

# RECYCLES

## Centre County



Centre County Solid Waste Authority  
253 Transfer Rd.  
Bellefonte, PA 16823  
(814) 238-7005

Transfer Station Hours  
*Mon. thru Sat. 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.*

Recycling Hours  
*Mon. thru Fri. 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.*

Recycling & Illegal Dumping  
Hotline  
(800) 605-6649

[www.centrecountyrecycles.com](http://www.centrecountyrecycles.com)

## Household Mercury

In our 2005 fall newsletter, we published information about our partnership with the PA Department of Environmental Protection allowing residents to recycle their household mercury. Since then, we have collected quite a few mercury thermometers and thermostats/switches. Our office has also received inquiries about the program. We have taken a few of the more popular questions and provided the answers below.

### **How do I recycle my mercury fever thermometers and thermostats/switches?**

Please bring your mercury thermometers and thermostat/switches to the Centre County Solid Waste Authority's main office located on Transfer Road in College Township during normal business hours.

### **How can I tell if my thermometer contains mercury?**

Mercury is silver-gray in color. If your thermometer is filled with a red liquid, it contains red-dyed alcohol or mineral spirits. The Authority is only taking thermometers containing mercury, a silver-white to gray substance.

### **Does your program accept mercury containing light bulbs?**

No. We do not accept mercury light bulbs. However, you can contact The Hite Company at (814) 237-7649 or Whitehill Lighting & Supplies, Inc. at (814) 238-2449 to dispose of your mercury containing light bulbs.

### **Other mercury?**

The Authority's program only can accept mercury in thermometers and thermostats/switches. If you possess mercury in vials (elemental mercury), please contact the PA Department of Environmental Protection at (570) 327-3646.

For more information about this program, please call the Authority at (814) 238-7005.



# News

## Recycle Camp

On July 18-20, 2006, the Authority will hold a Recycle Camp for children ages 5-10 at the Authority's facility on Transfer Road in College Township. Recycle Camp helps children understand the importance of recycling and proper waste management through educational activities and crafts. This camp is free for all participants.

While at our camp, children will be taken on a tour of the Authority's facility. On the tour, children will see what happens to their trash and recycling after they leave their home. Participants will learn about landfills from our interactive EnviroScape landfill model. Educational videos and crafts using everyday household items will round out the camp experience.

If you are interested in having your child attend Recycle Camp, please contact our Education Coordinator, Helena Jones at (814) 238-7005. Space is limited. So please call soon.

## CHEMSWEEP

The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture (PDA) placed Centre County on its list of collection sites for their CHEMSWEEP program in 2006. The CHEMSWEEP program provides Pennsylvania residents the opportunity to dispose of canceled, suspended or unwanted pesticides.

In Centre County, growers of any agricultural products are eligible for the program, including mushroom growers, nurseries, greenhouses, Christmas tree growers, and farmers of all types. Also, commercial pesticide businesses and retired farmers are encouraged to participate.

Participation is free for the first 2,000 pounds of pesticides. The participant will be responsible for the cost of disposal for any materials exceeding the 2,000 pound limit and will receive a bill from the PDA's contractor.

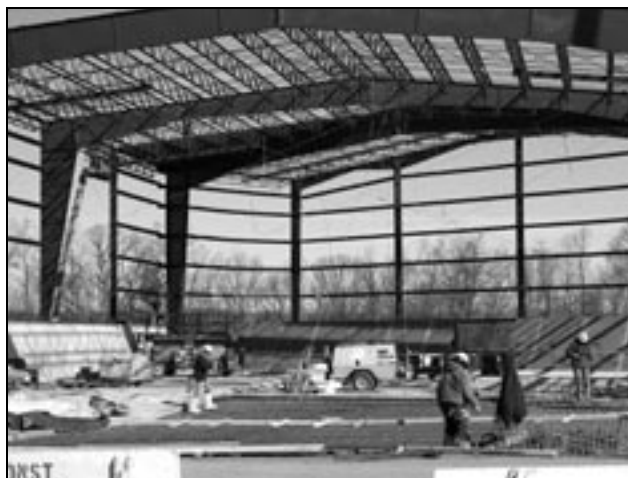
For more information about the CHEMSWEEP program, please contact the PDA Region 5 office at (814) 946-7315.

## Construction Delays Special Collection

We are currently under construction and are unable to set a date for this year's electronics' collection. Please watch the *Centre Daily Times* for any advertising regarding the next electronics collection at the Centre County Solid Waste Authority. Also please check our website ([www.centrecoun-](http://www.centrecoun-)

tyrecycles) for updates regarding this year's collection.

In the meantime, if you have computer equipment you would like to recycle and cannot wait until our construction is completed, please call Reclamere in Tyrone at (814) 684-5505.



## AAUW Used Book Sale

The State College Branch of the American Association of University Women is holding its Annual Used Book Sale Friday, May 12-15, 2006 at the Agricultural Arena across from Beaver Stadium on Park Avenue. Thousands of books have been collected from drop off bins located at Sparks Street since last year's sale and are ready to find new readers. Sorted into more than 25 categories, the books are displayed on over 250 tables. All titles are available from the beginning of the sale.



