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TRASH

BOROUGH OF
WYOMISSING REFUSE
& RECYCLING NEWS

2026

In 2025, the Borough put its refuse, recycling, and yard waste collection contracts out for bid. Beginning **January 1, 2026**, Hollenbaugh Trash & Recycling will handle refuse and recycling collection, while J.P. Mascaro will collect yard waste. The weekly Borough-wide collection schedules for refuse and recycling will remain the same, but yard waste collection will not start until April.

All recycling containers placed out for collection must be clearly marked with the recycling symbol or labeled "**Recycling.**" Recyclables in unmarked containers will not be accepted. Please note that the list of acceptable recycling items has changed: **flexible plastic packaging is no longer collected.** Eligible items now include glass (all colors), aluminum and tin cans, plastics #1 and #2 bottles and containers, and mixed paper, including newsprint, paperboard, magazines, office paper, junk mail, paperback books, phone books, gift wrap, and corrugated cardboard.

Yard waste should be placed in a separate container or in a brown yard waste bag for weekly collection from April through December.

REFUSE, RECYCLING, & YARD WASTE REMINDERS:

- Recycling shall not be placed at curb or alley for collection earlier than noon (12:00 p.m.) on the day prior to scheduled collection without specific permission from the Borough.
- Refuse containers shall be removed from the curb or alley by 11:59 p.m. (prevailing time) the same day as collection without specific permission from the Borough and stored on the property to which the refuse containers are related. Containers are not to remain in the alleys or on the streets where they are placed for collection, rather must be moved back to your private property.
- Any content that spills out of your refuse, recycling and/or yard waste containers is the homeowners responsibility to clean up.
- Make sure items are placed in a location visible to the haulers.
- Recycling is single-stream which means residents do not need to sort items. Please do not bag your recyclables.
- Recycling containers must be clearly marked that they are for recycling. Recycling stickers are no longer available through the Borough and are the homeowner's responsibility.*
- DEP requires that mattresses and box springs must be bagged in mattress disposal bags.
- Electronics are not accepted as part of bulk waste, and must be taken to an electronics recycling facility.
- Biodegradable paper yard waste bags or refuse type containers without lids are acceptable for yard waste. Yard waste bags can be purchased at Borough Hall, or a home improvement store.*
- Yard waste bags or containers should not exceed 40 pounds.
- Yard waste bags should not be placed in gutters if rain is expected.
- Branches should be 6" in diameter or less, and less than 4' in length.
- Residents are limited to 10 bundles of yard waste per week.
- Firewood, stumps, dirt or rocks are not considered yard waste.
- Never mix trash and yard waste.
- If you have a grassy area between your curb and sidewalk, please place your refuse and recycling receptacles there. Placing items on the street makes street sweeping and leaf collections challenging.

*The hauler will not accept items in plastic bags.

WE ARE NO LONGER ACCEPTING FLEXIBLE PLASTIC RECYCLING

NO FLEXIBLE PLASTIC CAN BE RECYCLED

These items will **NO LONGER** be accepted. Please be sure to dispose of them properly in with your refuse pickup.

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| - Grocery Bags | - Salad Bags | - Bubble Wrap |
| - Retail Bags | - Wipes Pouches | - Pet Food Bags |
| - Pet Treat Pouches | - Candy Pouches | - Cereal Pouches |
| - Detergent Pouches | - Baby Food Pouches | - Paper Towel Overwrap |
| - Case Wrap | - Bread Bags | - Chip Bags |
| - Shrink Film | - Diaper Wrap Packaging | - Meat Bags |
| - Food Storage Bags | - Cheese Bags | - Air Pillows |
| - Diapers of Any Kind | - Snack Food Pouches | - Drink Pouches |

DID YOU KNOW

Americans use over **100 billion plastic bags each year**—that's enough to circle the Earth more than 400 times! Consider switching to reusable bags; it's an easy way to reduce trash and protect wildlife.

WYOMISSING BOROUGH RECYCLE CONTAINERS

AVAILABLE FOR RESIDENTS FOR FREE
Call Borough Hall to order one.



PLEASE CALL BOROUGH HALL AT
610-376-7481 IF YOU HAVE
ANY QUESTIONS!

