

BOROUGH OF SHILLINGTON

SOLID WASTE PROGRAM



Changes have been made to the collection of solid waste within the Borough of Shillington. This brochure will provide you with the new regulations for trash collection, a refresher on the recycling program, and introduce you to the new yard waste recycling program. Please read over the brochure thoroughly. If you still have questions on any of the programs, please call the Town Hall at 610.777.1338.

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TRASH COLLECTION:

Your trash will still be collected twice a week on the following days:

NORTH side of Lancaster Avenue - Monday and Thursday

SOUTH side of Lancaster Avenue - Tuesday and Friday

LANCASTER AVENUE - Tuesday and Friday

Bulk items will now be included in your weekly trash collection. ***The Borough will no longer be providing a Spring Clean-Up.*** Please follow the regulations listed below for collection of your household waste and bulk items:

During your first collection of the week (either Monday or Tuesday, as indicated above) you will be permitted to place up to four (4) containers (cans or bags) out for collection. ***Or,*** you may place up to three (3) containers (cans or bags) and one (1) bulk item out for collection.

During your second collection of the week (either Thursday or Friday) you are only permitted to place up to four (4) containers (cans or bags) out for collection. *No bulk item will be collected at this collection.*

Items that will ***not*** be collected as bulk items:

Appliances	Microwaves
Stoves	Heaters
Dehumidifiers	Air Conditioners
Hot Water Heaters	Propane Tanks
Batteries	Automobile Motors
Transmissions	Tires

Paint cans may not contain paint in liquid form

Lawn Mowers may not have fluids in them

Containers must be placed at the curb prior to 7:00 a.m. the morning of the scheduled collection. However, containers should not be set out for collection more than 24 hours prior to the scheduled collection.

Container Information:

Containers may not be larger than 35 gallons nor weigh more than 75 pounds. They shall be constructed of rust and corrosion resistant material and be equipped with tight fitting lids.

Disposal containers such as polyethylene bags shall be acceptable for the storage of trash provided:

- °They are designed for storage and collection of trash.
- °They are protected from animals and overloading to prevent littering or attracting vectors.
- °They are securely closed prior to being set out for collection and have a holding strength capable of withstanding stresses until they are collected.

General Information:

Trash **ACCUMULATED** only in the Borough of Shillington shall be placed for collection by the Borough's Contractor. It is unlawful to bring trash from any other area into the Borough and place it out for collection.

Property owners are responsible for cleaning up any debris spilled from the container as a result of it being blown over by wind, upset by animals, etc.

Damaged or leaking containers will be treated as trash and removed as such by the Contractor. It is the owner's responsibility to replace the same by the time of the next collection.

YARD WASTE RECYCLING:

A program to recycle yard (organic) waste has been implemented by the Borough. This program will provide the residents of the Borough with a means to dispose of their yard waste without it being taken to the landfill.

Yard waste to be recycled includes:

- Leaves
- Garden Residue
- Tree Trimmings (less than 3" in diameter)
- Chipped Shrubbery
- Other Vegetative Materials



The Borough will **not** be recycling the following items:

- Grass Clippings
- Stumps
- Roots
- Shrubs or Branches larger than 3" in diameter

Drop-Off Site:

Residents may drop-off yard waste at the designated collection facility located at the Borough's Service Building in the Shillington Memorial Park by Pavilion No. 4. Please place yard waste into the containers provided on-site. **No plastic bags shall be left at the drop-off site.**

Hours of Operation:

April 30 - November 1

Monday thru Friday - 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Saturday - Noon to 5:00 p.m.

Yard waste will only be received during hours of operation.

Curbside Collection:

Twice a year, Borough employees will collect yard waste from property owners requesting such service. These collections will be held the **first week of April** and the **last week of September**. Residents will be required to bag any leaves and loose material in yard waste recycling bags purchased at your local home improvement stores. Residents will be required to put their name and address on the bags in case there is a problem with the materials at a later time. All brush and branches up to 3" in diameter must have butt ends placed in the same direction and be separated into piles small enough for one individual to handle. Limbs should not be tied and may not be longer than 5' in length. All yard waste must be placed in front of your home for collection. **Residents must call the Town Hall to schedule for curbside collection.**

Leaf Collection:

The Borough will continue to collect loose leaves that are placed at the curb beginning the second week of October and continuing through the second week of December. Please do not place yard waste or grass clippings with these leaf piles, as our leaf collection equipment is not capable of picking up such items.

