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2015 Fall/Winter

No Longer Recycling Glass Bottles Starting in the New Year

After much deliberation, the Clinton County Solid Waste Authority will no longer be collecting or accepting glass bottles for recycling starting January 1, 2016. Glass bottle recycling has been a part of our recycling program since the early 1990s, but as a result of continuing negative economics, high contamination rates, operational hardships, and limited markets we will no longer subsidize recycling of this commodity.

Overall, recycling is a commodity business where the recyclables are sold to be reprocessed into new products that run the gamut from roadways to bottles and cans to fiberglass and apparel. Prices for recyclables are so low today that it is tough to cover capital expenses and operating costs associated with recycling. As any business, recycling programs need to operate in a cost-effective and environmentally sound manner. The dramatic swings in global commodity pricing and other economic factors have affected recycling businesses nationwide and are forcing managers to make difficult decisions regarding the materials collected and recycled by their programs.

Overall it is typically more expensive for municipalities to recycle glass bottles than it is to send the material to a landfill. For example, recycled glass bottles have been approved as an alternative to using raw materials for manufactured sand. The cost for utilizing glass in this application is typically 3 times higher than purchasing sand, with the same characteristics, from the local quarry. If a contractor has the option on which material to use, nine times out of ten the price will be the deciding factor.

As we strive to make our recycling program sustainable we will continue to make the difficult decisions such as the elimination of glass bottle recycling. Please look for additional information during the upcoming weeks regarding this change to our recycling program.

2015 John B. Hoy Jr. Memorial Scholarship Recipient

Each year the Authority provides a \$1,000 scholarship to a fulltime high school senior or college freshman student residing in Clinton County.

This year's scholarship recipient, Madison Bitner, is being congratulated by the Board of Directors' Chairperson James Maguire and General Manager Jay Alexander. Madison is enrolled at Lock Haven University in the Health Sciences major with a concentration in Pre-Physician Assistant. Madison stated, "In my eyes, becoming a physician assistant is the perfect way to show gratitude for the opportunities that our society has bestowed on me."



Congratulations to Madison Bitner!

Dear Clinton County Residents,

As the last few months of 2015 come around, so does work on budgets, projections in costs and income, potential new customers and how to retain and help our current customers be successful and minimize costs.

A short update on the status of the Clinton County Solid Waste Authority is as follows; we have 59 full time and 8 part time employees, we have 12 million cubic yards of airspace (area above the liner system for waste) permitted and about 1.5 million cubic yards constructed and in use. We often get asked how long will the landfill last? At this point and based on continually reviewing information, we believe our landfill has over 40 years of disposal capacity. We have a successful CNG fueling station that is selling about 20,000 GGE's (gasoline gallon equivalents) per month.

The recycling industry is facing some challenges that will and are creating changes in services and fees. Reality is starting to become more of a focus in this industry as market prices continue to decline across the board. In years past some commodities would drop and others would help sustain the ones that were down. That has not been the case the past several years. Rest assured the Authority will continue to provide one of the best recycling operations in rural PA. We will continue to evolve and find better ways to offer cost effective services that make it easy for you to recycle. The ending of glass recycling is unique in the fact that it has never covered its costs and new markets cannot be competitive with raw materials.

We look forward to serving you in 2016. I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Jay Alexander Jay Alexander General Manager



Do You Have A Recycling Question?

A new column will be started in our next newsletter. The article will address recycling questions submitted by our readers. **THAT'S YOU!!!** Please submit your questions to <u>lisa@waynetwplandfill.com</u> or mail your questions to WTL Attention: Recycling Question PO Box 209, McElhattan, PA 17748. Please include your name and phone number with your question. If your question is featured in a newsletter, you will receive a prize.

Curbside Recycling Application

Have you considered the convenience of curbside recycling? The Authority will stop by your home every two (2) weeks and pick up your recyclables for a nominal annual fee of \$42 (\$3.50 per month). The materials we collect include: aluminum & tin cans, newspaper, magazines, junk mail, paperboard and plastic containers (< 1 gallon in size). (The Authority is under contract with the City of Lock Haven to provide this service to city residents. If you live in the City, please continue to put your recyclables out on your curbside on the regularly scheduled dates. If you need a collection box, call City Hall at 570-893-5900.)

| Name: | e: | | Phone: | | |
|-----------------|-------|--------|--------|--|--|
| Street Address: | | | | | |
| PO Box: | City: | State: | Zip: | | |

Please Place an "X" in the Collection Zone you are located:

| Zone 4 – Flemington/Beech | Zone 5 - Mill Hall/Loganton/ | Zone 6 - Avis | Zone 8—Dunnstown |
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| Creek (Thursday) | Rauchtown (Monday) | (Thursday) | (Wednesday) |
| Zone 9—Castanea/ McElhattan (Monday) | Zone 11—Renovo & Surrounding areas (Friday) | | |

Electronic Device Recycling Program

WTL provides county residents with free and convenient recycling access of covered electronics. However, some items that are being dropped off at the Recycling Building are not considered recyclables. Items, such as A/C units, dehumidifiers and microwaves, need to be taken to the landfill for proper management.

