



Hilltown Township

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HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP **SOLID WASTE, RECYCLING AND LEAF &** **YARD WASTE POLICY**

Why Recycle?

First, it's the LAW.

In 1998, Pennsylvania passed Act 101, Recycling and Waste Reduction Act. This is the act that got Pennsylvania Recycling!

The Act requires recycling programs for municipalities with a population of 10,000 or more, or for municipalities with a population of between 5,000 and 10,000 people and a density of 300 people per square mile.

Non-residential establishments are required to recycle. Non-residential is defined as commercial, municipal, or institutional. Included in this are apartment buildings with four or more units.

There are also several appealing reasons to recycle. Why send something to a landfill if it can be reused? Recycling saves money and resources. Reducing trash lowers disposal costs. There are also companies that buy recyclable material, which helps offset the cost of compliance.

Who Must Recycle?

Residential, commercial, municipal and institutional establishments such as schools nursing and assisted living facilities, rehabilitation centers and hospitals and churches are required to create and operate recycling programs. This includes owners of apartment buildings with four or more units.

What Must be Recycled?

The law requires the following items be recycled:

- Corrugated paper
- Newsprint
- Aluminum
- Leaf waste including leaves, shrubbery, Christmas trees, tree trimmings and similar vegetative materials.

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Materials should be stored separately until picked up. Residents and Businesses are required to handle and arrange their own waste and recycling collection (See Hilltown Township Ordinance 2010-04).

Trash & Yard Waste

Hilltown Township Ordinance 2010-04 requires that all residents and commercial businesses contract with a private hauler for trash and yard waste collection. The Public Works Department will continue its annual program of collecting leaves at designated times throughout the year and residents may utilize a drop-off area located at the municipal building during business hours Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Recycling

Hilltown Township requires that all residents and commercial businesses participate in the recycling program as defined in Ordinance 2010-04. Recyclable materials are to be collected by your individual trash haulers. Recycling containers should be provided by the hauler; if not, containers are available at the municipal building

Open Burning

Hilltown Township prohibits the burning of leaf and yard waste. Exceptions to burning requirements are: (1) for cooking purposes, (2) recreational uses or (3) ceremonial purposes. Please see Hilltown Township Ordinance 2010-05 for more information.

Littering

Don't be a litter bug!

It shall be unlawful for any person to store, dump, discard or deposit, or to permit the storage, dumping, discarding or depositing of any municipal waste and/or recyclables upon the surface of the ground or underground within the Township, except in proper containers for purposes of storage or collection, and except where the waste or recyclables are of such size or shape as not to permit their being placed in such containers. It shall be unlawful for any person to dump or deposit any municipal waste and/or recyclables in any stream, body of water or on any public right-of-way within the Township.