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# Reduce, Reuse, Recycle..Repeat

# Recycle

## Recycling Preparation: The Key to Recycling Success



**Bottles & Cans: In a Bin**

- **No plastic bags.** Simply place bottles cans loose in your bin. (It's easier to collect and sort materials without the plastic bags.)
- **Ignore the number.** There's no need to worry about the number on the bottom of the plastic bottle any longer. If it's a bottle, just rinse it and toss it in your recycling bin.
- **No plastic tubs, trays or cups!** Recycle all your plastic bottles but not your tubs, trays, cups, pots or plastic bags.

**Paper: Bagged or Bundled**

- **Paper bags or covered bins: You decide.** If you prefer a bin, pickup a paper bin and lid from your municipal highway garage or the IRC office.
- **Recycle all your printed paper.** You can now recycle all sorts of mixed printed paper and envelopes with your magazines and catalogs.
- **Bundle paper with cord or place in paper bag.** Even if you use a bin, it's helpful to bundle or place paper in a paper bag.
- **Keep newspaper & mixed paper separate.** Since newspaper and other mixed paper are slightly different, please place newspaper and other mixed paper in separate bundles or bags.
- **Keep paper dry.** Store paper inside out of the weather or pickup a lid for your paper bin.
- **No plastic bags.** Plastic bags get tangled in equipment and contaminate recyclable paper.
- **Shredded paper** should be placed in a clear plastic bag. Do not place it loose in the bin.



**Beyond the Bin: Recycling Special Materials**

In addition to rechargeable battery recycling at each of the municipal buildings, the county recycling office's website ([www.blaircounty.org](http://www.blaircounty.org)) has an excellent list of other special material recycling opportunities, including fluorescent bulbs, vinyl siding and fencing, CDs and DVDs, cooking oil, and plastic bags and film.



## Recycling at Work

### Recycling at Work: It's the Law

Beyond recycling at home, all buildings, businesses, institutions and community events in Altoona, Logan Township, Tyrone Borough and Hollidaysburg Borough must recycle. Failure to do so is bad for the environment, but it's also against the law!

Businesses and institutions must recycle mixed paper, bottles and cans in addition to corrugated cardboard. Public area recycling must also be addressed if your establishment has significant public traffic that generates recyclable material.

### Contact Us for Additional Help

Visit our website ([www.ircenvironment.org](http://www.ircenvironment.org)) or call our recycling office (942-7472) if you need help in setting up your program or finding the best recycling container options.



Setups like this one can be attractive and are easy to put in place. The two recycling bins, lid and signs are all available from the IRC recycling office at no charge. Call or e-mail us ([kpope@ircenvironment.org](mailto:kpope@ircenvironment.org)) to find out more.

The Intermunicipal Relations Committee (IRC) of Blair County is a council of governments that oversees recycling and related programs in the City of Altoona, Logan Township, Tyrone Borough and Hollidaysburg Borough. The IRC hopes to better educate residents on the importance of recycling and composting and to aid, in every way possible, the proper disposal of recyclable materials.

# Curbside Collection

All households, businesses and institutions in the City of Altoona, Logan Township, Tyrone Borough and Hollidaysburg Borough are required by law to recycle.

## Do you need a bin?

It's difficult to recycle without a proper recycling bin. If you need a bin or a lid for your paper bin, stop in the IRC office or one of the municipal highway garages. If you're unsure as to what makes sense for your home or business, look over your options on page one of this brochure or visit our web-site - [www.ircenvironment.org](http://www.ircenvironment.org)

## Other Recycling Options

Many other special materials can be recycled throughout Blair County. For a complete list visit [www.blaircounty.org](http://www.blaircounty.org).

## Yard Waste Collections

Leaf waste and grass clippings are collected in all four IRC municipalities. In addition to these curbside pickups, businesses and residents can take yard waste to the Blair County Yard Waste Compost Facilities at the top of the Buckhorn and Black Snake Road or on Old Route 220 between Duncansville and Newry. Residents are also encouraged to compost at home and consider grasscycling by changing their mowing practices and letting the grass on the lawn after cutting. You can find out more on collection, home composting and grasscycling at [www.ircenvironment.org](http://www.ircenvironment.org) or get information on the county compost and drop-off recycling facilities at [www.blaircounty.org](http://www.blaircounty.org).



## Trimmings/Tree Reminders

Leaf waste and grass clippings set out for curbside collection should be in 30 gallon paper bags. (Logan Township also provides leaf vacuuming and brush collection.)

