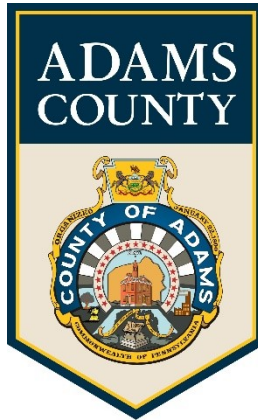


# **ADAMS COUNTY RECYCLING AND WASTE MANAGEMENT INFORMATION**



Provided by:  
**THE ADAMS COUNTY OFFICE OF  
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

**PLEASE REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE  
AND PROPERLY MANAGE WASTE  
TO PRESERVE AND PROTECT  
OUR COMMUNITY, ENVIRONMENT  
AND QUALITY OF LIFE!**

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*We are pleased to offer you this brochure packed with information on recycling opportunities and disposal options! Every effort is made to update this information on a regular basis; however, in the event this information changes, or is no longer valid, please let us know. Keep a copy handy for reference, and please help us out & share this information with family and friends!*

*Recycling helps protect our land, water & air – natural resources which are becoming more precious as time goes on!*

*Thank you for doing your part to help keep Adams County a beautiful place to live.*



*Adams County Office of Planning and Development  
670 Old Harrisburg Road, Suite 100  
Gettysburg, PA 17325  
(717) 337-9827*

***For more information on recycling and waste management at home  
and on the job, check with your waste collection company  
or call the following organizations:***

**ADAMS COUNTY PLANNING OFFICE .....(717) 337-9827**  
**PENNSYLVANIA RECYCLING HOTLINE .....(800) 346-4242**  
**PENNSYLVANIA RESOURCES COUNCIL .....(610) 353-1555**

## **ILLEGAL DUMPING OR LITTERING ISSUES**

Dumping trash and/or scattering litter are unlawful activities under the following Commonwealth statutes:

PA Crimes Code, Title 65  
PA Vehicle Code, Title 75  
Fish & Boat Code  
Game & Wildlife Code  
PA Code, Title 25

## **REPORT LITTERING INCIDENTS TO:**

Your Municipal Office, or  
PA Dept of Environmental Protection, 717-705-4909

**The Adams Rescue Mission (A.R.M.) Recycling Center**  
**2515 York Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325**  
**(717) 334-7502**

Dear Patron:

*I know you're busy, so we won't give you a long discussion on why you should recycle; chances are, you already know. So we'll just take a moment to tell you about our recycling program. These items directly support the Homeless Shelter on York Road and our Family Shelter in Gettysburg. Your involvement in our recycling program helps us to provide shelter for the homeless, meals, job training and counseling. All we ask is that you donate recyclable items that you may now be putting in the trash. On behalf of the homeless we "thank you" for your clean recyclable items. **WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR SUPPORT!***

*Adams Rescue Mission Director*

**RECYCLABLE ITEMS WE ACCEPT**

- 👉 **Aluminum Cans and Scrap** - Please remove webbing from lawn chairs, rinse cans.
- 👉 **Bi-metal (tin) cans** - Labels may be left on, but please rinse all cans & bottles.
- 👉 **Books** – All types, including encyclopedias, etc.
- 👉 **Cardboard** - Corrugated boxes, cereal boxes, shoe boxes, manila folders, etc.
- 👉 **Clothing & Textiles** - Please bag or box useable clothing separately. You can label un-usable items and rags as “*textiles*” (No oily or wet clothing please.)
- 👉 **Furniture & Appliances** - Please call ahead for a pick-up or you can drop off furniture (in good shape only) or appliances (in working condition) at the Mission from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm, Monday - Saturday.
- 👉 **Magazines** – Also glossy inserts from the newspaper, junk mail. etc.
- 👉 **Newspaper** – *Please*, no glossy inserts mixed in with the newspaper.
- 👉 **Paper (White, Colored, etc)** - Notebook paper, copy paper (any color), card stock, stationery, church bulletins, office paper, computer paper, some junk mail (please remove glossy inserts and plastic window envelopes)
- 👉 **Paper Bags** – Paper ONLY, glossy finish not mixed in.
- 👉 **Plastic Bottles** - #1 & #2, with ‘neck’ smaller than bottle, please rinse

The A.R.M. Recycling Center is open from 8:00 am to 8:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday. **For your convenience all recyclables may be dropped off at the Mission during the above hours.** Call for details regarding holiday hours.

\*\* We also operate an excellent clothing and furniture thrift store. Come in and shop with us for some great deals!

**RECYCLABLES COLLECTION LOCATIONS**

- Berwick Township** (residents only)..... 717-632-1829  
Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 4:00 pm, 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays 9:00 am – 12:00 noon
- Cumberland Township** (residents only) ..... 717-334-6485  
1<sup>st</sup> Saturday each month 9:00 am – 11:30 am
- Latimore Township** (residents only) ..... 717-528-4614  
Saturdays 10:00 am - Noon
- Reading Township** (residents only)..... 717-624-4222  
Monday – Friday 7:00 am – 3:00 pm, 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
- Lutheran Home Residents** ..... 717-334-6204  
Check with Lutheran Home Office for collection point

## RECYCLING OPTIONS

*NOTE – information is provided as a reference only; it is advisable to contact individual locations prior to taking items there, in case details have changed.*

### Aluminum & Metal Scrap Materials *(may also include old appliances, call first)*

A&A Auto Salvage, Gettysburg .....	717-334-8788
Adams Rescue Mission, Gettysburg .....	717-334-7502
Sweger’s Hauling, Idaville .....	717-677-9177
CSR Inc, Gettysburg .....	717-334-3009
Frankie’s Used Auto Parts .....	717-334-6616
J & K Salvage, York .....	717-843-3672
Neiderer Sanitation, New Oxford .....	717-624-7430
Patrick Arentz, Fairfield .....	717-642-6802
Prospect Metal, Gettysburg.....	717-624.4158
Staiman Recycling Corporation, Hanover .....	717-646-0951
Stonesifer & Sons Sanitation, Inc, Littlestown. ....	717-359-4627
Swope Salvage & Recycling, East Berlin .....	717-292-2285

### Air Conditioners/Dehumidifiers/Refrigerators *(licensed Freon removal)*

#### **\*Keep Item Upright\***

*Fee charged. (also check with your waste hauler for possible disposal options)*

Hanover Transfer Station, Hanover .....	717-633-5523
Neiderer Sanitation, New Oxford .....	717-624-7430
Stonesifer & Sons Sanitation Inc, Littlestown .....	717-359-4627
Washington Township Transfer Station, Waynesboro .....	717-762-4413

### Antifreeze *(see listing under ‘Oil’)*

### Asbestos *(Businesses – must be tested by DEP & handled as Hazardous Waste)*

Determine if ‘Friable’ or ‘Non-Friable’

Call DEP (717-783-2300 or 717-705-4700) or Laboratory Analytical & Bio Services in East Berlin (717-259-6550)

Friable – usually used as insulation around pipes in older buildings; brittle, breaks / crumbles easily. You need an ‘Abatement’ company to remove/dispose of it.

