

## Why Recycle?

- Recycling an item means it does not go to the landfill. Instead that item is used to make something new.



- Pennsylvania has a recycling law, Act 101, which mandates municipalities with a population of 5,000 or more people to have a recycling program for their residents.
- Recycling creates jobs! 66,041 jobs here in Pennsylvania are related to the recycling and reuse industry.



The Lackawanna County Environmental Office provides assistance with:

- Establishing Recycling Programs
- Waste Reduction Techniques
- Municipal Reports and Grants

Presentations are offered on:

- Recycling
- Environmental Shopping
- Waste Reduction
- Water Pollution
- Water Conservation



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## Lackawanna County's Recycling Brochure



## A Guide to the Basics of Recycling



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## What **Can** Be Recycled?



### GLASS

Bottles and Jars ONLY

*Please do not place broken glass in the bin*

### METAL CANS

Aluminum and Steel

### PLASTIC

Bottles and Jars ONLY

### PAPER

Newspaper, Office Paper, Junk Mail and Magazines

### CARDBOARD

Heavy Shipping Boxes, Cereal Boxes (inside liner removed), and Paper Towel Rolls



### YARDWASTE

Leaves, Brush and Grass

*Cut brush down to be two feet or less*



## What **Cannot** Be Recycled?



- Straws
- Food containers (ex. yogurt or butter)
- Takeout containers
- Food wrappers or bags
- Styrofoam
- Paper or plastic dishes, cups, utensils
- Plastic wrap
- Napkins and paper towels
- Toys
- Windows

## Some Reminders!

- Give bottles and jars a quick rinse before placing them in the recycling bin!
- Flatten boxes to increase space in your paper recycling bin.
- Contact your town for specifics on their recycling program.



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## Electronics Recycling in Pennsylvania



## Covered Device Recycling Act (Act108)

- Covered devices such as TV's, computers, computer monitors and peripherals (keyboard, mouse, and other computer accessories) cannot be thrown out in Pennsylvania. They must be recycled.
- This law makes it tough to recycle electronics, especially TVs, because it is **broken!**
- This law can only be fixed in Congress! Please contact your State Representative today and ask them to fix the electronics law!

**Check out our website for more information on how to recycle items!**