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# 1999 Pennsylvania Waste Watcher Awards

This was the second year for the Pennsylvania Waste Watcher Awards, presented by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), the Public Recycling Officials of Pennsylvania (PROP) and the Pennsylvania Waste Industries Association (PWIA).

The awards program was developed to recognize the many public and private recycling and waste reduction programs throughout the Commonwealth. The materials submitted with the applications will be used to educate other parties who might be considering similar programs. All of the materials will be on display at the PROP Ninth Annual Conference, August 11-13, 1999, at the Seven Springs Resort in western Pennsylvania.

A total of 43 groups in 23 counties are receiving awards in the following categories:

## **Recycling Collection**

*Curbside*

*Drop-Off*

*Pay-As-You-Throw*

*Commercial/Institutional*

## **Recycling Education**

*Comprehensive*

*Single Communications Piece*

*Newsletter*

*Electronic Communication*

## **Processing Markets**

*Materials Recovery Facility*

*Composting*

*Recycled Products Manufacturer*

In addition, we have received some interesting stories that can be found in the "Tall Tales" Section located at the back of this program.

## **Armstrong County**

### **Ford City Cub Scout Pack 670 — Recycling Education**

The 38 scouts in this troop collect and recycle newspaper, which is then sent to farmers for use as animal bedding. They also collect aluminum cans and use the proceeds to finance their dues and craft projects. The Cub Scouts toured the Armstrong County Recycling Center to learn more about the recycling process. The Cub Scouts work with the local Boy Scout troop to recycle aluminum after town festivals with recycling barrels they made. Contact Denise Russick at 724.763.1160.

## **Berks County**

### **Giorgio Mushroom Co. / Giorgio Foods Inc. — Composting**

Spring Township, Sinking Spring Borough, West Lawn Borough, Wyomissing Borough and Wyomissing Hills collect leaves at the curbside and transport them to a site in Spring Township. The leaves are taken from there to Giorgio Mushroom Co./Giorgio Foods Inc., where they are composted and used to grow mushrooms. The five municipalities share the cost of transporting and loading the leaves. Contact David Varone, Berks County Recycling Coordinator, at 610.378.5117 or hilltop@talon.net.

## **Bradford County**

### **Northern Tier Solid Waste Authority “Recycling Plus” program — Materials Recovery Facility and Recycling Education**

Serving residents in more than a hundred municipalities in Bradford, Sullivan and Tioga Counties, the Northern Tier Solid Waste Authority is a second-time Waste Watcher Award Winner. This year, they are showcasing their two Materials Recovery Facilities (MRFs) and their web site. Materials are picked up from the curbside or taken by residents to the twin MRFs. The region is at the forefront for marketing shredded animal bedding to local farmers. Visit the new web site, [www.ntsua.org](http://www.ntsua.org). Contact Lori Robson at 570.297.4177 or ntsua@epix.net.

## **Bucks County**

### **Bucks County Courier Times and Intelligencer Record Newspapers In Education (NIE) Programs and Waste Management Inc. — Recycling Education**

Waste Management united with the Newspapers in Education (NIE) Programs of the Bucks County Courier Times and Intelligencer Record Newspapers and the Oxford Valley Mall in 1994 to establish a Business and Education Partnership Program. The program is a second-year Waste Watcher Award Winner. It includes a poster contest for students in Kindergarten through grade 12, a free teacher workshop and an Earth Day Celebration at the Oxford Valley Mall. Contact Judy Archibald at Waste Management at 215.428.3302.

## **Butler County**

### **Slippery Rock University — Commercial/Institutional**

Slippery Rock University, a second-time Waste Watcher Award Winner, has a comprehensive recycling and education program. SRU's web site, [www.sru.edu/depts/finance/safety/recycling.htm](http://www.sru.edu/depts/finance/safety/recycling.htm), provides students and staff with recycling information. SRU also schedules fairs, posts information and organizes campus discussions. On-campus recycling is done within offices, classrooms and dormitories. SRU implemented a formal “Buy Recycled” purchasing policy in 1998, and there are high expectations for the program. Contact William J. Rudloff at 724.738.2465 or [william.rudloff@sru.edu](mailto:william.rudloff@sru.edu).

## **Cambria County**

### **Penn Cambria Middle School's Special Education Program — Recycling Education**

On Earth Day, April 22nd, Mrs. Pysher and her sixth- to eighth-grade students developed an innovative Recycled Reading Room. Faculty, staff and students collected bottles, cans, boxes and old newspapers to make a 5'x 5'x 5' structure, complete with a welcome mat crocheted out of bread bags. Discussions held in the room often turn to recycling and waste minimization issues. Contact Barbara Pysher at 814.886.4181.