Non-Friable – usually used in shingles, floor tiles, etc. This can go to a landfill, or you can build/remodel over top of it.

Commercial Building – contact DEP before demolition begins.

Baxter Group, Chambersburg *(abatement co.)* .717-263-7341 or 800-990-7210

### Asphalt *(see listing under “Blacktop”)*

### Ballasts *(see listing under ‘Lights’)*

### Batteries

**Button/Cell Batteries** *(non-rechargeable, used in watches, flashlights, etc.)*

AERC (www.aercycling.com) .....	866-447-5177
Air Cycle Corporation (www.aircycle.com) .....	800-909-9709
Battery One, Inc, (www.batteryoneinc.net), Chbg .....	717-263-4930
Battery Solutions (www.batterysolutions.com) .....	800-852-8127

## **Batteries – con’t**

### **Button/Cell Batteries – con’t** (*non-rechargeable, used in watches, flashlights, etc.*)

- Think Green ([www.thinkgreenfromhome.com](http://www.thinkgreenfromhome.com)) ..... 866-699-6466  
Veolia Environmental Services (*commercial only*), York..... 717-764-8677

### **Car/Lead-Acid Batteries**

- A&A Auto Salvage, Gettysburg..... 717-334-8788  
AERC ([www.aercycling.com](http://www.aercycling.com)) ..... 800-554-2372  
Battery Solutions ([www.batterysolutions.com](http://www.batterysolutions.com)) ..... 800-852-8127  
Battery Warehouse, Hanover or Chambersburg.....717-633-5149 or 717-264-7414  
CSR Inc. Gettysburg .....717-334-3009 or 717-334-0080  
J & K Salvage, York ..... 717-843-3672  
MEM Automotive, Hanover ..... 717-646-9998  
Neiderer Sanitation, New Oxford..... 717-624-7430  
Staiman Recycling, Hanover..... 717-646-0951  
Stonesifer & Sons Sanitation, Inc., Littlestown ..... 717-359-4627  
Swope Salvage and Recycling, East Berlin..... 717-292-2285  
Tom Knox Auto Services, Gettysburg ..... 717-334-2297  
Washington Twp Transfer Station, Waynesboro ..... 717-762-4413

### **Lithium Ion Batteries**

- AERC ([www.aercycling.com](http://www.aercycling.com)) ..... 800-554-2372  
Home Depot, Hanover ..... 717-646-0140  
also: Carlisle 717-249-1771, Mech. 717-795-9602, York 717-757-0440  
Lowe's, Hanover..... 717-630-8700  
also: Chbg 717-709-1900, Carlisle 717-258-7700, Mech. 717-610-9230, York 717-676-4050

### **Rechargeable Batteries** (*may include laptop batteries, etc.*)

- AERC ([www.aercycling.com](http://www.aercycling.com)) ..... 800-554-2372  
Air Cycle Corporation ([www.aircycle.com](http://www.aircycle.com)) ..... 800-909-9709  
Battery Warehouse, Hanover or Chambersburg.717-633-5149 or 717-264-7414  
Battery Solutions ([www.batterysolutions.com](http://www.batterysolutions.com)) ..... 800-852-8127  
Green Disk ([www.greendisk.com](http://www.greendisk.com))..... 800-305-3475  
Lowe's, Hanover..... 717-630-8700  
also: Chbg 717-709-1900, Carlisle 717-258-7700, Mech. 717-610-9230, York 717-676-4050  
Staples, Hanover ..... 717-630-9811  
also: Chbg 717-263-2553, Carlisle 717-243-1213, York 717-852-8454  
Think Green ([www.thinkgreenfromhome.com](http://www.thinkgreenfromhome.com)) ..... 866-699-6466  
Veolia Environmental Services (*commercial only*), York..... 717-764-8677  
Wal-Mart, Gettysburg or Hanover ... 717-334-2000/717-632-8444/717-630-8211  
also: Chbg 717-264-2300, Carlisle 717-258-1250, Mech. 717-691-3150, York 717-764-1485

## **Bicycles & Parts**

- Gettysburg Bike & Fitness (*tubes only*) ..... 717-334-7791

**Blacktop** (*old*) - If dry and not leaching, it possibly can be used as clean fill.  
First, call DEP for information at 717-705-4700.

## **Books**

- Adams County Library System, Gettysburg ..... 717-334-5716  
Adams Rescue Mission, Gettysburg ..... 717-334-7502  
Book Destruction, Ohio ([www.book-destruction.com](http://www.book-destruction.com)) ..... 614-895-1303

**Bottles** (check with your waste hauler &/or recycler for recycling options/requirements)

**Plastic** (also see *Plastics*)

- Adams Rescue Mission, Gettysburg (#1 & #2, smaller neck).. 717-334-7502
- Think Green (www.thinkgreenfromhome.com )..... 866-699-6466

**Brush** (see listing under 'Yard Waste')

**Building/Construction Materials** - new and used (also see *Siding, Shingles*)

- Armstrong World Industries (www.armstrong.com)..... 877-276-7876
- Barn Saver – John High, Narvon, PA (www.barnsaver.com)..... 717-572-1619
- Crushcrete, Inc, Bethlehem, PA..... 610-865-1898
- Habitat ReStore, Gettysburg ..... 717-334-5557
  - also: Chbg 717-491-1156 or Lancaster 717-293-0250
- HGAC Salvage Warehouse .....717-334-8312 or 717-677-6400
- ReStor, York..... 717-852-7574

**Cameras**

**Digital**

- Green Disk (www.greendisk.com)..... 800-305-3475
- Staples, Hanover ..... 717-630-9811
  - also: Chbg 717-263-2553, Carlisle 717-243-1213, York 717-852-8454

**Cans** (check with your waste hauler for recycling options)

- Adams Rescue Mission, Gettysburg ..... 717-334-7502
- Neiderer Sanitation, New Oxford ..... 717-624-7430
- Think Green (www.thinkgreenfromhome.com ) ..... 866-699-6466

**Caps/Lids** (see listing under 'Plastic Caps/Lids/Soda Pack Rings')

**Carbon Monoxide Detector**

No radioactive materials are used. If possible, remove battery and recycle it - the detector can be put in your regular household trash.

