

Refuse and Recycling

Trash pick-up and recycling is handled through private waste haulers. Residents are responsible for contacting waste hauler and making the necessary arrangements for the collection of trash and recyclables.

Rules and Regulations for Recycling Program

Introduction

These Rules and Regulations have been developed to provide a basis from which the Township's Recycling Program can be evaluated, and to provide guidelines for all parties involved in recycling. From time to time, these Rules and Regulations may be modified as determined by needs, or changes in the underlying State Act 101 or the Township's Ordinance No. 101.

Program Summary

Upper Saucon Township is required by Act 101 to establish and implement a source separation and collection program for recyclable materials by September 15, 1991. In order to achieve this goal, and to afford local wastehaulers an opportunity to compete in the recycling business, Upper Saucon Township will require all wastehaulers now operating in the Township to establish their own recycling program. All requirements of Act 101 that affect Upper Saucon Township will be passed down to the wastehaulers for implementation.

Upper Saucon Township Obligations

1. Furnish standard size(s) of recycling containers (5 gallon and/or 18 gallon sizes) for pickup by all residents and businesses in the Township.
2. Prepare public notices and publicity articles and brochures to be used by all Collectors.
3. Specify materials to be separated for recycling. Initially, glass, newsprint, office grade paper, corrugated paper, plastic, aluminum and steel cans.
4. Prepare and submit the annual report to the State based upon quarterly reports filed by all Collectors.
5. Monitor collection activities as needed to ascertain participation and items recycled.
6. Meet with Collectors when and as needed to review the recycling program and propose modifications if warranted.

Customer Obligations

1. Properly separate recyclables from other waste and prepare as required by Upper Saucon Township and/or wastehaulers. (See materials to be recycled below).
2. Package or containerize materials and place in appropriate location for collection.
3. Participate in the recycling program and make every effort to maximize the volume of recycling.
4. Large volume waste generators shall arrange for appropriate sized bulk containers for their own use.
5. Commercial/Industrial/Institutional establishments shall provide their own recycling containers as needed.
6. Wastehaulers will provide for pickup and disposal of bulky waste (refrigerators, furniture, etc.) Contact your wastehauler for specific arrangements for such service.

Authorized Hauler Obligations

1. Furnish Upper Saucon Township with company name, address and phone number of person to contact.
2. Prepare instructions for customers specific as to collection days, how to prepare materials for collection, etc. and furnish a copy to Upper Saucon Township.

3. Prepare and furnish a count of customers according to street list to be furnished by Upper Saucon Township. This list is to be updated and submitted with each quarterly tonnage report.
4. Collect recyclables bi-weekly.
5. Keep accurate records of tonnage of recycled materials and landfilled materials collected from Upper Saucon Township customers, and submit quarterly reports to the Township.
6. Furnish copies of receipts, tipping invoices, and similar documents to support reported tonnage.

Materials to be Recycled

1. All residential establishments, including rental houses and apartments, and condominiums, shall separate, clean and set out for collection the following recyclable items:

Material	Yes	No
Glass	Clear, brown and green bottles and jars	Mirrors, dishes, cups, light bulbs, crystal or ceramics
Cans	Aluminum (soda), steel, bi-metal (food, juice and coffee cans, etc.)	Aerosol cans, foil, paint cans
Plastics	Bottle and jar containers (Milk, soda, water, detergent, shampoo)	Motor oil bottles, plastic cups, flowers, pens, toys, plastic wrap or film "styrofoam"
Newspapers	Tied with cotton string or biodegradable twine.	Tape, wire or plastic bags as ties. No junk mail or magazines

All materials shall be prepared as described under preparation below:

2. All Commercial, Industrial & Institutional establishments shall source-separate the following items for recycling collection:

Material

- High grade office paper: Contact your waste hauler
- Corrugated paper: Contact your waste hauler
- Aluminum cans: See #1 above

3. Food and Beverage establishments shall source-separate and recycle the following items:

Material

- Corrugated paper: Contact your waste hauler
- Cans: See #1 above
- Glass: See #1 above

4. Leaves, yard waste and grass must be separated from other solid waste, and cannot be landfilled.

Preparation of Recyclable Materials

A very important rule in recycling that we all must recognize is that instructions must be followed. Should cans, bottles or plastics not be the proper type or not be properly prepared, it could mean that an entire load of material would be rejected by the recycler. If there is any doubt as to how your waste hauler wants materials prepared, please call the waste hauler before you include it with your recyclables.

The following instructions should provide you with acceptable methods of preparation of the common materials:

- Leave labels on bottles and cans
- Rinse all food and beverage containers
- Do not break bottles
- Remove caps and lids
- Crush cans and plastic containers
- Tie newspapers in bundles 6" to 12" high
- Bundle and tie construction waste
(3' maximum length)