### **Cambria County Solid Waste Authority — Drop-Off**

The Cambria County SWA operates a county-wide recycling drop-off program servicing over 100,000 residents. The program collects clear glass, newspaper, steel and aluminum cans. The program, started in June 1998, generated more than 200 tons of material by the end of the year. Collected materials are taken to the Indiana County Recycling Center where they are processed and marketed through an inter-county agreement. Contact Tanya McCoy-Coretti at 814.472.2109 or ccswatmc@uplink.net.

## **Centre County**

### **Borough of State College — Composting**

“Black Gold.” That’s how the compost from this facility is described at the end of the process. Collection crews monitor incoming leaves, grass clippings and brush. For more information, check out the article about the program in the Spring 1998 issue of “State College,” along with “State College Grass Recycling Program Questions & Answers.” Contact Mark Whitfield at 814.234.7140.

### **Centre County Solid Waste Authority — Curbside, Commercial/Institutional, Recycling Education, Materials Recovery Facility, Composting, Drop-Off**

A second-year winner in all categories, Centre County continues to be a leader in recycling and recycling education. You name it, and they recycle it. Business owners, schools and residents are continually educated through printed materials, their web site at [www.ccswa.centre.pa.us](http://www.ccswa.centre.pa.us), tours, speaking engagements, news stories and an array of other outreach efforts. Take a look at the application, and contact Centre County Recycling Coordinator Joanne Shafer at 814.238.7005 or [wasted5@uplink.net](mailto:wasted5@uplink.net).

### **Philipsburg-Osceola Junior High School — Institutional**

Although the surrounding community is not legally required to recycle, Philipsburg-Osceola Junior High School instituted recycling in 1992. Spearheaded by teacher John Nelson, who organized it with help from the Centre County Recycling Coordinator, the recycling program is run entirely by students. Before school starts, committed students go to the school cafeteria and wash and crush cans from the previous day's food service. When these pioneering students entered senior high school, they demanded that recycling be implemented there, too. Contact John Nelson at 814.342.4860.

### **The State College Area School District Delta Program and the State College Chapter of the American Association of University Women — Commercial/Institutional**

Since 1961 the State College Chapter of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) has held an annual used book sale. In 1998, the sale grossed more than \$89,000, with the proceeds benefiting graduate fellowships for women, grants programs and local educational projects. Members of the State College Area School District Delta Program participated in the program. These seventh- through twelfth-grade students volunteered to remove the covers from unusable books so the pages could be recycled. As a result, 5.18 tons were diverted from the landfill path to be recycled, saving the AAUW disposal costs. Contact Tom Rogers at 814.231.1000.

### **Nittany Lion Inn, State College — Commercial Recycling Collection**

Check out the envelope detailing what's acceptable for recycling collection — glass, paper and cans — at the hotel. Inside the envelope is a bag for guests to deposit recyclables. Contact James Purdum at 814.865.8500.

### **Juniata Valley Council of BSA, Borough of Lewistown and Centre County SWA — Institutional Recycling Collection**

About 600 Boy Scouts, along with 200 adult leaders, staff, volunteers and exhibitors attended Camporee the first weekend in May and turned the camp into a small village with its own curbside recycling program. The Borough of Lewistown, Mifflin County and the Centre County Solid Waste Authority donated containers and service. The containers, coupled with printed instructions and one-on-one communication with Recycling Coordinators from Lewistown and Centre County, helped launch a successful recycling program. One ton of recyclables, consisting of glass, cans, plastic, paper and corrugated cardboard, were collected — making a 66 percent recycling rate. At the end of the weekend, organizers gave troops the bins and encouraged them to continue recycling at their meeting places. A worm composting and recycling demonstration were other Camporee activities. Contact David Klinefelter, Juniata Valley Council of BSA, at 717.667.9236; or Bob Kibler, Borough of Lewistown, at 717.248.2406.

### **Supelco, Inc., Bellefonte — Commercial Recycling Collection**

This company manufactures an array of products for analysis/separation sciences. Supelco has always recovered its scrap metal, but now the company recycles nearly all of the aluminum cans and glass food containers that enter the plant. Supelco publications are now printed on recycled paper, the company recycles all office paper and Styrofoam packaging has been replaced with starch-based materials and reused when possible. The company promotes recycling through an internal newsletter, cafeteria displays, seminars and verbal communication. Contact Carmen Santa Sania at 814.359.3441.