**Cardboard – flattened** (check with your waste hauler for recycling options)

**Corrugated**

- Adams Rescue Mission, 2515 York Road, Gettysburg ..... 717-334-7502
- Neiderer Sanitation, New Oxford..... 717-624-7430
- Think Green (www.thinkgreenfromhome.com )..... 866-699-6466

**Heavy Stock** (cereal boxes, shoe boxes, etc.)

- Adams Rescue Mission, 2515 York Road, Gettysburg ..... 717-334-7502
- Neiderer Sanitation, New Oxford..... 717-624-7430
- Think Green (www.thinkgreenfromhome.com )..... 866-699-6466

**Cards** (all-occasion used greeting cards)

- Genesis Healthcare, Gettysburg..... 717-337-3238
- Gettysburg Lutheran Retirement Village, Gettysburg 717-334-6204 or 717-632-5928
- Transitions Health Care, Gettysburg..... 717-334-6249

**Carpet** (check with your waste hauler – large item pickup option)

Vision Resource of Central PA, Harrisburg (www.vrocp.org).... 717-238-2531

**Cars** - junk (also see list at back of book for local benefits)

A&A Auto Salvage, Gettysburg ..... 717-334-8788  
CSR Inc, Gettysburg .....717-334-3009 or 717-334-0080  
Frankie’s Used Auto Parts, Gettysburg ..... 717-334-6616  
Hartlaub & Sons, Littlestown ..... 717-359-7573  
J & K Salvage, York..... 717-843-3672  
Prospect Metal Used Auto Parts, New Oxford ..... 717-624-4158  
Tom Knox Auto Services, Gettysburg..... 717-334-2297

**Ceiling Tiles**

Armstrong World Industries (www.armstrong.com)..... 877-276-7876

**Cell Phones**

Battery Solutions (www.batterysolutions.com)..... 800-852-8127  
CD Recycling Center of America (www.cdrecyclingcenter.org) 603-894-5553  
E-Cycle 1<sup>st</sup>, Harrisburg (www.ecycle1st.com) ..... 717-880-0637  
Goodwill Industries, Hanover (www.reconnectpartnership.com) 717-637-0397  
Green Disk (www.greendisk.com) ..... 800-305-3475  
The Wireless Alliance (www.thewirelessalliance.com) ..... 866-366-5791  
Think Green (www.thinkgreenfromhome.com ) ..... 866-699-6466  
Verizon Wireless, Gettysburg or Hanover .....717-339-0005 or 717-632-2650

**CFL Bulbs** (see listing under ‘Lights’)

**Chargers**

Green Disk (www.greendisk.com) ..... 800-305-3475

**Chemicals**

PA Dept of Environmental Protection, Harrisburg..... 717-787-7382

**Christmas Trees** (check with your municipal office first)

H & H Excavating, Spring Grove ..... 717-225-4669  
Neiderer Sanitation, New Oxford ..... 717-624-7430  
Stonesifer Sanitation, Littlestown ..... 717-359-4627  
Washington Twp Transfer Station, Waynesboro ..... 717-762-4413

**Clean Fill / Stone / Unpainted Concrete**

Gettex LLC, New Oxford ..... 717-321-3155  
Wyatt Excavating, New Oxford..... 717-624-4212

**Clothing** (usable)

Adams Rescue Mission, Gettysburg ..... 717-334-7502  
Clothing Closet (Gettysburg United Meth. Church, 30 W. High St) ..... 717-334-3032  
Community Aid Thrift Store, Hanover ..... 717-412-7706  
Gettysburg Hospital Thrift Shop, Gettysburg ..... 717-334-5264  
H.A.R.T. Center, New Oxford..... 717-624-4323



**Compressed Air Containers**

Empty all air, remove top & recycle can. If cannot empty all air, throw in garbage.

**Computers** (see listing under 'Electronics')

**Concrete**

Unpainted – can be used as clean fill; if painted, take to a landfill/transfer station.

**Contacts (Eye Wear)**

Bausch & Lomb (www.bausch.com/our-company/one-by-one-recycling)..... 800-553-5340

**Contaminated Soil** (contaminated with antifreeze, petroleum products, etc.)

DEP - call for information, Chbg or Hbg.....717-267-3364 or 717-783-2300

**Conveyor Belting**

Mahantango Ent, Liverpool ..... 717-444-3788

**Cooking Oil** (from turkey fryer, etc.)

Add to compost pile.  
Use in an oil burner/furnace.

**Copiers**

E-cycle 1<sup>st</sup>, York (www.ecycle1st.com) ..... 717-880-0637  
The Computer Barn, Carlisle (www.thecomputerbarn.com) ..... 717-258-9663

**Cordless Phone** (check with your phone provider's office/store locations)

Staples, Hanover ..... 717-630-9811  
also: Chbg 717-263-2553, Carlisle 717-243-1213, York 717-852-8454

**Dead Deer**

State Road – Penn DOT ..... 717-334-3155  
Local Road – Game Commission ..... 800-422-7554

**Detergents / Cleaning Products**

Safer Choice (safe alternatives) ..... www2.epa.gov/saferchoice

**Disks** (diskettes, CDs, DVDs)

CD Recycling Center of America (www.cdrecyclingcenter.org) 603-894-5553  
Green Disk (www.greendisk.com) ..... 800-305-3475  
Think Green (www.thinkgreenfromhome.com ) ..... 866-699-6466

**Disposable Gloves**

TerraCycle Zero Waste Boxes (also available at Staples Stores)www.terracycle.com

**Document Shredding**

Adams Rescue Mission, Gettysburg ..... 717-334-7502  
Incred-A-Shred, Baltimore, MD ..... 877-612-4182  
Shred-It (mobile service), Lancaster ..... 717-393-1143  
Tri-State Shredding, Hbg (www.tristateshredding.com) ..... 717-233-5606

**Driveway Sealer**

Washington Twp Transfer Station ..... 717-762-4413

**Electronics** *(Computers, TV's and their peripherals; not toasters, radios, etc.)*

In November 2010, the Covered Device Recycling Act (CDRA) was passed, which established requirements for individuals and entities with the handling of covered devices (i.e., computers, monitors, peripherals and televisions.) As a result, these items from Adams County must be taken to an R2/e-Stewards certified recycler or an approved drop-off point for these recyclers.