RECYCLING PROGRAM:

In 1991, the Borough began a comprehensive Curbside Recycling Program. No recent changes have been made to this program. This brochure will provide you with a review of the Borough's current program. This program complies with Pennsylvania Act 101 which requires certain municipalities to set up curbside recycling programs in which all residents are required to participate.

Container Information:

The green recycling container distributed to each residence is the property of the Borough and must remain at the property if you move. Write your address in black magic marker or white paint on the

container. This simple process will make it easier to locate your can if lost. Additional 20-gallon containers are available for residents to purchase at their cost.

Recyclable Materials:

The following recyclable materials will be collected:

- Clear Glass Containers
- Green Glass Containers
- Brown Glass Containers
- Aluminum Cans
- Steel Cans
- Bimetallic Cans
- Plastic Container
- Newspapers (Newsprint) and Inserts
- Magazines



Co-mingle (mix) all acceptable glass, metal and plastic recyclables in your green recycling container and bundle all acceptable newsprint and magazines. Place the newsprint next to your recycling container for collection.

■ Glass

Acceptable Glass Containers: Green, brown, clear bottles and/or jars that were used for food and beverages. Thoroughly rinse bottles and jars and remove lids/caps. Containers must be free of residue to assure quality recycled glass. DO NOT BREAK GLASS. Labels may stay on containers.

Glass Not Acceptable: Broken glass, blue glass, lead crystal, ceramic products, tempered window or plate glass, fluorescent and incandescent light bulbs, drinking glasses, mirrors, heat-resistant glass like Corningware and Pyrex. The above types of glass can seriously damage a glass furnace and/or result in poor quality of the recycled glass products.

■ Metal

Acceptable Metal Containers: Aluminum, steel and bimetallic cans that were used for food and beverages. Also non-aerosol cans. Containers must be thoroughly rinsed to remove grease and residue. It is not necessary to crush cans. Labels may stay on the containers.

Metal Not Acceptable: Aerosol, paint and oil cans, aluminum foil, TV dinner trays, aluminum cookie sheets, pie pans or other pots and pans.

■ Plastic

Acceptable Plastic Containers: Plastic soda bottles, milk, juice and water jugs, detergent and personal care product containers with a No. 1 or a No. 2 printed in the recycling logo. ONLY PLASTIC CONTAINERS WITH THESE RECYCLING LOGOS ARE ACCEPTABLE (LOOK ON THE BOTTOM OF THE CONTAINER). Thoroughly rinse all containers and remove lids/caps.

Plastic Not Acceptable: Household hazardous waste containers, Tupperware and Rubbermaid containers, microwave trays, plastic bags, combs and other plastic items.

■ Paper

Acceptable Newsprint: Newspapers including advertisements, inserts and comics; magazines and phone books. Please place newsprint in a brown paper bag or bundle and tie with string. Place along side the recycling container for collection. In case of inclement weather, hold newsprint for next pick-up.

Paper Products Not Acceptable: Junk mail, office paper, cardboard and boxes.

Additional Information:

- Recycling collection is every other Wednesday.
- Recycling collection will be from the same location on your property as your trash collection.
- Recyclable materials are Borough property when placed for collection.
- Do not line the recycling container with plastic or paper bags.
- Stealing any recyclable materials from recycling containers is prohibited.

Frequently Asked Questions:

- *Is recycling mandatory?* Yes. All Borough residents who receive municipal trash collection must recycle under Pennsylvania Act 101 and the Borough of Shillington Recycling Ordinance.
- *What time shall I put my recyclables out for collection?* Early in the morning or the night before recycling collection. The collection crew starts their route at 7:00 a.m.
- *May I place additional recycling materials in my own container?* Yes.
- *May I purchase additional Borough recycling containers?* Yes, they are available for purchase at the Town Hall.
- *If I move, what do I do with my Borough recycling container?* The container provided to you free of charge by the Borough must remain with the property. Additional Borough containers purchased by you are your personal property.
- *Is cardboard recyclable?* Yes, but our recycling contract does not provide for cardboard to be collected at the present time.
- *What if I see someone stealing my recycling container or taking recyclable materials placed out for collection?* Report this action to the Borough Office. This is illegal and punishable by fines.