### **Penn State University — Composting**

Penn State received a Waste Watcher Award last year for its tailgate recycling at home football games and aggressive campus-wide recycling programs. PSU is back again to tout its on-campus composting program. Source separated food scraps are delivered from the dining halls and the College of Agriculture's farm waste. The facility has produced 335 tons of finished compost in two years of operation. The high quality material is used as a soil amendment or top dressing on campus. Check out the flier promoting the program and the report on the tonnage generated. Contact Al Matyasovsky at 814.863.4719 or aem3@nw.opp.psu.edu.

### **Chester County**

#### **County of Chester, Division of Solid Waste Management — Recycling Education, Comprehensive and Single Communications Piece**

This program is filled with innovative ideas that the county communicates to residents, school children and commercial audiences. Environmental shopping, composting for food and yard waste, environmental car care, alternative cleaning products and general recycling education programs are elements of the program. Volunteers are solicited and trained to make presentations about composting. In 1998, 51 certified master composters were trained to conduct workshops, distribute bins and staff displays at various school and community forums. Check out the photos in the "Easy Composting Techniques" brochure and the "What Do I Do With Leftover Paint" flier. Also submitted was the eye-catching "Chester County Recycles" t-shirt. Contact Nancy Fromnick at 610.344.5940 or nfromnick@mail.co.chester.pa.us.

### **East Bradford Township and Browning Ferris Industries — Curbside Program**

Recycling is front and center in every issue of this township's quarterly newsletter. East Bradford and BFI have teamed up to collect, or have drop-off containers available, for 15 recyclable items, including Styrofoam and #6 plastic. This is BFI's second Waste Watcher Award. Contact Tenley Adams at East Bradford at 610.436.5108 or eastbrad@voicenet.com, or Lenore Guthrie at BFI at 610.676.5417 or e-mail lenore.guthrie@bfi.com.

### **West Chester University — Institutional Collection Program**

The summer day care or "Kids Klub" on campus made a small model of the north side of campus out of recyclables generated at the university. The student-written "WCU Recycles" newsletter is distributed quarterly to students and staff. The photographs show an array of recycling containers and materials collected from classrooms, dorms and everywhere in between. Contact Sandra J. Brown, Recycling Coordinator, at 610.436.2512 or sbrown@wcupa.edu.

### **Columbia County**

#### **Town of Bloomsburg — Composting, Curbside, Recycling Education, Drop-Off**

Another second-year winner, the town of Bloomsburg continues to put its best foot forward on the recycling front. Back in 1993, Council voted to support the state's "Buy Recycled Challenge" and the town continues to encourage residents to take recycling to a new level. Bloomsburg's recycling calendar is a "must-see" piece, and their *Recycling Report* continues to provide timely and valuable information in a very readable format. Visit their web site at <http://townhallbafn.org/government/bloomsburg/recycle.htm> for all of the details. Contact Carol L. Mas at 570.784.4532 or carolm@townhall.bafn.org.

### **Delaware County**

#### **Springfield Township and Waste Management of Delaware Valley South — Curbside**

Springfield Township and Waste Management won a Waste Watcher Award last year for their curbside collection program. This duo continues to educate and promote recycling to residents through a calendar, brochures, press releases and student education. They surely deserve second-year Waste Watcher recognition. Contact Susan Warner, Health Officer, at 610.544.1300 ext. 132 or Waste Management at 610.626.7500.

### **Huntingdon County**

#### **Bedford/Fulton/Huntingdon County Recycling Programs — Comprehensive Recycling Education**

Some innovative educational ideas in Huntingdon County this past year include the use of promotional placemats and videos. More than 120,000 placemats giving recycling contacts in the three counties, recycling facts, puzzles and games have been distributed to area restaurants during the past two years. The program's three videos educate the public about different facets of recycling. One video focuses on making recycling a family activity, another demonstrates that even a child can recycle, and the third outlines the "do's and don'ts" of recycling. Contact Huntingdon County Recycling Coordinator Lou Ann Shontz at 814.643.8192.

### **Lackawanna County**

#### **Lackawanna County Recycling Center — Composting**

The site accepts leaves, grass clippings, brush, logs, wood chips, flowers, Christmas trees and wooden shipping pallets. After materials are composted, residents, municipalities, businesses and landscapers are able to use the finished product. Recycling Center staff conduct programs on backyard composting and general recycling issues. Watch for their upcoming video. Contact Joyce Hatala at 570.963.6868 or lackswa@sunlink.net.