**If you reside in one of Adams County municipalities that is a participant in one of the Collective Groups Waste Contracts, check with your municipal office or waste hauler to inquire about Covered Device Recycling Events.**

Cumberland County Recycling Center, Carlisle *(limited days/times)*. 717-240-6489  
E-end USA, Frederick, MD ..... 240-529-1010  
E-Cycle 1<sup>st</sup>, Harrisburg (www.ecycle1st.com) ..... 717-880-0637  
Green Disk (www.greendisk.com) ..... 800-305-3475  
Staples (No TV's), Hanover ..... 717-630-9811  
also: Chbg 717-263-2553, Carlisle 717-243-1213, York 717-852-8454  
(call for details/acceptable items or check online at www.staples.com)

Washington Twp Transfer Station, Waynesboro ..... 717-762-4413

(NOTE: Household items such as toasters, radios, etc. can be placed in your regular trash for pick up.)

**In Working Condition Only:**

Goodwill Keystone Area, Hanover or Chambersburg .... 717-637-0397 or 717-267-0488  
Salvation Army Family Store, Camp Hill..... 800-728-7825  
United Way, Gettysburg ..... 717-334-5809

**Eye Glasses--drop off** *(also see Medical Supplies)*

Gettysburg Eye Care, Gettysburg ..... 717-337-0707  
YWCA, Gettysburg ..... 717-334-9171

**Fill Material/Ground** *(check with your municipality first)*

District 8, Penn DOT ..... 717-334-3155  
Local Excavators/Landscapers *(contact ACCD, 334-0636, for referral)*

**Fire Extinguishers** *(recharging and/or proper disposal)*

B.F.P.E., York ..... 717-259-5888, 717-741-9980 or 866-922-2373

**Fluorescent Bulbs** *(see listing under 'Lights')*

**Freon-containing Items** *(Air Conditioners, Refrigerators, Dehumidifiers, etc)*

See listing under 'Air Conditioners...' for more information

**Glass Bottles/Jars** *(check with your waste hauler for possible recycling options)*

At this time, unless your waste hauler offers an option for recycling glass items, there is nothing available for recycling glass materials in this area.

**GPS Units** (see listing under 'Electronics')

**Grease - cooking grease**

Greaseland / MOPAC (www.greaseland.com) ..... 1-800-967-8325 ext. 3333  
Restaurant Technologies Inc., Aston ..... 610-494-7827

**Hearing Aids** (1<sup>st</sup> check with your doctor)

Starkey Hearing Foundation (www.starkeyhearingfoundation.org) ... 866-354-3254

**Ink Cartridges / Toner** (call to verify materials accepted by each location)

Adams County SPCA, Gettysburg..... 717-334-8876  
Battery Solutions (www.batterysolutions.com) ..... 800-852-8127  
Cartridge World, Hanover ..... 717-637-1311  
CD Recycling Center of America (www.cdrecyclingcenter.org) 603-894-5553  
Green Disk (www.greendisk.com) ..... 800-305-3475  
Staples, Hanover ..... 717-630-9811  
also: Chbg 717-263-2553, Carlisle 717-243-1213, York 717-852-8454  
Wal-Mart, Gettysburg or Hanover 717-334-2000/717-632-8444/717-630-8211  
also: Chbg 717-264-2300, Carlisle 717-258-1250, Mech. 717-691-3150, York 717-764-1485

**Insulation** (old)

Hanover Transfer Station, Hanover ..... 717-633-5523  
Neiderer Sanitation, New Oxford ..... 717-624-7430  
Washington Township Transfer Station, Waynesboro ..... 717-762-4413  
York County Resource Recovery Center, York..... 717-843-2902

**Lights** (Fluorescent Bulbs, LED's, etc.)

(check with your electric company to see if they offer a service)

Adams Electric Co-op (residential customers only) ...717-334-9211 or 888-232-6732  
AERC (www.aerc recycling.com) ..... 800-554-2372  
Air Cycle Corporation (www.aircycle.com)..... 800-909-9709  
Bulbs.Com (www.bulbs.com) ..... 888-455-2800  
Easy Pak (www.easypak.com)..... 888-640-6700  
Home Depot, Hanover (unbroken CFL's only) ..... 717-646-0140  
also: Carlisle 717-249-1771, Mech. 717-795-9602, York 717-757-0440  
Lamptracker (www.wmlamptracker.com) ..... 800-664-1434  
Lowe's, Hanover (unbroken CFL's only)..... 717-630-8700  
also: Chbg 717-709-1900, Carlisle 717-258-7700, Mech. 717-610-9230, York 717-676-4050  
Schaedler/YESCO, New Oxford ..... 717-334-0106  
also: Harrisburg .....717-233-1621  
Think Green (www.thinkgreenfromhome.com ) ..... 866-699-6466  
Veolia Environmental Services (commercial only), York ..... 717-764-8677

**Magazines**

Adams Rescue Mission, Gettysburg ..... 717-334-7502  
Neiderer Sanitation, New Oxford ..... 717-624-7430  
Ronald McDonald House Charities of PA ..... (www.ronaldshousehershey.org)  
Drop-box @Len Dick Signs, 3000 York Rd, Gettysburg ..... 717-533-4001

**Mail (junk/unwanted)** (also check your post office for recycling opportunities)

Neiderer Sanitation, New Oxford ..... 717-624-7430  
Stop Junk Mail ..... [www.stopjunkmail.com](http://www.stopjunkmail.com)  
Think Green ([www.thinkgreenfromhome.com](http://www.thinkgreenfromhome.com)) ..... 866-699-6466

**Medical Equipment/Supplies**

Mercy Ships, TX (email: [giftinkind@mercyships.org](mailto:giftinkind@mercyships.org)) ..... 903-939-7000

**Medications**

**Drop-Boxes Located At:**

Adams County Courthouse, 117 Baltimore Street, Gettysburg  
8:00 am – 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday  
Conewago Twp Police Dept, 541 Oxford Avenue, Hanover  
8:00 am – 2:00 pm, Monday through Friday  
Cumberland Twp Police Dept, 1370 Fairfield Road, Gettysburg  
8:00 am – 4:00 pm, Monday through Thursday  
Eastern Adams Regional Police Dept, 110 North Berlin Avenue, New Oxford  
10:00 am – 3:00 pm, Monday – Friday  
Gettysburg Borough Police Dept, 59 East High Street, Gettysburg  
8:00 am – 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday  
Gettysburg College Health Services, 250 W Broadway, Gettysburg  
8:30 am – 12:00 pm, 1:00 pm – 4:30 pm, Monday - Friday  
Liberty Township Police Dept, 39 Topper Road, Fairfield  
8:00 am – 4:00 pm, Monday - Thursday  
Littlestown Borough Police Dept, 10 South Queen Street, Littlestown  
7:00 am – 3:30 pm, Monday through Friday  
McSherrystown Borough Police Dept, 336 Main St, McSherrystown  
8:00 am – 2:00 pm, Monday through Friday  
PA State Police, Troop H, 3033 Old Harrisburg Road, Gettysburg  
Box is available 24 hrs/day, 7 days/week  
Wellspan Pharmacy Fairfield, 4910 Fairfield Road, Fairfield  
9:00 am – 6:00 pm, Monday – Friday; 9:00 am – 1:00 pm, Saturday