THE 5 R'S: REFUSE, REDUCE, REUSE, REPURPOSE, AND RECYCLE

When it comes to managing waste and protecting our environment, it's helpful to remember the 5 R's: Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Repurpose, and Recycle. These simple actions can make a big difference in Wyomissing—and beyond.

- 1. Refuse** is the first step. It means saying no to single-use plastics, unnecessary packaging, or items you don't truly need. By refusing these products, you prevent waste from entering your home—and eventually, our landfills.
- 2. Reduce.** Cutting down on the items we consume not only saves money, but it also reduces the resources and energy used to make, transport, and dispose of goods. Simple habits, like using a reusable water bottle or avoiding disposable utensils, add up over time.
- 3. Reuse** encourages giving items a second life. Before tossing something in the trash, think about whether it can be used again. Glass jars can become storage containers, old clothes can become rags, and cardboard boxes can be transformed into organizers or craft projects.
- 4. Repurpose** takes reuse a step further by finding entirely new uses for old items. An old ladder can become a bookshelf, a worn-out t-shirt can become a reusable grocery bag, and broken furniture can be refurbished instead of discarded.
- 5. Recycle.** This step ensures that materials like paper, cardboard, glass, and certain plastics are processed and made into new products. Recycling conserves natural resources and reduces landfill waste, but it only works if items are cleaned, sorted properly, and free from contamination.

By practicing the 5 R's, each of us can play a part in reducing waste, conserving resources, and keeping Wyomissing clean and green. Small changes at home can lead to a big impact in our community.

BULK ITEMS

Bulk tags are available at Borough Hall for \$15 per item. 2 items may be set out on your regular refuse collection day. Bulk tickets must be purchased at least two days in advance. Bulk tickets must be affixed to the item(s) you want to dispose. To keep the ticket safely affixed to the item, place the ticket in a sandwich bag and attach to the bulk item with any heavy-duty tape.

Examples of acceptable bulk items include but are not limited to sofas, couches, recliners, mattresses, box springs, bookshelves, etc. Each item, even if in a pair or set, must have a bulk tag attached to it. Mattresses and box springs must be in mattress bags which may be purchased at home improvement stores or through online retail stores.

Examples of acceptable bulk construction materials include but are not limited to shingles, carpeting, lumber, drywall, paneling, etc. Please breakdown any large pieces or sheets into smaller bundles. Carpeting can be placed in bags or may be kept in rolls. If you're keeping carpet in rolls, you only need one bulk tag per 5 bundles.

BERKS COUNTY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY

www.berkspa.gov/departments/solid-waste-authority

ELECTRONIC & TIRE RECYCLING CENTER

1316 Hilltop Road, Leesport, PA 19533

Tuesdays, Thursday, and Saturdays: 8:00 AM - NOON

HAZARDOUS WASTE & PAPER SHREDDING

By Appointment Only: 8:00 AM - NOON

Register at www.co.berks.pa.us/swa

610.478.6362



MEET RECYCLE COACH

Ever wonder, “Where does this go?” when you’re tossing something in the bin? Recycle Coach has your back! Their mission is to make recycling and waste info easy to find, easy to understand, and easy to follow—no guessing required.

With nearly **25 years of experience**, they’ve teamed up with municipalities across North America to help millions of residents make our planet a little greener—one bin at a time.

Want to make recycling even easier? **Scan the QR code** to learn more tips, tricks, and answers to all your “where does this go?” questions.



recycle coach

BUILD BETTER HABITS & GET WISE ABOUT WASTE.

www.recyclecoach.com



WYOMISSING REFUSE COLLECTION DISTRICTS

Recycling Collection: Wednesdays | Yard Waste Collection: Mondays (April-December) | Refuse Collection: Mondays

DISTRICT #1 (MONDAY COLLECTION)

