

HARD-TO-RECYCLE ITEMS

Snyder County Solid Waste Management Authority

ELECTRONICS:

Since 2013, Pennsylvania law has impacted how you can manage certain electronic devices. Under Act 108, electronics devices including televisions, computer monitors, computer peripherals (anything connected to a computer) can no longer be disposed of in a landfill. The new law requires residents to manage these devices by recycling them.

- **Best Buy** in Selinsgrove accepts many items. No cost. They don't take TVs or monitors. Call 570-372-2639. Limit of 3 items per visit.
- **Salvation Army** in Sunbury (570-286-2552) accepts most electronics in working order but not TVs.
- If you have gently used computers, monitors, keyboards, and cables, consider donating them to **MeGive** (570-524-6894) in Lewisburg. They redeploy computers and other tech gear to families, businesses, and non-profits in central Pennsylvania who are in need.
- **HandUp Foundation** in Milton (570-742-3000) takes most electronics. They charge .50/lb. for anything with a cathode ray tube (CRT) in it, \$15 for flat-screen TVs up to 25", \$30 for flat-screen TVs over 25", and \$3-5 for various other items.

REFRIGERATION DEVICES:

- Refrigerators, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, and freezers can be taken to HandUp Foundation (570-742-3000) in Milton for a small fee.

CONFIDENTIAL PAPER SHREDDING:

- Selinsgrove Center can shred your confidential office paper. Their recycling center is open most weekdays and located on State School Road. If you would like to witness the destruction of your papers please call 570-372 5656 to make sure they are shredding paper that day. They also accept corrugated cardboard, office paper, newspaper and aluminum cans.

LIGHTBULBS:

- Spiral Bulbs are recyclable at Lowe's Home Improvement Warehouse of Selinsgrove.
- For a fee Dauphin Electric in Lewisburg (570-523-3232) will recycle fluorescent tubes.
- Check with the retailer where you purchased the bulb to see if they have a recycling program.
- Mailing options are available for larger quantities of bulbs.

MERCURY:

- PADEP will collect mercury for recycling from private individuals, local school districts and non-profit organizations. If you fall under one of these categories call PADEP at 570-327-3636 to arrange for a pickup of your mercury containing device. If you have a thermostat you should contact Thermostat Recycling Corporation (TRC) <http://www.thermostat-recycle.org> to arrange for recycling of your thermostat.

PAINT:

- Latex paint can be made solid and put in the regular trash. Either leave the lid off (well ventilated area) the can until it is dried or add a clay based kitty litter or other paint additive. When the latex paint is solid remove the lid and put in your regular trash. For directions on disposing of oil based paints call the office at 570-374-6889 x115.

PLANT POTS & TRAYS:

- Lowe's Garden Centers accepts plastic nursery plant trays, pots, and tags.

PLASTIC BAGS:

- Plastic bags are recyclable at many retail stores like Weis, Giant, Wal-Mart, and Target.
- Weis Markets will also accept additional plastic bags, films and plastic wraps (i.e. the plastic from paper towel rolls, cases of water and produce bags). Check with the store where you recycle your bags to see if they accept the additional types of plastic bags and wrappers. All plastic must be clean, dry and free from all contaminants. If in doubt, put your bags or plastic wrap in the trash.

PRESCRIPTION MEDICINE: Unwanted prescription medicine and over the counter medicine can be disposed of at the following locations:

- Middleburg Police Department 570-837-0321 M-F 8-4
- Selinsgrove Police Department 570-374-8655 M-F 8-4
- Shamokin Dam Police Department – 570-743-2671 Mon-Tues-Thur-Fri 9-2:30
- Snyder County Sheriff's Office 570-837-3311 M-F 8-4; Tues & Thurs 7pm-9pm.
- There are a few restrictions. No ointments; No needles or sharps; No aerosols; Check with site with regard to liquids. **NEVER LEAVE MEDICINES OUTSIDE THE SECURE COLLECTION CONTAINER!**

We all want to keep unwanted prescription medicine out of the hands of those who would misuse them. Proper disposal is also a way to keep these medicines from polluting our streams and waterways.

RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES:

- Rechargeable batteries can be recycled at Lowes, Target, Coles, Staples, and Best Buy.

STYROFOAM:

- HandUp Foundation in Milton (570-742-3000) now takes polystyrene.
- #6 Polystyrene is accepted at the Dauphin County Recycling Center at 1620 S. 19th Street, HBG 17104 (717-982-6772).
- Shipping peanuts – Take to a shipping store (i.e. Ship Zone) or check with your local post office to find someone who eBays.

TIRES: Check with your local garage or drop at Mahantango Enterprises (717-444-3788). Mahantango accepts tires from residents for a fee.

USED MOTOR OIL:

- Used motor oil is accepted by many area garages. The oil is either collected for recycling by a waste oil recycler or used in a waste oil burner. Please do not mix your motor oil with anything else. Use a bottle or jug (juice container or laundry detergent jug) that can be sealed to prevent a spill during transport.

YARD WASTE:

- Monroe Township residents can use Hawks Landscaping
- Penn Township has a yard waste / composting site at the end of Gaugler Lane. Penn Township's site is open to all residents as long as the site is not used as a dumping ground for unacceptable items. The site is open from dawn to dusk 7 days a week.
- Shaffer Landscapes in Middleburg also accepts yard waste from area residents.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS: Strings of Christmas lights are recyclable at some scrap yards.

WEBSITES:

- www.lowes.com and look for the "Recycling Center Locator" link. Also www.snydercounty.org.

Opportunities and markets are changing. Please let us know if a new program becomes available and should be listed here. Also please let us know if a program has changed and needs to be removed from this list.

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