**Empty Pill Containers** - check with your local pharmacy for possible recycling options

**Other Disposal Options** - check with your local pharmacy for mail-back programs

Disposal Location Search..... [www.disposemymeds.com](http://www.disposemymeds.com)  
Take Away Program ..... ([www.sharpsinc.com](http://www.sharpsinc.com))  
Veolia Environmental Services (*commercial only*), York..... 717-764-8677

**Walmart Medication Kiosks**

Currently Camp Hill, Chambersburg, and York - call to confirm, *add'l locations soon*  
Camp Hill 717-409-3102, Chbg 717-264-2300, York 717-764-1485/717-755-1600

**Mercury** (also see *Fluorescent Bulbs & Thermostats*)

AERC ([www.aercrecycling.com](http://www.aercrecycling.com)), corporate location ..... 866-447-5177  
Local location - Allentown..... 610-433-4011  
APR Supply, Gettysburg or New Oxford ..... 338-1202 or 624-2171  
PA Dept of Env'l Protection..... 717-705-4741  
Veolia Environmental Services (*commercial only*), York..... 717-764-8677

**Metals** (see listing under 'Aluminum & Metal Scrap Materials')

**Microwaves** (check with your municipality/waste hauler-large item pick-up service)

- Diller Transfer Station, Enola ..... 717-766-6403
- Hanover Transfer Station, Hanover ..... 717-633-5523
- Neiderer Sanitation, New Oxford ..... 717-624-7430
- Washington Township Transfer Station, Waynesboro ..... 717-762-4413

**Mobile Homes / Travel Trailers** (drop-off fee charged - call for information)

- Pequea Salvage, Willow Street ..... 717-464-4461

**Muriatic Acid**

Check waste water treatment plants/your municipality, masons, pool owners...

**Music Players** (IPOD/ MP3/etc.)

- Apple Stores ..... [www.apple.com](http://www.apple.com)
- Green Disk ([www.greendisk.com](http://www.greendisk.com)) ..... 800-305-3475

**Musical Instruments**

- Adams County Arts Council, Gettysburg ..... 717-334-5006
- Menchey's Music, Hanover ..... 717-637-2185

**Needles/Syringes** (check with your doctor or pharmacy for possible recycling options)

- Sterilis Needle Disposal Program Kiosk, Bonneauville ..... 717-476-3697
- Residential Use Only, Red Kiosk located outside at Bonneauville Fire Dept.
- Collect needles/sharps in a heavy plastic container (<10 qt size), then dispose of the container in the kiosk when it's convenient for you.

**Mail-Back Programs/Supplies:**

- Air Cycle Corporation ([www.aircycle.com](http://www.aircycle.com)) ..... 800-909-9709
- Complete Needle ([www.completeneedle.com](http://www.completeneedle.com)) ..... 800-772-5657
- GRP ([www.sharpsdisposal.com](http://www.sharpsdisposal.com)) ..... 800-207-0976
- Republic Sharps ([www.republicsharps.com](http://www.republicsharps.com)) ..... 855-737-7871
- Safe Needle Disposal ... ([www.quickmedical.com/health/diabetes/disintegrator.html](http://www.quickmedical.com/health/diabetes/disintegrator.html))

**Newspapers - see Paper**

**Oil (Motor) or Antifreeze** - place oil in a metal 5-gallon reusable container. Do not use plastic milk jugs. Do not mix either one of these items with other types of oils or anti-freeze. The locations below accept "clean oil" & "clean anti-freeze" only. (See the special category for antifreeze and oil that are mixed.)

**Anti-Freeze (only)**

- Hanover Lube & Brake, Hanover ..... 717-637-3011
- Hazelton Oil & Environmental, Hazleton ..... 800-458-3496
- Mike's KARS, Gettysburg ..... 717-334-6882
- Renn-Kirby Chevrolet, Gettysburg ..... service manager, 717-334-9234

**Oil Filters** (must be drained completely, not leaking any oil)

- CSR Inc, Gettysburg (call for details) ..... 717-334-3009
- Hazelton Oil & Environmental, Hazleton ..... 800-458-3496
- Wal-Mart, South Hanover store only ..... 717-630-8211, ext. 143

**Oil only**

- Advance Auto Parts, Hanover..... 717-633-3636
- Auto Zone, Hanover ..... 717-637-3656
- BKC Mobile RV & Auto Repair Service, Abbottstown ..... 717-259-8293
- Golf Cart Services, New Oxford ..... 717-624-2900
- Hazleton Oil & Environmental, Hazleton ..... 800-458-3496
- Hanover Lube & Brake, Hanover..... 717-637-3011
- Lincolnway Sales & Service, Abbottstown..... 717-624-8500
- Mike’s KARS, Gettysburg ..... 717-334-6882
- Moon’s II, Gardners ..... 717-528-7163
- Paul’s Garage, York Springs..... 717-528-4132
- Renn-Kirby Chevrolet, Gettysburg .....service manager, 717-334-9234
- Russ Hill Automotive, York Springs ..... 717-528-4730
- Tom Knox Auto Services, Gettysburg ..... 717-334-2297
- Wal-Mart, South Hanover store only .....717-630-8211, ext. 143

**Oil and Antifreeze - mixed** *(check with your vehicle repair shop to see if they participate with a reclamation service that can separate the antifreeze and oil)*

- Covanta/Rec Oil, York..... 717-846-9551

**Packaging Materials** *(bubble wrap, air bags, polystyrene peanuts, etc)*

- Gifty Baskets & Flower, Hanover ..... 717-632-6150
- Goin’ Postal, Gettysburg..... 717-334-6896
- Parcel Plus, Hanover..... 717-632-5896
- Totally Stainless, Biglerville..... 717-677-8811
- UPS Store, Hanover or York .....717-646-1118 or 717-852-8029

**Paint (Old) - Handling & Disposal**

*Oil based paint has a shelf life of 15 years; water based paint has a shelf life of 10 years if it has not been repeatedly frozen and thawed. Old paint is usable if it mixes when you stir it & no lumps appear when you brush it on a surface.*