### **Lackawanna Junior College — Institutional**

In August 1996, the college moved to downtown Scranton where recycling is mandated by law. School officials began recycling with a passion, and now they open their doors to anyone to show it off. Check out their kick-off memo to all students and staff. Contact Gail Scaramuzzo at 570.961.7848 or swivet@hotmail.com.

### **Borough of Olyphant — Curbside**

In March 1988, the borough implemented a curbside recycling program. Through the years, Olyphant has encouraged businesses to recycle. New residents receive a recycling bin and literature about the recycling program. It's clearly a municipality ahead of its time. Contact Borough Manager Norbert R. Kosciuk at 570.489.8503.

### **Lancaster County**

#### **The Borough of Elizabethtown and Lebanon Farms Disposal Inc. — Curbside, Pay-As-You-Throw Recycling Education**

The boroughs quarterly newsletter, which is sent to every household and is a second-time waste watcher award winner, grew to eight pages in 1998. It is supplemented with a web site, speeches, press releases, recycling postcards, magnets and a monthly recycling column in the local paper. Contact Amy Farkas at 717.367.1700 ext. 228 or farkas@etownonline.com or John Barry at Lebanon Farms at 800.533.5356.

#### **Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority — Recycling Education**

The LCSWMA helps develop and print brochures on behalf of municipalities within the county. Producing a standard brochure allows for a uniform message and a lower unit cost to produce. In addition, the LCSWMA assisted with brochures for three rural municipalities (Elizabeth, Penn and Ralpho Townships) to promote their drop-off programs. The authority also produces a "Special Waste" brochure so that certain materials don't wind up at the waste-to-energy plant. The application consists of fact sheets and information from its newly developed web site located at [www.lcswma.org/index.html](http://www.lcswma.org/index.html). Contact Tim Breneisen at 717.397.9968 or [tbreisen@lcswma.org](mailto:tbreisen@lcswma.org).

#### **The Borough of Manheim and York Waste Disposal — Curbside**

The Borough and York Waste Disposal's outstanding curbside program won a Waste Watcher Award in 1997. Their program continued to flourish in 1998. Check out their two communications pieces — one print publication is geared toward commercial establishments and the other is sent to residents in Manheim Borough. Contact Colleen Aument at 717.665.2461 or York Waste Disposal's Greg Myers at 717.815.4432.

#### **Township of Manheim — Recycling Education**

The "Guide to Recycling for Commercial Establishments within Manheim Township" gives companies tips on the best way to organize their internal recycling programs. The guide lists haulers, along with the materials they accept, and it also offers tips on making recycling work. The "Guide to Recycling for Residential Homes within Manheim Township" tells residents how to prepare their recyclables; what to do with batteries, oil and ammunition; and why composting and mulching are beneficial for the environment. Both guides encourage readers to buy recycled and close the loop. Contact Wendy Herr at 717.569.6406, ext. 129.

### **Dixon Recyclers, a Div. of Waste Management — Materials Recovery Facility**

Located in the City of Lancaster, Dixon Recyclers accept corrugated cardboard, newspaper, office paper, aluminum cans, phone books, tin cans, HDPE, LDPE and PET plastics. Dixon administers tours to various civic and local groups and the company holds monthly safety meetings on-site. Contact Richard Schott at 717.396.9999.

### **Lebanon County**

#### **Greater Lebanon Refuse Authority — Recycling Education**

The GLRA conducts an ongoing comprehensive recycling education program consisting of newsletters, brochures, fliers, public service announcements, display advertisements, presentations, tours, roundtable discussions and a web site, [www.iw1.net/gla](http://www.iw1.net/gla). The idea for Lebanon County's "Recycle Right" brochure was developed at a haulers/recyclers/municipal leaders' roundtable. "Recycling Roundup" is an annual recycling newsletter distributed to every Lebanon County household each September. The color scheme and graphics in both are real attention-getters. Contact Amy Mazella di Bosco at 717.867.5700 ext. 307 or [amh@iw1.net](mailto:amh@iw1.net).

### **Lehigh County**

#### **Angel's Touch Paints — Recycled Products Manufacturer**

Located in Allentown, Angel's Touch Paints accepts, sorts, remixes and distributes latex paint through a household hazardous waste project. In 1996, owners Rosemary Roque and Miguel Rodriguez combined their desire to open a business of their own with their lifelong interest in environmental protection. ATP has recycled more than 85,000 pounds of latex paint, removing it from the waste stream and preventing improper disposal. As a result, Angel's Touch Paints produces a quality, usable product. Contact Rose Mary Roque 610.432.9477.

