

# Centre County Recycles



Centre County Solid Waste Authority  
253 Transfer Road, Bellefonte, PA 16823

*Transfer Station Hours:*

Monday thru Friday 8 AM to 4 PM;  
Saturday 8 AM to 11:45 AM

*Recycling Hours:*

Monday thru Friday 8 AM to 4 PM

CCSWA (814) 238-7005

Recycling Hot Line:

(814) 238-6649 or 1-800-605-6649

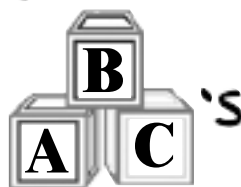
To Report Illegal Dumping Call:

1-800-605-6649 or (814) 238-7005

*e-mail:* wasted5@uplink.net

*website:* www.centrecountyrecycles.com

## The ABC's of Recycling



**CURBSIDE RECYCLING** If you live in the Centre Region (Ferguson, Harris, College, Patton Townships and State College Borough), Bellefonte Borough or Spring Township, you have access to curbside recycling. For what can be recycled in a curbside bin, please see the last page of this newsletter for the "Guide for Curbside Recycling."

### Preparation is the Key to Success

- Remove lids and rinse containers.
- Keep newspapers, mixed office paper, and magazines separate.
- Don't recycle broken glass.
- Store trash and recyclables properly.
- Keep newspapers and magazines dry.
- Store trash inside or in covered containers to prevent rodent & insect problems.
- Don't set out trash and recyclables until the evening before your scheduled collection.
- Save space in your bin by stomping plastic bottles and cans.

If you have curbside recycling, please have recycling bins and trash containers set out by the time pickup crews begin collection at 7:00 a.m. In need of a curbside bin? If you live in State College or Bellefonte Boroughs, please call our office at 238-7005 to acquire a recycling bin. Don't live in State College or Bellefonte Boroughs, please call your local trash hauler.

**DROP-OFF RECYCLING** If you do not have access to curbside recycling, the Centre County Solid Waste Authority has over 100 recycling drop-off sites located throughout Centre County. These drop-offs are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Most locations are equipped with compartmentalized containers handling six categories of materials.

- Newspaper and Phonebooks
- Clear Glass
- Brown Glass
- Steel and Aluminum Cans
- Green Glass
- Plastic Bottles

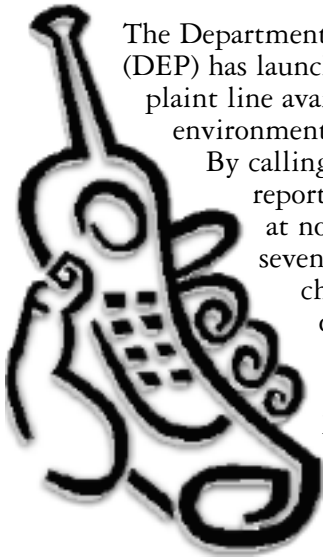
Once you have mastered recycling in Centre County, go the extra step. Below are some steps for the advanced recyclers.

- Recycle plastic bags at the supermarket.
- Compost your yard waste at home or call your municipal office about collection.
- Reduce your use of hazardous products.
- Don't just recycle...reduce, reuse, and buy recycled, too.

**PLEASE FOLLOW THE "CURBSIDE GUIDE FOR RECYCLING" FOR THE PREPARATION OF YOUR RECYCLABLES. FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF LOCAL DROP-OFF SITES, CHECKOUT OUR WEBSITE, [www.centrecountyrecycles.com](http://www.centrecountyrecycles.com) or contact us at (814) 238-7005.**

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## PA Offers Toll-Free Line for Reporting Environmental Problems



The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has launched a new toll-free citizen complaint line available for Pennsylvanians to report environmental problems in their community.

By calling 1-866-255-5158, citizens can report any environmental complaint at no cost. When calling the number, seven choices are offered. The first six choices represent DEP's six regional offices and the counties covered by each respective region. The seventh connects callers to a personal operator who can help direct the call.

DEP does respond to anonymous complaints, but encourages citizens to provide as much information as possible about the situation so agency staff can do a more thorough job investigating the complaint. All complaints remain confidential and are not disclosed by the agency.