*To safely dispose of non-aerosol, unusable paint/stain (oil or water-based) - mix kitty litter, commercial hardener (available at hardware stores), shredded newspaper, sand or other absorbent material with the old paint until it solidifies.*

***Seal the can tightly and place in your regular trash.***

**Aerosol, Spray Cans**

- Hanover Transfer Station, Hanover..... 717-633-5523
- Neiderer Sanitation, New Oxford..... 717-624-7430
- Washington Township Transfer Station, Waynesboro ..... 717-762-4413

**Mineral Spirits:**

- Hanover Transfer Station, Hanover..... 717-633-5523
- Neiderer Sanitation, New Oxford..... 717-624-7430

**Small quantities of paint or varnish - must be solidified**

- Hanover Transfer Station, Hanover..... 717-633-5523
- Washington Township Transfer Station, Waynesboro ..... 717-762-4413

**Lacquer, Thinner, Wood Sealer or Large quantities of paint:**

- Neiderer Sanitation, New Oxford..... 717-624-7430
- York County Resource Recovery Center, York .....717-843-2902, ext. 139

**Paint (Old) - Handling & Disposal – con’t**

**Paint and/or Solvents – liquid form**

Hanover Transfer Station, Hanover.....	717-633-5523
Neiderer Sanitation, New Oxford.....	717-624-7430
Veolia Environmental Services ( <i>commercial only</i> ), York.....	717-764-8677
York County Resource Recovery Center, York.....	717-843-2902

**Pallets / Skids (in good condition)**

Adams Rescue Mission, Gettysburg.....	717-334-7502
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**Paper (also check with your waste hauler for recycling options)**

**Newspaper (bundle or put in paper bags)**

Adams Rescue Mission, Gettysburg.....	717-334-7502
Neiderer Sanitation, New Oxford.....	717-624-7430
Sealed Air Corporation, Hanover.....	717-637-5905
Staiman Recycling, Hanover.....	717-646-0951

FARMERS who use paper\* for bedding are:

Adam Thompson/Jeff King, York Springs.....	717-528-4826
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**Glossy/Slick Paper**

Adams Rescue Mission, Gettysburg.....	717-334-7502
Neiderer Sanitation, New Oxford.....	717-624-7430
Ronald McDonald House Charities of PA .. ( <a href="http://www.ronaldshousehershey.org">www.ronaldshousehershey.org</a> ) Drop-box @Len Dick Signs, 3000 York Rd, Gettysburg.....	717-533-4001

**Office Paper (white, colored, cardstock – standard use paper only)**

Adams Rescue Mission, Gettysburg.....	717-334-7502
Neiderer Sanitation, New Oxford.....	717-624-7430

**Brown Wrapping/Grocery Bag Paper**

Adams Rescue Mission, Gettysburg.....	717-334-7502
Neiderer Sanitation, New Oxford.....	717-624-7430
Totally Stainless, Biglerville.....	717-677-8811

**Pesticides / Insecticides / Arsenic of Lead**

If material is for Household use only, securely seal in a heavy-duty plastic bag & place out with your garbage. Commercial/Industrial materials – please call one of these numbers:

PA Dept of Env Protection, Harrisburg.....	717-705-4927
Chem Sweep Information.....	717-772-5210
Emergency Situation.....	877-333-1904

**Pesticide Containers - plastic (cleaned, triple rinsed, no lids, labels removed)**

Ag Com, Gettysburg.....	717-334-6224
Adams County Planning Office, Gettysburg ( <i>call first</i> ).....	717-337-9827
Growmark F. S., East Berlin.....	717-259-9573
Helena Chemical, Arendtsville.....	717-677-4599
PA Dept of Agriculture, Harrisburg.....	717-705-5858

**Photo Chemicals**

Check with a Photo Shop – they may be able to use it/ may know of someone else.

**Plaster** – (used)

Take to a transfer station or landfill.

**Plastics - misc. types/numbers** (check with your waste hauler for recycling options)

Think Green (www.thinkgreenfromhome.com ) ..... 866-699-6466

**Plastic Bags** (grocery bags, bread bags (no crumbs), newspaper bags, etc.)

Accepted at most Dept/Grocery/Home Improvement/etc Stores

**Plastic Barrels**

Abbey Drum/ICS-Maryland, Baltimore (www.abbeydrum.com) 800-284-0974

**Plastic (PVC) Fencing / Lumber**

Sherman’s Valley Recycling, Loysville ..... 717-789-3552

**Plastic Film/Ag Plastic/Plastic Wrap**

Adams Rescue Mission, Gettysburg (limited types accepted) ..... 717-334-7502

Cogle’s Recycling Inc, Hamburg..... 610-562-8336

Zook’s Plastic Recovery, Leola (www.zooksplastic.com) ..... 717-656-4422

**Plastic – Tyvek**

Tyvek (envelopes, banners, wristbands, etc.) ..... www.recycletyvek.wm.com

**Polystyrene Foam** (“hard” Styrofoam – packing forms, etc.)

Dart Container Corp, Leola (drop-off 24 hours/day) ..... 717-656-2236

Totally Stainless, Biglerville (flat sheets only) ..... 717-677-8811

**Propane Gas Cylinders** (barbecue gas grills & torches)

Aero-Oil, New Oxford..... 717-624-4311

CSR Inc, Gettysburg.....717-334-3009 or 717-334-0080

Wal-Mart, (gas grills only) Gettysburg or Hanover. 717-334-2000/717-632-8444/717-630-8211

also: Chbg 717-264-2300, Carlisle 717-258-1250, Mech. 717-691-3150, York 717-764-1485

**Razors** (Disposable, plastic)

Terracycle Disposable Razor Recycling Program ..... www.terracycle.com

**Refrigerators** (licensed Freon removal/check with your waste hauler for recycling options)

First Energy (www.energysavepa.com/fridge) (customers only). 888-277-0527

Hanover Transfer Station, Hanover ..... 717-633-5523

Neiderer Sanitation (fee charged), New Oxford..... 717-624-7430

Stonesifer & Sons Sanitation Inc (fee charged), Littlestown..... 717-359-4627

Washington Township Transfer Station, Waynesboro ..... 717-762-4413

**Salt** (watered/mush/soft)

Possibly a municipal road crew – for use in their winter road coverage



**Sealants** (*blacktop sealer, etc.*)

- Hanover Transfer Station, Hanover ..... 717-633-5523
- Washington Township Transfer Station, Waynesboro ..... 717-762-4413
- York County Resource Recovery Center, York..... 717-843-2902, ext. 139