Please do not use tape or staples to seal the bag. Just fold the top of the bag down. Bags over 50 pounds will not be accepted. Place bags at the curb by 7 a.m.

## 2011 Curbside Recycling Collection Schedule

	City of Altoona	Logan Township	Hollidaysburg	Tyrone	
<b>Monday</b>	Eldorado, Llysven, Garden Heights Southwest of 31st St.	Bi-weekly recycling collection but no specific collection days	No Residential Collection		
<b>Tuesday</b>	10th Avenue to city line between 4th and 31st Street			Southwest Borough	
<b>Wednesday</b>	East End, 1st-12th Ave & 17th St to East End 11th-18th St.W of 12th Ave			Downtown Area	
<b>Thursday</b>	Juniata, Ivyside, Fairview, Wehnwood South to 11th Street			Borough-Wide	Northeastern Borough
<b>Friday</b>				Borough-Wide	
<b>Collection Dates</b>	All recyclables weeks of 1/3, 1/17, 1/31, 2/14, 2/28, 3/14, 3/28, 4/11, 4/25, 5/9, 5/23, 6/6, 6/20, 7/4, 7/18, 8/1, 8/15		All recyclables weeks of 1/6, 1/20, 2/3, 2/17, 3/3, 3/17, 3/31, 4/14, 4/28, 5/12, 5/26, 6/9, 6/23, 7/7, 7/21, 8/4, 8/18, 9/1	Bottles/Cans weeks of 1/4, 1/18, 2/1, 2/15, 3/1, 3/15, 4/5, 4/19, 5/3, 5/17, 6/7, 6/21, 7/5, 7/19, 8/2, 8/16, 9/6, 9/20	

## Fall/Winter Yard Trimming & Christmas Tree Collection

	City of Altoona	Logan Township	Hollidaysburg	Tyrone
<b>Start Date</b>	October 25	October 18	October 4	October 4
<b>End Date</b>	November 26	December 3	December 7	December 6
<b>Monday</b>	Juniata, Ivyside, Wehnwood South to 4th Street	Weekly collection throughout the township • Piles of brush/limbs • Paper bags of leaves/grass • Leaves raked to the roadside.	Penn Street & East Side	Borough-wide collection each Monday
<b>Tuesday</b>	10th Avenue to city line between 4th and 31st Street		West of Penn Street	
<b>Wednesday</b>	Eldorado/Llysven Southwest of 31st Street/Union Ave.			
<b>Thursday</b>	East End, Prospect, Dutch Hill, Tuckahoe Park, Pleasant Valley		Leaves may <u>not</u> be burned!	
<b>Christmas Trees</b>	Drop-off at the City Highway Yard January 3-9 from 8-4	Drop-off at Township Complex on Michelle Drive January 4-21	At the Curbside January 4-14	At the Curbside January 10-11

# New Recyclables...



## All Mixed Paper & Magazines

- Notes & school papers
- Mail & envelopes
- Magazines & catalogs
- Shredded paper (in plastic bags)



## All Plastic Bottles

- Any plastic bottle (not just #1 & #2)
- No tubs, cups or trays
- Rinse your bottles. (They'll smell better!)
- Recycle plastic bags at your market.

# The Same as Before...



## Newspapers, Inserts & Phone Books

- Newspapers & their inserts
- Phone books & directories
- Other newsprint-type paper
- Place in paper bag & keep dry



## Steel and Aluminum Cans

- Aerosol cans
- Steel or tin cans
- Aluminum cans
- Aluminum pans



## Clear & Colored Glass Bottles & Jars

- Rinsed glass bottles & jars
- Clear, brown & green
- No window glass
- No light bulbs, No cookware

# Learn More!

The Intermunicipal Relations Committee Council of Governments has a new web site ([www.ircenvironment.org](http://www.ircenvironment.org)) to provide even more information on recycling, composting, reuse and waste reduction. While the site has a recycling and composting focus, it also includes information and links for a number of environmental programs and educational resources in the IRC communities. Since it's difficult to include every

thing in our semi-annual newsletter, contact the recycling office ([kpope@ircenvironment.org](mailto:kpope@ircenvironment.org) or 942-7472).

Residents who would like to receive our electronic newsletters should email 'JOIN' in the subject line to [kpope@ircenvironment.org](mailto:kpope@ircenvironment.org)



IRC Recycling Office