Complaints also can be made through the DEP Web site at [www.dep.state.pa.us](http://www.dep.state.pa.us). Click on "Can We Help?" and choose, "Report an Environmental Problem." Urgent environmental problems like dumping or spills should be reported immediately to DEP by telephone to the nearest regional office or by calling 1-800-541-2050.

## PROP RECEIVES OUTSTANDING RECYCLING ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR

The Professional Recyclers of Pennsylvania (PROP), headquartered in Bellwood, Blair County, received the inaugural Outstanding Recycling Organization of the Year award from the National Recycling Coalition (NRC) August 30th. The award was presented during NRC's annual recycling congress in San Francisco, California.

On hand in San Francisco to receive the award was John Frederick, Executive Director of PROP, and Centre County's Recycling Coordinator, Joanne Shafer. Ms. Shafer currently serves as the Chair of the State-Wide Professional Certification Committee and is the immediate past chair of the NRC's Recycling Organization Council.

PROP is Pennsylvania's association of public and private sector recycling, composting and solid waste professionals. It represents over 450 members statewide and was incorporated in 1991. The organization employs six full time staff members at its office in Blair County and is governed by a 19-member board of directors elected by its membership.

PROP was singled out for its efforts in advancing Pennsylvania's recycling and composting industries. The organization uses a combination of education, legislative advocacy and outreach to promote recycling and composting in the Commonwealth.

"We are truly honored to receive this award," PROP President Chuck Raudenbush, said. "Our membership, our board and our staff are to be commended for making PROP a leader in the recycling world." In his acceptance speech, Executive Director John Frederick echoed Raudenbush's sentiments. "This award is truly one for the entire organization. We would not be receiving this award if it weren't for the work of our incredible staff, our visionary board of directors, our hard working committees and our dedicated members."



NRC President Ben Walker, PROP Executive Director John Frederick, Centre County Recycling Coordinator and PROP Board Member Joanne Shafer, and NRC Board Member Christine McCoy.

Working closely with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and Penn State Altoona, PROP offers a recycling professional certification program.

This program is designed to advance professionalism within the recycling industry by providing training on a variety of topics across the state. The program currently has an enrollment of 700; over 100 professionals have achieved designation as a Certified Recycling Professional. The certification programs first web based certification course is now online.

In addition to its award winning certification program, the organization also publishes a bi-annual magazine, *The Pennsylvania Recycler*, and holds an annual training conference that attracts over 200 recycling and composting professionals. PROP's 15th annual conference will be held in State College Pennsylvania at the Penn Stater Hotel and Conference Center, July 27-29, 2005.

Please check the Calendar  
to find how the holidays  
affect your recycling!

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS!

### October 20, 2004

*Data Management Workshop  
Recycling Professional Certification  
Course  
State College*

Sponsored by the PA DEP and The Professional Recyclers of Pennsylvania (PROP) Call the PROP office at (814) 742-7777 for details.

### October 23, 2004

*Penn State vs. Iowa  
Homecoming  
Beaver Stadium*

Look for recycling bins near Beaver Stadium and throughout the stadium's parking lots.

### October 27, 2004

*Centre County Solid Waste Authority  
Board Meeting  
5pm*

Dale Summit Transfer Station Office  
253 Transfer Rd

### November 6, 2004

*Penn State vs. Northwestern  
Beaver Stadium*

Look for recycling bins near Beaver Stadium and throughout the stadium's parking lots.

### November 9, 2004

*Administration & Office Management  
Slippery Rock University  
Recycling Professional Certification  
Course*

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### November 9, 2004

*Human Resource Management  
Slippery Rock University  
Recycling Professional Certification  
Course*

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### November 15, 2004

*America Recycles Day  
Celebrate Recycling*

For America Recycles Day make a commitment to step up your recycling efforts. Enter the America Recycles Day Contest. Just by making the pledge to recycle, gives you the chance to win some wonderful prizes. For more information log on to [www.americarecyclesday.org](http://www.americarecyclesday.org).

### November 18-19, 2004

*Manufactured Soils Conference  
Theme "Tools For The Trade"*

Sponsored by the Penn State Cooperative Extension and The Professional Recyclers of Pennsylvania (PROP) Call the PROP office at (814) 742-7777 for details.