**Sewing Machines**

- Simply Stashing/Tom Curtis, Littlestown..... 717-359-4122

**Shingles** (*Asphalt*)

- Crushcrete, Inc, Bethlehem, PA..... 610-865-1898

**Shredding Services** (*see 'Document Shredding'*)

**Siding**

- Sherman Valley Recycling, Loysville ..... 717-789-3551

**Smoke Detectors** (*check with your municipal office first before putting out with garbage*)

**Stamps** (*cut stamp from envelope, recycle envelope as white paper*)

- Brethren Home, New Oxford..... 717-624-5227

**Styrofoam** (*see listing under 'Packaging Materials or Polystyrene Foam'*)

**Tapes** (*video, audio, etc.*)

- Green Disk ([www.greendisk.com](http://www.greendisk.com)) ..... 800-305-3475

**Telephone Books**

- Adams Rescue Mission, Gettysburg ..... 717-334-7502
- Neiderer Sanitation, New Oxford ..... 717-624-7430

**Televisions** (*also see additional information under Electronics*)

- Cumberland County Recycling Center, Carlisle (*limited days/times*). 717-240-6489
- E-end USA, Frederick, MD ..... 240-529-1010
- Washington Township Transfer Station, Waynesboro ..... 717-762-4413

**If you reside in one of Adams County municipalities that is a participant in one of the Collective Groups Waste Contracts, check with your municipal office or waste hauler to inquire about Covered Device Recycling Events.**

**Thermostats/Thermometers**

- AERC ([www.aercrecycling.com](http://www.aercrecycling.com)) ..... 800-554-2372
- Air Cycle Corporation ([www.aircycle.com](http://www.aircycle.com))..... 800-909-9709
- APR Supply, New Oxford ..... 717-624-2171
- Easy Pak ([www.easypak.com](http://www.easypak.com))..... 888-640-6700
- Meier Supply, Hanover..... 717-630-8833
- R.E. Michel Co, Carlisle or York ..... 717-240-0008 or 717-792-5500
- R.F. Fager Co, Hanover ..... 717-632-0560
- Thermostat Recycling Corp ([www.thermostat-recycle.org](http://www.thermostat-recycle.org)) ..... 800-238-8192
- Veolia Environmental Services (*commercial only*), York ..... 717-764-8677

**Tires - Stockpiling tires is not permitted and may be considered as illegal disposal.**

*Check with your municipality (waste contract may include disposal of one large item/tire per week) or with your local garage/repair shop*

Hanover Transfer Station, Hanover .....	717-633-5523
Mahantango Enterprises, Liverpool.....	717-444-3788
Neiderer Sanitation Transfer Station, New Oxford.....	717-624-7430
Washington Township Transfer Station, Waynesboro .....	717-762-4413
Wishard's Tire Recyclers, Hagerstown, MD.....	301-797-9714
York County Resource Recovery Center, York.....	717-845-1066

**Toner (see listing under 'Ink Cartridges/Toner')**

**Toothbrushes**

Terracycle .....	www.terracycle.com
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**Video Games**

Green Disk (www.greendisk.com) .....	800-305-3475
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**Vinyl Siding**

Sherman's Valley Recycling, Loysville .....	717-789-3552
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**Water Coolers (licensed Freon removal) \*Fee Charged by most recyclers**

Hanover Transfer Station, Hanover .....	717-633-5523
Neiderer Sanitation, New Oxford .....	717-624-7430
Stonesifer & Sons Sanitation Inc, Littlestown .....	717-359-4627
Washington Township Transfer Station, Waynesboro .....	717-762-4413

**Water Filter Cartridges**

Call the manufacturer – may have recycling programs

**Wood**

**Old Beams**

Barn Saver – John High, Narvon, PA (www.barnsaver.com)..	717-572-1619
Baummer Sawmill, Hanover (www.baummersawmill.com) ...	717-637-6879
John Longanecker, Gettysburg .....	717-677-9698

**Pallets**

Adams Rescue Mission .....	717-334-7502
H & H Excavating, Spring Grove .....	717-225-4669
Pallet Outlet, Biglerville.....	717-677-9535

**Treated Lumber**

Hanover Transfer Station, Hanover.....	717-633-5523
Neiderer Sanitation, New Oxford.....	717-624-7430
Washington Township Transfer Station, Waynesboro.....	717-762-4413

**Tree or Stump Grinding/Removal**

American Tree & Stump Removal, Hanover .....	717-632-1446
American Tree & Stump Removal, New Oxford .....	717-624-8862
H & H Excavating, Spring Grove .....	717-225-4669
Wyatt Excavating, New Oxford .....	717-624-4212

**Wood Grinding/ Pallet Grinding/Stumps/Mulching/Removal**

Dave Woodward, Gettysburg ..... 717-752-0819  
Wyatt Excavating, New Oxford ..... 717-624-4212

**Yard Waste** *(check with your municipality office for possible use)*

**Grass Clippings**

Nolt’s Mulch, Gettysburg ..... 717-334-0849  
Washington Township Transfer Station, Waynesboro ..... 717-762-4413  
Yellow Hill Farm, Biglerville ..... 717-677-8188

**Leaves**

H & H Excavating, Spring Grove ..... 717-225-4669  
Nolt’s Mulch, Gettysburg ..... 717-334-0849  
Washington Township Transfer Station, Waynesboro ..... 717-762-4413  
Yellow Hill Farm, Biglerville ..... 717-677-8188

**Brush**

H & H Excavating, Spring Grove ..... 717-225-4669  
Neiderer Sanitation, New Oxford *(chipped, fee charged)* ..... 717-624-7430  
Nolt’s Mulch, Gettysburg ..... 717-334-0849  
Stonesifer Sanitation, Littlestown ..... 717-359-4627  
Washington Township Transfer Station, Waynesboro ..... 717-762-4413  
Wyatt Excavating, New Oxford ..... 717-624-4212

# Additional Information

## Additional Items Can Be Recycled At:

Community Aid Thrift Store, Hanover.....	717-412-7706
Shoebbox Recycling (www.communityrecycling.biz) .....	800-336-0141
Freecycle.....	www.freecycle.org
Local Community Centers ( <i>call your municipality for listings</i> )	
Repurposed Materials, Inc. ....	303-321-1471
Terracycle .....	www.terracecycle.com
<i>Zero-Waste boxes by Terracycle can be found at Staples stores</i>	
Unique Recyclables .....	
www.files.dep.state.pa.us/waste/recycling/recyclingportalfiles/documents/uniquerecyclables	
Yahoo.Com .....	www.groups.yahoo.com/gettysburgfreecycle
<i>Local Yard Sale/Free Item services offered to members (free email acct.)</i>	