#### **The City of Allentown Bureau of Recycling Curbside, Drop-off, Commercial/ Institutional Recycling and Recycling Education**

Last year the City of Allentown Bureau of Recycling was a multiple category Waste Watcher winner, and this year the bureau shows off even more of its programs. In 1998 Allentown's Commercial Recycling Program was nationally honored and awarded First Place by the U.S. Conference of Mayors. Waste diversion in 1998 exceeded 40 percent. The Allentown Recycling Drop Off Center is jointly operated with the Lehigh County Juvenile Probation Department, which provides approximately 200 hours per week of community service labor at the Center. The more than 2,400 tons recycled in 1998 resulted in almost \$50,000 of revenues for the Juvenile Probation's crime victims' compensation program. Contact Betsy Levin at 610.437.8729. or [Levin@Allentowncity.org](mailto:Levin@Allentowncity.org)

### **Luzerne County**

#### **Luzerne County Solid Waste Management Department — Recycling Education**

Both recycling and "buy recycled" education programs were presented to an array of organizations throughout the county in 1998. Individuals received a recycling information packet that included (where age appropriate) a copy of the Luzerne County Recycling Guide and Word Find Puzzle. Contact Ed Latinski at 717.820.6300.

### **Earth Conservancy's Yard and Leaf Waste Composting Facility — Composting**

A \$295,000 DEP grant enabled the Earth Conservancy's Yard and Leaf Waste Composting Facility in Newport Township to purchase new equipment. An organic waste processor, a trommel screening plant, and compost windrow turner increased the facility's efficiency. Contact Amy Gruzsky at 570.823.3445, ext. 15.

### **Montgomery County**

#### **Upper Merion Township — Recycling Education**

In response to residents' concerns that their source-separation recycling efforts might be fruitless, Upper Merion Township tracked a day's worth of recyclables from community pickup to ultimate disposal. A second run was videotaped and broadcast on a local cable channel to show residents that haulers fulfill their commitment to properly dispose of recyclables. Continued two-way communication about recycling in the township has ensured residents that their efforts are definitely worthwhile. Contact Eileen B. Rodrigue at 610.265.2600.

### **Merck & Co., Inc., North Wales — Commercial Recycling Collection**

Merck clearly has recycling in its mission, from a company-wide recycling program that includes frequent presentations to new and existing employees to "preferred packaging" guidelines in product development. Contact Ken Caputo at 215.652.2088 or [kenneth.caputo@merck.com](mailto:kenneth.caputo@merck.com)

### **Northampton County**

#### **City of Bethlehem — Drop-Off, Curbside, Commercial/Institutional, Recycling Education and Pay-As-You-Throw**

Bethlehem's Illick's Mill Drop-Off Center won a Waste Watcher Award last year. This year we learned about the city's other drop-off center, its successful curbside program, direct outreach to businesses and institutions and their comprehensive education program. The two drop-offs accept 18 types of recyclable materials! To stimulate public interest in the program, the city also holds numerous promotions, including holiday turkey giveaways. Bethlehem practices what it preaches with a high-quality internal recycling program, as well. A comprehensive education program is the key to the success of the drop-off, curbside and PAYT programs. Check out the cute freebies and videos used in education. Contact Donna M. Albright at 610.865.7082 or [cobcd@enter.net](mailto:cobcd@enter.net).

### **Philadelphia County**

#### **Philadelphia County: CIGNA Corporation — Recycling Education**

CIGNA's Greening Program, a corporate commitment to improving the environment, makes recycling fun and easy. A Greening Committee made up of volunteers from throughout the company coordinate special events and communication initiatives to encourage CIGNA's 40,000 employees to recycle with vigor. They publish a Green Bulletin, hold Greening Fairs, post information on the Greening Wall, hold contests, promote Clean Your Files Day, Earth Day and Recycling Awareness Week. Check out their "Go For The Green" folder filled with recycling information. Contact Chuck Alden at 215.761.4805.

### **Snyder County**

#### **Borough of Selinsgrove — Drop-Off, Composting, Curbside**

The Borough of Selinsgrove has done a laudable job educating its population of college students and permanent residents about its drop-off, composting and curbside collection programs. Contact Janet Powers at 717.374.2311 or [slgvboro@sunlink.com](mailto:slgvboro@sunlink.com).

