

## **Towamencin Township Recycling Guidelines**

Per Ordinance 90-09 as amended by Ordinance 10-04, each person or entity, unless exempted under §4.C of this article, who or which generates municipal waste and/or designated recyclable materials shall have such waste and recyclable materials collected by a municipal waste collector who is legally operating within the Township/Borough, and such collection shall be no less frequent than one time per week.

Towamencin Township residents must make arrangements for recycling with the hauler of their choice.

Though each hauler has its own instructions explain what materials to recycle and how to sort them, the hauler you select should collect aluminum, steel, and bimetal cans, glass, number 1 and 2 plastics, newspapers and magazines. Haulers may pick other materials in addition to these. Please contact your hauler with any questions about recycling materials, material sorting, and collection schedules.

### Local Recycling Haulers

This list is meant as a guide for residents and may not include all haulers that operate in the Township. Several of the haulers listed also provide commercial recycling collection.

Allied Waste – 215-723-0400

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

Ches-Mont Disposal – 610-584-5450/1-800-710-1333

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

G&C Waste Services – 610-313-9710

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

Waste Management – 1-800-869-5566

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

## **Leaf Collection Dates and Guidelines**

Your contracted waste hauler is required to provide leaf collection service. Leaves must be placed in biodegradable bags, which are available at grocery and hardware stores. Plastic bags are not permitted. Residents may put out up to 10 bags per collection. Pennsylvania law prohibits placing leaves in the trash.

Haulers may determine their own leaf pick-up dates and must inform their customers of the dates. There should be one collection in late October, one in November and one in May. Your hauler may bill you for this collection.

During the rest of the year, you may compost your yard waste.

## **More Resources**

The Northern Montgomery County Recycling Committee publishes a recycling guide with general information for all of its member municipalities. For more information regarding recycling [click here](#).

Not all recyclable materials are collected in curbside recycling. If you want to recycle additional materials, you can find a convenient drop-off by typing the material and your location into the drop-off locator attached [here](#).

## **Unusual Materials and Special Recycling Events**

### **Montgomery County Household Hazardous Waste Collection**

Montgomery County offers several Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection events each year. Each event is at a different location, but county residents may bring materials to any of the locations.

HHW is defined as "household products containing toxic chemicals." These products usually have labels saying "Warning" or "Caution" and may also be identified as poisonous, toxic, flammable, corrosive, reactive, or explosive.

Montgomery County's HHW collection events will accept the following materials:

- **Automotive products** including car batteries, motor oil, transmission fluid, brake fluid, antifreeze, kerosene, and gasoline.
- **Pesticides and herbicides.**
- **Household products** including drain and oven cleaners, spot remover, dry cleaning fluid, and rug cleaners.
- **Paint products** including paint thinner or turpentine, paint remover, oil based paint, furniture stripper, and refinisher. **Latex paint is not hazardous** and should be allowed to dry completely, then disposed of in regular trash.
- **Electronics** including computers, computer equipment, and small televisions.
- **Miscellaneous products** including dyes, lighter fluids, concrete or asphalt sealers, and swimming pool chemicals.
- The following items will **not** be accepted: latex paint, explosives, ordinance material, infectious biologically-active wastes, large pressured cylinders, radioactive material, household batteries, and tires.

Please note that amounts are limited to 220 pounds per vehicle, in containers of no more than 5 gallons each. Materials are taken on a first-come, first-served basis.

To safely transport HHW, follow these guidelines:

- Keep all products in original containers with the labels intact.
- Wrap leaking containers in newspaper and place in plastic bag or garbage container making sure that all lids and caps are secure.
- Place items securely in a box for transport.
- Keep chemicals which may react with one another in separate parts of the vehicle.
- Do not leave materials in hot, unventilated areas for long periods of time.
- Do not smoke near chemicals.

For more information, visit the Waste System Authority of Eastern Montgomery County's [Home Hazardous Waste page](#) or call the Recycling Hotline at 610-278-3618.