## Businesses/Institutions (*also see Building/Construction Materials*)

Reuse Marketplace.....	www.reusemarketplace.org
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## Cars – Benefit Charity of Choice (*also, check with your favorite charity*)

Adams Rescue Mission.....	717-334-7502
Adams County Arts Council.....	717-334-5006
Adams County Children’s Advocacy Center.....	717-337-9888
Adams County Office for Aging, Inc .....	717-334-9296
Adams County SPCA .....	717-334-8876
American Lung Association of PA .....	1-800-577-5864
Breast Cancer Car Donations (www.cardonations4cancer.org)...	866-540-5069
Kids Car Donations (www.kidscardonations.org) .....	866-634-8395
Lutheran Camping Corp.....	717-677-8211
National Kidney Foundation.....	1-800-488-2277
Shining Stars Therapeutic Riding Ministry .....	717-624-3411
Veteran Car Donations (www.veterancardonations.org) .....	877-594-5822

## Composting Information

Penn State Coop Extension in Adams County..	717-334-6271 or 888-472-0261
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## Firewood Quarantine Information

PA Dept of Ag (Sven-Erik Spichiger, sspichiger@state.pa.us) ...	717-772-5229
(also: Dana Rhodes, danrhodes@state.pa.us)	

## Locations of Adams County Library Sites

Biglerville (Harbaugh-Thomas Library).....	717-677-6257
Carroll Valley (Carroll Valley Library).....	717-642-6009
East Berlin (Trone Memorial Library).....	717-259-9000
Gettysburg (Gettysburg Library) .....	717-334-5716
Littlestown (Littlestown Library) .....	717-359-0446
New Oxford (New Oxford Area Library).....	717-624-2182

## Useable Items Can Be Donated To:

Adams Rescue Mission, Gettysburg .....	717-334-7502
Community Aid Thrift Stores, Hanover .....	717-412-7706
H.A.R.T. Center, New Oxford.....	717-624-4323
Hospital Thrift Shop, Gettysburg.....	717-334-5264
Kelley Latta Ministries/Love Lives ( <i>call for appt</i> ), Hanover .....	717-634-2149
United Way, Gettysburg .....	717-334-5809

## LANDFILL / DISPOSAL SITES

(disposal of waste materials, large items, junk & construction debris)

### **Cumberland County Landfill**

*Newburg*..... 717-423-5383

### **Diller Transfer Station**

*Enola*..... 717-766-6403

### **Hanover Transfer Station**

*Hanover* ..... 717-633-5523

### **Blue Ridge Summit Landfill**

*Scotland* ..... 877-709-1700 or 717-709-1700

### **Mountain View Landfill**

*Greencastle* ..... 717-597-5666

### **Modern Landfill**

*York*..... 717-246-2686

### **Neiderer Sanitation / Neiderer Sanitation Transfer Station**

*New Oxford*..... 717-624-7430

### **Washington Township Transfer Station**

*Waynesboro* ..... 717-762-4413

### **York County Resource Recovery Center (formerly York Incinerator)**

*York*..... 717-843-2902

## CONTAINER SERVICES

### **Fout Enterprises, Inc.**

*Frederick, MD* ..... 877-713-7855 or 301-668-5525

### **Neiderer Sanitation / Neiderer Sanitation Transfer Station**

*New Oxford*..... 717-624-7430

### **Park's Garbage Service**

*Mt. Union*..... 800-486-4490

### **Peck's Refuse Disposal**

*McConnellsburg* ..... 717-485-4123

### **Penn Waste**

*York*..... 717-767-4456

### **Republic Services (formerly York Waste Disposal)**

*York*..... 800-210-9675 or 717-845-1557

### **Roll Off Unlimited**

*Littlestown* ..... 717-359-4483

### **Stonesifer & Sons Sanitation**

*Littlestown* ..... 717-359-4627

### **Tiger Trash**

*York*..... 717-699-1111

### **Waste Connections (formerly IESI)**

*Scotland* ..... 877-709-1700 or 717-709-1700

### **Waste Management, Inc.**

*Greencastle* ..... 800-433-7317 or 717-597-5961

**GARBAGE SERVICE/RECYCLING**

**Chambersburg Waste Paper** (*paper recycling*)

*Chambersburg* ..... 717-264-4890

**Neiderer Sanitation / Neiderer Sanitation Transfer Station**

*New Oxford* ..... 717-624-7430

**Park's Garbage Service**

*Mt. Union* ..... 800-486-4490

**Penn Waste, Inc.**

*York* ..... 717-767-4456

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**Stonesifer Sanitation Service**

*Littlestown* ..... 717-359-4627

**Washington Township Transfer Station**

*Waynesboro* ..... 717-762-4413

**Waste Connections** (*formerly IESJ*)

*Scotland* ..... 877-709-1700 or 717-709-1700

**Waste Management**

*Greencastle* ..... 800-433-7317 or 717-597-5961

## So why can't all plastics be recycled together?

There are many types of plastics, like the many types of metals and papers. And, like metals and papers, the different types of plastics need to be kept separated in order to be recycled properly.

Different types of plastics serve different purposes; such as...

PET (#1) – used for soda bottles because it keeps the “fizz” in your carbonated drink.

HDPE (#2) – used for milk & detergent bottles because it can be molded into a shape with a handle, making it easier for dispensing.

The code number on plastic items refers to the general type of resin contained in that item – and differences can be found within some items using the same general resin. For the various plastics to retain their special properties when being recycled into new products, they must be kept separate from each other. Caps & lids should be removed from all bottles as they are made from another type of resin and need to be processed separate from the bottles.

Example: two different items are labeled #2 HDPE; however, their properties may not be the same and require different handling. Bottles that are “blow-molded” containers are different from margarine tubs that are “injection-molded” containers. One melts at a very high temp, the other melts at a very low temp. If they are mixed in the recycling process, the resulting container would be contaminated and not usable in the packaging industry.

In Adams County, only #1 and #2 bottles (a container with a neck that is smaller than the bottom) are recyclable through most programs. Check with your recycling hauler to determine if additional plastics are accepted. You can also check the listings in this brochure under Plastic for additional options.

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## Why are there articles in the news about recycling issues?

Contamination is one of the biggest problems facing recycling facilities, limiting the markets for their materials. However, you can help! Find out what materials your hauler/recycler accepts and only place those materials in your recycling bin. Thank you!

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To obtain additional/updated hard-copies of this brochure please call the Adams County Planning Office at (717) 337-9827.

This brochure is also available on the County website at: [www.adamscounty.us](http://www.adamscounty.us)