



RECYCLING MADE SIMPLE

Please sort your recycled items to be placed in three recycling containers at the drop off site as follows:

A

CARDBOARD

Cardboard Boxes

Heavy shipping boxes with corrugated wall construction

Please Flatten boxes and bundle or place in a larger box



The following cannot be recycled:

Food wrappers, paper or foam dishes/cups, snack bags, straws, utensils, wraps, film

When in doubt throw it out.

B

MIXED PAPER



Newspapers, Magazines

Catalogs

Please place in a brown paper bags or bundle



Light Weight Boxes

cereal and crackers (please throw away liners and flatten) Paper towel rolls and pizza boxes

Office Paper

Computer paper, mail, envelopes and shredded paper

Please place in a CLEAR plastic bag

C

COMINGLED

Glass

Bottles and jars only

These tops should be thrown away

NO windows, mugs or glassware etc.

Cans

Aluminum and steel (tin)

Beverage and food containers

Plastic

Bottles, Jars and Tubs with tops:

Milk, soda, water, soaps, margarine,

Yogurt, cottage cheese, etc.,

NO cups, toys, plant pots, thin deli, bakery and berry containers





Current Recycling Issues

Single stream recycling offered by local curbside waste collection companies is causing contamination issues with marketing recycled products. Putting all recycled items in one container leads to liquid left in plastic and glass food containers contaminating paper items making

the paper unmarketable which must be landfilled, for example.

Please rinse all plastic and glass containers to remove all liquid remaining in the jars or bottles to prevent contamination. If containers cannot be rinsed, such as peanut butter, throw it out.

Currently, no market exists for low quality, flimsy plastic containers such as used for deli, bakery, some produce products etc.

Not Recyclable-please throw out

A handy insert has been enclosed to keep for reference summarizing the items that are currently accepted by the Lackawanna County Recycling Center. After processing the items we bring them, the recycling center must find markets to buy these items. The purchasers are now demanding a clean uncontaminated product they can turn into new products thus completing the cycle. We would appreciate your help to complete the recycling loop.

RECYCLING SCHEDULE

2018

November

3

17

December

1

15

2019

January

5

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February

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March

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April

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May

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June

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July

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August

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September

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October

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November

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December

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