## **Somerset County**

### **Borough of Somerset — Recycling Education**

Somerset's web site, [www.somersetborough.com](http://www.somersetborough.com), provides residents and businesses with a wealth of information about curbside, leaf collection and household hazardous waste recycling in the borough. Contact Randy D. Brawdy at 814.443.2661 or [Randy@somersetborough.com](mailto:Randy@somersetborough.com).

## **Washington County**

### **East Washington Borough — Recycling Education**

The borough has updated its clever recycling brochure and included newspaper clips following the announcement that its single communications piece received recognition as a Waste Watcher last year. Volunteers distributed the flier door-to-door, to nearly a thousand households. Check out the innovative use of their recycling coupon in the flier. Contact Nancy Weiss at 724.222.2929 or [weiss@pulsenet.com](mailto:weiss@pulsenet.com).

## **York County**

### **The Township of Penn — Drop-Off**

A Waste Watcher Award winner last year for its PAYT and curbside programs, Penn Township is recognized for its drop-off recycling center this year. The area is open six days a week for the drop-off of newspaper, junk mail, corrugated cardboard, chipboard, magazines, greeting cards and, most recently, hearing aids and glasses. Contact E.R. "Gene" Hejmanowski at 717.637.1561.

### **Recycle America, a Division of Waste Management — Materials Recovery Facility and Drop-Off Recycling**

This facility processes and markets glass, HDPE and PET plastics, aluminum and bi-metal cans, newspaper and corrugated cardboard in Lower Windsor Township. The facility uses a 20-yard roll-off container to comingle items, and two, four-yard containers for newspaper and cardboard. The MRF is open to the public and school groups for tours and educational programs. Contact Rodney Weitkamp at 717.246.0262.

# Tall Tales

**Strange Events, Lancaster County:** Dixon Recyclers Division of Waste Management. An employee's two-way radio mysteriously disappeared. It must have been baled up with the corrugated cardboard. One of the guys kept talking on another radio while the other guys searched the warehouse listening for a voice coming out of a bale. Finally the radio was found inside a bale of cardboard. This happened three times in the last year.

**York County:** Recycle America, A Division of Waste Management. A live skunk came across the comingled recycling processing line last spring, spraying the belt and forcing the evacuation of the recycling plant.

**Creative Occurrence, Centre County:** Centre County Solid Waste Authority. Employees of the Authority's recycling processing facility in Bellefonte participated in "Take Your Daughter to Work Day," April 23, 1998. Ten young ladies, outfitted with appropriate safety gear, accompanied their fathers on a variety of recycling operational tasks that day. It was two of the daughters' fourth time. Jill Richner said that curbside collection is not as bad as her dad says it is, but her dad, Barry Richner, the curbside supervisor, said she wouldn't know. He wouldn't let her get out of the truck in the heavy places - too much traffic. Wayne Homan's daughter, Becky attended that day's staff meeting with her father, and nearly fell asleep. It was the best behavior witnessed in a staff meeting. Since all of the daughters worked for "peanuts," they were given a Payday candy bar, along with a recycled content t-shirt and other prizes for participating. Not only was it a learning experience; everyone had fun.



**Believe It or Not, Centre County:** Centre County Solid Waste Authority. Santa was spotted in State College helping with curbside collection of the borough's recyclables. The Santa outfit was not the first time CCSWA employee Bob Jackson went out on curbside out of uniform - several years ago he dressed as a clown for Halloween. He has even threatened to appear as the New Years' baby.

**Believe It or Not - The Seinfeld Episode:** A phone call came into the Centre County Solid Waste Authority Recycling Hot Line from a student who was asking some questions about mandatory deposit legislation and the possibility of making money from redeeming cans with deposits on them. Since it is not unusual for students at Penn State to be from outside of Pennsylvania, the student was given an explanation of how recycling works in our community, with an emphasis on the fact that we need to have a certain percentage of revenue from metal cans. The revenue from marketing aluminum as a scrap commodity helps us to continue to finance the collection of other, less valuable commodities. He asked some further questions about the economics of getting mass quantities of deposit cans and driving them to Michigan, a 10-cent deposit state, for redemption, and could the authority staff help him figure out how many cans it would take to finance such a trip. Apparently, the night before, in re-runs, Kramer and Newman had hatched just such a scheme on Seinfeld. The student wanted to put a Seinfeld episode into practice.



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Recycled Paper