Last year, more than 10,000 people found bargains during their four-day sale. Past sales have attracted customers from as far away as Maine, Georgia, Iowa, Maryland, New York and Ohio, making State College's AAUW sale one of the largest on the East Coast.

For information on the AAUW visit their website at [www.aauwstatecollege.org](http://www.aauwstatecollege.org). The AAUW is a past winner of a PA Waste Watcher Award.

A single person throws away 4.5 pounds of garbage daily.

# Calendar

## Centre County Solid Waste Authority Board Meetings

**May 24, 2006**

4 p.m.

Dale Summit Transfer Station Office  
253 Transfer Rd

**June 28, 2006**

4 p.m.

Dale Summit Transfer Station Office  
253 Transfer Rd

**July 26, 2006**

4 p.m.

Dale Summit Transfer Station Office  
253 Transfer Rd

## Professional Recyclers of Pennsylvania (PROP) Events and Certification Classes

Certification classes are sponsored by the PA Department of Environmental Protection and PROP.

Please call the PROP office at (814) 742-7777 for details.

**May 17, 2006**

Special Collections II  
Lancaster County SWMA

**June 7, 2006**

Communicating the Benefits of Recycling  
Villanova University

**June 21, 2006**

Administration & Office Management  
Villanova University

**June 21, 2006**

Human Resource Management  
Villanova University

**June 28-29, 2006**

Composting: The Practical Science  
Altoona Conference Center

**July 12, 2006**

Professional Certification Exam  
Centre County SWA

## Holidays

**May 29, 2006**

**Memorial Day**

Transfer Station  
Closed

Residential recycling in State College and Bellefonte Boroughs normally collected on

Monday will be collected on Wednesday, May 31, 2006.

Townships of College, Harris, Ferguson and Patton will be pushed back one day from Monday on, for the rest of the week (recycling normally collected on Monday will be collected on Tuesday, and so on throughout the week).



## Community

**May 12-15, 2006**

**AAUW Used Book Sale**

Like to read and appreciate great bargains? Visit the Agricultural Arena for this year's Used Book Sale. Help keep thousands of books out of the trash.

**May 15-19, 2006**

**Semi-Annual Bulk Waste Collection**

College, Ferguson, Harris and Patton Townships

For more information, contact the Centre Region Council of Govern-

ments at (814) 234-7198 or visit their website ([www.crcog.net](http://www.crcog.net)).

## Illegal Dumping Program

Enforcing Centre County's Illegal Dumping Ordinance is a full-time job. Just ask Merle Wertz, Centre County Solid Waste Authority's Enforcement Officer. He can be found on any given day reviewing license applications, monitoring illegal dumpsites, cleaning up dumpsites, investigating complaints, and catching and prosecuting individuals violating the ordinance.

"We had a successful 2005 with the Authority's Illegal Dumping Program," said Merle. In 2005 Merle filed 32 citations, which resulted in over \$5,000 in fines. Also 36 tons of trash were removed from 20 dumpsites now restored to their natural beauty. "I just want to thank everyone who called our office to report illegal dumping. Illegal dumping not only affects the environment. It affects us all. Again thank you for your continued support with this program," Merle added.

Please report illegal dumping activity. If you see someone dumping waste, please call our office at (800) 605-6649.

Centre County residents recycled over 130,000 tons of materials in 2005.

# Guide to Curbside Recycling



Centre County Solid Waste Authority

<b>Glass</b> • rinse • remove lids, discard • labels may remain	YES	Clear, green and brown bottles and jars
	NO	Drinking glasses, window glass, ceramics, light bulbs, dishes, mirrors
<b>Cans &amp; Foil</b> • rinse • remove lids, place inside can • labels may remain	YES	Aluminum, steel and tin food and beverage cans, EMPTY aerosol cans, EMPTY paint cans, TV dinner trays, disposable pie pans, aluminum foil
	NO	Scrap metal, pots/pans, siding, chair legs
<b>Plastics</b> • rinse • remove caps • flatten	YES	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.)
	NO	Cottage cheese, margarine, or yogurt containers, plastic cups, toys
<b>Newspapers &amp; Phone Books</b> • stack in a paper grocery bag or tie with string	YES	Clean, dry newspaper, including inserts, phone books
	NO	Wet or yellowed newspaper, cereal boxes; do not mix with magazines or office paper
<b>Magazines &amp; Catalogs</b> • bundle securely with string or twine	YES	Magazines, catalogs, glossy paper
	NO	Books of any kind; do not mix with newspaper or office paper
<b>Mixed Office Paper</b> • place in a separate paper bag, remove paperclips and tape	YES	Lined and unlined paper: writing, colored bond, typing or copy, computer paper and envelopes
	YES	Keep separate from newspapers and magazines
	NO	Blueprints
<b>Corrugated Cardboard</b> • break down boxes • place in a separate paper bag or bundle	YES	Clean, dry, corrugated cardboard
	NO	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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