for the Christmas holiday. Please put your recycling out as usual.

New Year's Day (observed) ; January 2 - There will be no change to collection for the New Year's holiday. Please put your recycling out as usual.

**For all other municipalities, please contact your trash hauler for a list of possible holiday delays.*

Guide to Curbside Recycling

CENTRE COUNTY RECYCLING & REFUSE AUTHORITY

RECYCLE

MIXED PAPER, PAPERBOARD, MAGAZINES & NEWSPAPER

Must be bagged or bundled together or they will not be accepted. Bag shredded paper. Place inside bin.



PLASTIC - BOTTLES, JUGS & JARS

Rinse containers. Lids and labels acceptable.



GLASS - BOTTLES, JUGS & JARS

Rinse containers. Lids and labels acceptable.



CORRUGATED CARDBOARD

Break down all cardboard boxes. Place beside bin.



STEEL & ALUMINUM - CANS & FOIL

Rinse and remove food residue. Labels acceptable.



WHEN IN DOUBT, CHECK IT OUT

NO Batteries
NO Styrofoam™
NO Paper Plates/Cups
NO Glassware/Ceramics
NO Miscellaneous Plastics

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Did You Know?

You can buy State College Borough Compost at CCRRA. The cost is \$7.00 per 40 lb. bag. Just ask our Scale Operator for details and we will even load the bags into your vehicle. Proceeds benefit the Authority's Education Endowment Fund.

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