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<u>Commingled Recyclables Not Accepted At Center During COVID – 19 Outbreak</u>

Beginning March 30, municipalities that currently take commingled recyclables (jars, bottles and cans) to the Lackawanna Recycling Center, Inc. will no longer be picking-up the materials due to health concerns regarding COVID – 19.

This action will remain in effect until further notice.

The center will continue to accept newspapers and cardboard.

The County's Office of Environmental Sustainability notified the boroughs, municipalities and townships that utilize the Lackawanna Recycling Center, Inc. of the change and asked them to notify their residents.

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection is asking residents to, if possible, store only clean commingled items until the health crisis subsides and services can be resorted to normal. If this is not possible, residents can put the items in with their normal, weekly household trash collection.

Traditional/normal recycling is expected to resume once this health issue is deemed to be over.