### November 17, 2004

*Centre County Solid Waste Authority  
Board Meeting  
5pm*

Dale Summit Transfer Station Office  
253 Transfer Rd

### November 20, 2004

*Penn State vs. Michigan State  
Beaver Stadium*

Look for recycling bins near Beaver Stadium and throughout the stadium's parking lots.

### November 25, 2004

*Thanksgiving Day*

Centre County Solid Waste Authority  
Closed

Residential recycling in State College and Bellefonte boroughs normally collected on Thursday will be collected on Wednesday, November 24, 2004. Residential recycling in the Centre Region, Townships of College, Harris, Ferguson and Patton, will be pushed back one day from Thursday on, for the rest of the week (recycling normally collected on Thursday will be collected on Friday, and so on through the week).

### November 29, 2004

*First Day of Deer Season*

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Closed

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### December 7, 2004

*Computer & Internet  
Recycling Professional Certification  
Course.*

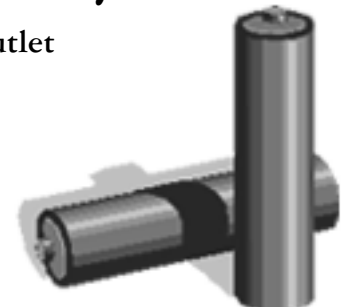
*Penn State Altoona  
Recycling Professional Certification Course.*

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## Lowe's and Rechargeable Battery Group Team Up to Recycle Batteries

Centre County Residents now have another outlet  
for their spent rechargeable batteries.

Lowe's Companies, Inc. and the Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation (RBRC) are teaming up to provide rechargeable battery recycling services at Lowe's stores throughout the United States.



Look for the RBRC's drop-off boxes at your local Lowe's store located at 249 Lowes Blvd. in State College.

# Guide to Curbside Recycling



<b>GLASS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• rinse</li> <li>• remove lids, discard</li> <li>• labels may remain</li> </ul>	<b>YES</b>	Clear, green and brown bottles and jars
	<b>NO</b>	Drinking glasses, window glass, ceramics, light bulbs, dishes, mirrors
<b>CANS &amp; FOIL</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• rinse</li> <li>• remove lids, place inside can</li> <li>• label may remain</li> </ul>	<b>YES</b>	Aluminum, steel and tin food and beverage cans, EMPTY aerosol cans, EMPTY paint cans, TV dinner trays, disposable pie pans, aluminum foil
	<b>NO</b>	Scrap metals, pots, pans, siding, chair legs
<b>PLASTICS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• rinse</li> <li>• remove caps</li> <li>• flatten</li> </ul>	<b>YES</b>	Narrow-neck plastic bottles only. It can only be recycled if the bottle has a neck & screw top. (Ex. milk jugs, soda bottles, shampoo, etc.)
	<b>NO</b>	Cottage cheese, margarine or yogurt containers, plastic cups, toys
<b>NEWSPAPERS PHONE BOOKS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• stack in a paper grocery bag or tie with string</li> </ul>	<b>YES</b>	Clean, dry newspaper, including inserts, phone books
	<b>NO</b>	Wet or yellowed newspaper, cereal boxes; do not mix with magazines or office paper
<b>MAGAZINES CATALOGS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• bundle securely with string or twine</li> </ul>	<b>YES</b>	Magazines, catalogs, glossy paper
	<b>NO</b>	Books of any kind; do not mix with newspapers or office paper
<b>MIXED OFFICE PAPER</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• place in a separate paper bag, remove paperclips and tape</li> </ul>	<b>YES</b>	Lined and unlined papers: writing, colored bond, typing or copy, computer paper and envelopes.
	<b>NO</b>	Keep separate from newspapers and magazines
	<b>NO</b>	Blueprints
<b>CORRUGATED CARDBOARD</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• break down boxes</li> <li>• place in a separate paper bag or bundle</li> </ul>	<b>YES</b>	Clean, dry, corrugated cardboard
	<b>NO</b>	Cereal boxes, waxed, oily or wet cardboard, plastic inserts, pizza boxes or Styrofoam® peanuts

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Remember: If It Is Not Properly Prepared, *It Is Still Trash!*

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