

THE LOOP

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A NEWSLETTER FOR CHESTER COUNTY
MUNICIPAL RECYCLING COORDINATORS



HHW EVENTS ARE BACK!

REGISTRATION APPOINTMENT IS REQUIRED!

<https://www.chestercountyswa.org/121/Upcoming-Household-Hazardous-Waste-Event>

We held our first event in Phoenixville on April 9 for 600+ households. The next ones are:

May 14	Pottstown
June 24	Coatesville
Aug. 27	Oxford
Oct. 8	West Chester

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR WEB
PAGES ARE UPDATED FOR 2022
EVENTS.

SHOULD EVERY DAY BE “EARTH DAY”?

It is heartening to hear of several Chester County communities holding Earth Day Fairs and Sustainability events. Some groups are organizing public education opportunities for the first time. Spring is here!

The clearest message you can reinforce about recycling is:

- **Recycling RIGHT is more important than recycling MORE. The most valuable commodities are the cleanest, least contaminated materials. Follow your recycling hauler’s instructions on what is acceptable.**
- **EMPTY, CLEAN, DRY AND LOOSE in the recycling bucket. Plastic bags, food waste, tangles and plastic that is not food packaging are common contaminants.**



“Here is your country. Cherish these natural wonders, cherish the natural resources...for your children and your children’s children.” -Theodore Roosevelt

A NEW RESOURCE FOR E-WASTE COLLECTIONS

Green Chip Recycling Co. offers E-waste services for municipal collections. They are R2 and e-steward certified. Chris Kaasmann, from Montgomery County, can be reached at Chris@greenchiprecycling.com. <https://www.greenchiprecycling.com/municipality-recycling-programs>

Remember to register all E-waste collections with Mary Alice Reisse at DEP for approval. And remember to renew if your ongoing event date expired.

ANNOUNCING A MENTOR PROGRAM

Do you wish you had a mentor to help you through the grants and reporting systems? How about sharing your experience and time with a new Recycling Coordinator who is one of your peers? If you answered YES to either of these questions, please contact Patti Lynn to get on the Mentor List.



Bicycle collection coming Oct. 23 in partnership with Pedals for Progress. This year, the event will be in West Goshen. Thank you, Lisa Covatta!

“Rookies” will be matched with “pros.” The next few months are a suitable time to do this, as it is in between the Act 101 reports and the 904 grants.



The Zero Waste Hierarchy – Recycling is NOT at the top!

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SPREAD THE WORD...

- Do you know of any hard-to-recycle inventories sitting around that would be a candidate for "repurposing"? Damon Carson's national company, www.repurposedmaterialsinc.com is interested in any obsolete inventories and materials. Here is a video link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tILu8IcadMQ>

- Similarly, don't forget PA's own Circular Merchant material exchange: <https://www.circularmerchant.com/>

- Keep plastic bags out of recycling bins! Direct your residents and businesses to recycle plastic bags with this [locator by zip code](#): <https://www.plasticfilmrecycling.org/>



- And a good video to share that shows what happens to those bags: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZDNFXtMu6M0&t=162s>

- Finally, when you're not sure how to answer a query about batteries, bulbs, or unusual materials, direct your residents to <https://earth911.com/> This website has improved quite a bit since it launched – it is well organized, and users can locate recycling drop off locations with a zip code locator.



PROP's Annual Recycling Conference is in Lancaster. July 27-29. Lots of useful sessions and exhibits! Details:

<https://www.proprecycles.org/>

SAVE THE DATE AND REGISTER! "Recycling Coordinator Training"

From the comfort of your home or workplace office, refresh your knowledge on the roles and responsibilities of a Recycling Coordinator. PROP and DEP are offering a **FREE, VIRTUAL** 1-day course "Recycling Coordinator Training" on May 19. You can view just the topics that interest you or take the entire course from 9am-4pm.

Register here: <https://prop.memberclicks.net/recycling-coordinator-training>

FUN FACT

At least one billion pounds of U.S. plastic bags and film were collected for recycling in 2017, up 54 percent since 2005. (Source: ISRI website)