The following material are accepted for recycling:

- Computer Systems CPU/Monitors/Keyboards/ Mouse/Scanners/Routers/Modems/Laptops/Tablets
- Televisions LCD, LED, plasma, flat screen, etc.
- Printers -desktop, inkjet and laser printers
- ♦ VCR/DVD/Blu-Ray Players/MP3 Players
- ♦ Stereos/Radios/CD Players
- ♦ Digital Cameras/Camcorders
- ♦ Telephones/Cell Phones/Smart Phones/PDA/Pagers
- ♦ All Electronic Cables

Since 2005 over 1000 tons of electronics have recycled through the WTL recycling program!

John B. Hoy, Jr. Memorial Charity Golf Tournament

Each year the Wayne Township Landfill holds the John B. Hoy, Jr. Memorial Charity Golf Tournament, which benefits Clinton County non-profit or charitable organizations. Including this year, the golf tournament has donated over \$120,000 to 30 local charities over the last 15 years.

The Solid Waste Authority's Board of Directors chose the Renovo Library, The Clinton County Women's Center, and the Infant Development Program, Inc. to be the benefactors of this year's golf tournament. Each organization received \$3,650. The success of the golf tournament is the result of numerous sponsors from many businesses.

Your Holiday Recycling Checklist!

- √ Deliver my real Christmas tree free of charge to the landfill.
- √ Place my used holiday cards and wrapping paper (no foil paper) in the junk mail/office paper compartment at a local recycling drop off site or for curbside pick up.

√ Take my corrugated cardboard boxes to a local recycling drop-off site...

Other Important News!!!

- Clean wood waste, stumps, brush & yard waste can be brought to our mulch facility free of charge. This material cannot be painted, stained, treated, or containing metal.
- Starting on January 1, 2016 the cost for using WTL **Self-Dump** will be \$20 for a single load and \$33 for a double or oversize load. The cost to **pick up your recyclables** on a bi-weekly basis will be an annual fee of \$42 (\$3.50 per month).
- Please visit the WTL's website, www.waynetwplandfill.com, for updated information on recycling, the landfill and other events.
- ◆ For more information on the **2016 John B. Hoy Jr. Memorial Scholarship** go to www.waynetwplandfill.com and click on Education.
- Educational Tours for all ages are available by appointment. Please call 570-769-6977 to schedule a tour.
- Clinton County residents with appliances containing Freon can bring them to WTL free of charge.



| Clinton County Municipal Recycling Drop-Off Sites | | | | |
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| CCSWA Recycling Center, McElhattan | A/S/T, NP, PL, CB, OP, JM, MG, PB, MO, B | A, AF, EL | | |
| Bald Eagle Township Building | A/S/T, NP, PL, CB, OP, JM, MG, PB | | | |
| Beech Creek Borough Building | A/S/T, NP, PL, CB, OP, JM, MG, PB | | | |
| Castanea Township Building | A/S/T, NP, PL, CB | | | |
| Chapman Township Building | A/S/T, NP, PL, CB, OP, JM, MG, PB | | | |
| City of Lock Haven | A/S/T, NP, PL, CB, OP, JM, MG, PB | | | |
| Crawford Township Building | A/S/T, NP, PL, CB, OP, JM, MG, PB | | | |
| Colebrook Township Building | A/S/T, NP, PL | | | |
| Greene Township Building | A/S/T, NP, PL, CB, OP, JM, MG, PB | | | |
| Lamar Township Building | A/S/T, NP, PL, CB | | | |
| Leidy Township Building - Crossfork & Tamarack | A/S/T, NP, PL | | | |
| Loganton Borough Building | A/S/T, NP, PL, CB, OP, JM, MG, PB | | | |
| Logan Township Building | A/S/T, NP, PL, CB | | | |
| Mill Hall Borough Building | A/S/T, NP, PL, CB, OP, JM, MG, PB | | | |
| Pine Creek Township - Chatham Run | A/S/T, NP, PL, CB, OP, JM, MG, PB | | | |
| Pine Creek Township - Harrisland | A/S/T, NP, PL, CB, OP, JM, MG, PB | | | |
| Porter Township Community Building | A/S/T, NP, PL, CB, OP, JM, MG, PB | | | |
| Porter Township - Conservation District/Extension | A/S/T, NP, PL, CB, OP, JM, MG, PB | | | |
| Renovo Borough - Erie Ave & 15th Street | A/S/T, NP, PL, CB, OP, JM, MG, PB | | | |
| Swissdale United Methodist Church | A/S/T, NP, PL, CB, OP, JM, MG, PB | | | |
| Wal-Mart - Hogan Boulevard | A/S/T, NP, PL, CB, OP, JM, MG, PB | | | |
| A/S/T - Alum, Steel, Tin Cans NP - Newspaper PL- #1 thru #7 Plastic Containers AF - Antifreeze | MG - Magazines CB - Corrugated Cardboard MO - Motor Oil PB - Paperboard | OP - Office Paper JM - Junk Mail BA - Vehicle Batteries EL - Electronics | | |

Curbside Recycling Notes

Recycling should be placed at the curbside by 7:00 a.m. so it is ready for pick-up on that day.

If your pick-up day falls on a holiday, your recycling will be picked up the next business day.

If you have more recycling than will fit in the curbside bin, mark the additional material "Recycling" so the employees will know it contains recyclables.

Thank you for keeping us organized!

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