### Why Recycle?

Recycling an item means it does not go to the landfill. Instead that item is used to make something new. This gives the item a new life!



Pennsylvania has a recycling law,
Act 101, which mandates
municipalities with a population
of 5,000 or more people to have
a recycling program for their
residents.



Recycling creates jobs! 66,041 jobs here in Pennsylvania are related to the recycling and reuse industry.



### The Lackawanna County Environmental Office provides assistance with:

- Establishing recycling programs
- Waste reduction techniques
- Municipal reports and grants

#### Presentations are offered on:

- Recycling
- Environmental shopping
- Waste reduction
- Water pollution
- Water conservation



#### Please contact us at:







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# A Guide to the Basics of Recycling





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## ELECTRONICS RECYCLING IN PENNSYLVANIA



### COVERED DEVICE RECYCLING ACT (ACT 108)

- Covered devices such as TV's, computers, computer, monitors, and peripherals (keyboard,mouse,and other computer accessories) cannot be thrown out in Pennsylvania. They MUST be recycled.
- Even though you have to recycle electronics, there are few places to recycle electronics in Lackawanna County. As of today, there are no businesses that recycle TVs.
- Please contact your State Representative today and ask them to fix the issues with ACT 108!

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION ON HARD TO RECYCLE ITEMS!

### WHAT CAN NOT BE RECYCLED?



- Straws
- Food containers (ex. yogurt or butter)
- Takeout containers
- Food wrappers
- Styrofoam
- Paper or plastic dishes, cups, and utensils
- Plastic wrap
- · Napkins and paper towels
- Toys
- Windows

### Helpful Tips:

- Give bottles and jars a quick rinse before placing them in the recycling!
- Flatten boxes to increase space in your paper recycling bin
- Contact your town for specifics on their recycling program



### WHAT CAN BE RECYCLED?

#### Glass

Bottles and jars ONLY
Please do not place
broken glass in the bin



### Metal Cans Aluminum and Steel

<u>Paper</u>

Newspaper, Office paper, junk mail and magazines

#### Cardboard

Heavy shipping boxes, cereal boxes (inside liner removed), and paper towel rolls

### <u>Yardwaste</u>

Leaves, brush, and grass
Brush cut down to 4 feet or smaller
lengths and no bigger than a
2-inch diameter