

# PENN HILLS RECYCLES

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## RESIDENTS ARE YOU READY?

The Municipality of Penn Hills needs your help in increasing the amount of recyclables collected at the curb.

As a community mandated to recycle, Penn Hills recycled only 7.4% of its waste in 2004 compared to a statewide recycling rate of over 30%!

*We need your help to catch up!*

### HERE'S HOW TO PARTICIPATE!

Recycling is collected every other week, the same day as garbage collection. Each household is provided with one red container. Place all cans, plastic and glass in your red container. Paper products may be recycled in one of three ways: inside the container on top of the recyclables, in an extra red container (if you have one), or in a brown bag on top of the red container. All boxes must be broken down; if they are too large to put inside the red container, bundle and tie them and place along side of it.

## WHAT IS RECYCLED?

- **Glass:** clear, brown, and green
- **Steel, Aluminum, and Bi-Metal Cans**
- **Plastics #1 — #5** (Look for the number inside the recycling triangle)
- **Newspaper:** colored, black and white (includes all inserts)
- **Phone Books**
- **Catalogs/Magazines**
- **Glossy paper**
- **Cardboard:** boxes must be broken down and flattened, can be bundled and placed along side red container if too large to fit inside (no pizza boxes)
- **Chipboard:** cereal and cracker boxes
- **Aerosol Cans:** must be empty (no aerosol paint cans)
- **Household paper:** junk mail, letters, envelopes, wrapping paper, and office paper (no napkins or paper towels)

If you have any questions regarding materials recycled or need to purchase additional bins, please call the Municipality of Penn Hills Department of Planning and Economic Development at 412.798.2126 or visit [www.pennhills.org](http://www.pennhills.org) for a current listing of the recycling schedule.

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# LEAF COLLECTION

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*Leaves are not permitted to be placed out as garbage.*

The Municipality will collect leaves in the spring and fall on designated dates.

Leaves must be placed at the curb on these designated dates and must be in an official Penn Hills Leaf Composting Bag. Leaves will be taken to the Municipality's compost site and, depending on availability, compost will be offered to homeowners. Leaf Bags can be purchased at various grocery stores, hardware stores, and nurseries throughout Penn Hills.

*For collection dates and locations of stores selling leaf bags, call 412.795.3500 or visit [www.pennhills.org](http://www.pennhills.org).*

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## JOIN US IN REDUCING THE AMOUNT OF WASTE SENT TO THE LANDFILL!

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·Reduce the amount of junk mail you receive: The average household receives more than 500 pieces of junk mail each year! Call catalogue distributors and companies who are sharing your address and ask them to stop.

·Donate used clothes, furniture, and building materials: Bring old clothes and furniture to your local Goodwill, Salvation Army, or the Penn Hills Service Association at 2519 Main Street in Universal, 412-798-9449. Make a tax-deductible donation of useable building materials to Construction Junction; call 412.243.5025 or visit [www.constructionjunction.org](http://www.constructionjunction.org) for details.

·Buy products with less packaging: When you buy products with excessive packaging, essentially you are buying trash.

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## HAZARDOUS WASTE

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For more information on the proper disposal of Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) including paint and paint products, automotive fluids, solvents, household cleaners, pesticides, and pool and photo chemicals, contact the Southwest PA HHW Task Force at 412.488.7452 or visit [www.swpahhw.org](http://www.swpahhw.org).

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## HARD TO RECYCLE ITEMS

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Check out the Recycle it Here Throughout the Year Events at Construction Junction. For more information on dates and fees for dropping off materials call the Pennsylvania Resources Council at 412.488.7490 or visit [www.prc.org](http://www.prc.org).

For accurate and up to date recycling and disposal information, contact the Pennsylvania Resources Council at 412.488.7490.

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