

# York County Solid Waste Information

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### York County Solid Waste Authority Offering Free Tire Disposal

**Starting Earth Day (April 22) through May 17, 2019**

To help eliminate illegal dumping of tires and educate the public about proper tire management, the York County Solid Waste Authority (Authority) is offering free tire disposal for residents at the York County Resource Recovery Center. **Pre-registration is required and the program is for York County residents only. Businesses are not eligible to participate.**

Residents must pre-register for the program by calling Mindy Waltemyer at the Authority at (717) 845-1066 between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday, **from April 8 through May 3, 2019. Tire deliveries will be scheduled to occur between April 22 and May 17, 2019.**

Registrants will receive a dashboard placard for a free one-time disposal of up to 10 tires. Tires must be removed from the rim and may not exceed 32" in diameter. Tires may not be excessively dirty or full of water. This program is limited to one placard per household. The York County Resource Recovery Center can only accept a limited number of tires per day and deliveries will be scheduled on a first come, first served basis.

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This program is a result of the Authority's support of Keep York Beautiful and its efforts to prevent and eliminate illegal dumping. Dave Vollero, Authority Executive Director, notes that "Residents can and should place old tires out with their regular garbage. The special tire acceptance program is being held to raise awareness that tires should be properly disposed of as household waste and to help prevent illegal dumping of tires." Tires collected at the curb with regular garbage must be removed from the rim and may not exceed 32" in diameter. Residents should call their waste

hauler for specifics on how many tires can be placed out with each pick-up.

Tom Smith, Executive Director of Keep York Beautiful, points out that "Proper management of old tires eliminates potential breeding grounds for mosquitoes and results in a cleaner and healthier community."

The Authority facilitates responsible solid waste management through an integrated strategy that emphasizes waste reduction, reuse, recycling and resource recovery. The Authority is the owner of the York County Resource Recovery Center in Manchester Township and conducts a year-round free litter disposal program to encourage York County residents, organizations, civic groups, schools, and neighborhoods to clean up litter and illegal dumpsites. Waste collected in clean-up programs can be disposed of free of charge at the York County Resource Recovery Center. Pre-registration is required. For more information about the free litter program, call the Authority at (717) 845-1066.

Keep York Beautiful is an affiliate chapter of Keep America Beautiful and supporter of Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful. Its mission is to empower York County residents to make our communities clean and beautiful. Keep York Beautiful coordinates cleanups across York County and provides education and outreach programming. Residents interested in helping to clean up an illegal dumpsite should call Tom Smith at Keep York Beautiful at (717) 885-7558, or email him at: [tomsmithyorkpa@comcast.net](mailto:tomsmithyorkpa@comcast.net). Keep York Beautiful will assist by providing free gloves, bags and safety vests.

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The York County Solid Waste Authority will again be hosting our annual Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Event. This year the event will be held on Saturday, May 4, 2019 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at 915 Woodland View Drive in York. The event is free for York County residents. Businesses and government entities are not eligible to participate.

New Operating Days/Hours and Change in Acceptable Materials

Coming Soon to York County Solid Waste Authority's Recycling Drop-off Facility

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Beginning Monday, September 10, 2018, The York County Solid Waste Authority's Recycling Drop-off Facility located on Blackthorne Court in Manchester Township will be open Monday through Friday from 8AM to 4PM and Saturday from 8AM to noon. The Recycling Drop-off Facility will be closed on the following holidays: Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Items accepted at the facility will now include

**only**

metal food and beverage cans (including aluminum, steel and bi-metal cans) and corrugated cardboard.

The change is a response to China's ban on contaminated recyclables and a realignment of accepted materials with permit requirements.

The facility is open to York County residents. There is no fee to recycle these materials at the Drop-off Facility. The site is camera-monitored

and will be gated after hours.

Illegal dumping of trash or recyclables is prohibited.

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In York County, the majority of residential households now have access to curbside recycling programs. The Authority's Drop-off Facility is a requirement of Act 101, PA's Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling and Waste Reduction

Act and serves as a supplement to municipal residential curbside recycling programs.

Under Act 101, 18 York County municipalities are mandated to offer curbside recycling to residents.

A total of 63 York County municipalities currently offer curbside recycling either because they are a mandated municipality, or because they passed a municipal ordinance establishing curbside recycling for their residents.

In addition, multiple municipalities offer drop-off recycling for residents either as stand-alone programs, or in conjunction with curbside recycling.

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Municipal solid waste that is not recyclable is managed at the York County Resource Recovery Center, an advanced waste-to-energy process that converts these materials into renewable energy (enough to power 20,000 homes), recovers ferrous and non-ferrous metals and aggregates from the remaining combustion ash and reduces reliance on non-renewable sources of energy. So, when in doubt, throw it out!

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