Abington Drive
Bristol Court
Buckingham Drive
Cheltenham Drive
Chrystine Drive
Daleview Drive
Darlin Drive
Deborah Drive
Devonshire Drive
Dorchester Drive
Downing Drive
East Park Road
Edgedale Court
Gail Circle
Grandview Blvd
Hawthorne Road
Hillside Road
Lawndale Road
Margaret Drive
Mayfair Drive
Merrymount Road
Northfield Road
Overhill Road
Park Road
Parliament Drive
Penn Avenue -
(North of RR 1700-1900 Blocks)
Robert Road
Seibert's Court
Snyder Road
Southampton Drive
State Hill Road - (1600-2500 Block)
Telford Avenue
Tewkesbury Drive
Upland Road
Valley Road
Vista Road
Warwick Drive
Wellington Blvd
Wingert Road
Woodland Road - (1-200 Block)
Woodside Avenue
Wroxham Drive
Wyom. Hills Blvd

DISTRICT #2 (TUESDAY COLLECTION)

4th Street
6th Street
7th Street
8th Street
9th Street
Albright Avenue
Belmont Avenue
715 Berkshire Blvd
Bern Road
Birchwood Road
Campus Road
Cedarwood Road
Cherry Drive
Cherrywood Road
Cleveland Avenue - (1100 Block Only)
Douglass Street
Fairview Avenue
Flower Lane
Franklin Street
Garfield Avenue - (1100 Block Only)
George Avenue
Greenwich Street
Greenwood Mall
Hamilton Place
Hill Avenue
Hobart Ave
Holland Square
Kissinger Lane
Lafayette Avenue
Larchwood Road
Lehigh Avenue
Lincoln Avenue - (1100 Block Only)
Lynne Avenue
N Wyomissing Blvd
Oley Street
Park Road North
Park Road South
Parkside Drive N. -
(1000-1100 Block Odd Only)
Penn Avenue - 800-1200 Block)
Pinewood Road
Reading Avenue
Reading Blvd - (000-1100 Block)
Spring Street
Spruce Lane
State Hill Road- 000 Block Only)
Sunnyside Avenue
Terrace Avenue
Timberline Drive

DISTRICT #3 (THURSDAY COLLECTION)

Barberry Road
Berks Place
Cardinal Place
Cardinal Road
Cleveland Avenue - (1200-1500 Block)
Dauphin Avenue - (1200-1500 Block)
Delaware Avenue - (1200-1500 Block)
Evans Avenue - (Odd Only)
Forest Avenue
Garden Lane
Garfield Avenue - (1200-1500 Block)
Girard Avenue
High Road
Lake Avenue
Lauers Lane - (800 Block Only)
Monroe Avenue
Museum Road
Old Mill Lane
Old Mill Road - (900-1100 Block)
Old Wyo. Blvd
Old Wyo. Road
Orchard Road
Parkside Drive N. -
(Even Only 1000-1100 Block)
(All Addresses 1200-1500 Block)
Parkside Drive S.
Penn Avenue - (1200-1500 Block)
Reading Blvd. - (1200-1500 Block)
Robin Road
Thrush Road
Van Steffy Avenue
Wyoming Avenue
Wyomissing Blvd. -
(000-800 Block Even Only)
(900-1100 Block All Addresses)

DISTRICT #2 CONTINUED (TUESDAY COLLECTION)

Trebor Place
Trent Avenue
Trent Place
Tulpehocken Road
Van Reed Road
Wayne Avenue
Windsor Street
Wyomissing Blvd -
(000-800 Block Odd Only)

DISTRICT #4 (FRIDAY COLLECTION)

Blue Jay Drive
Bluebird Drive
Bobolink Drive
Brandywine Ct.
Brandywine Rd
Cambridge Ave
Clayton Avenue
Cleveland Ave - (1600-1700 Block)
Dauphin Avenue - (1600-1700 Block)
Delaware Ave - (1600-1700 Block)
Durham Drive
Evans Avenue - (Even Only)
Farr Road
Garfield Avenue - (1600-1700 Block)
Goldfinch Drive
Greenbriar Ct
Greenbriar Rd
Hummingbird Road
Junco Dr
Lauers Lane
(100-200 Block & 500 Block Only)
Lincoln Avenue
Lincoln Court
Logan Avenue
Meadowlark Rd.
Old Mill Road - (1200-1600 Block)
Oriele Drive
Palmer Avenue
Penn Avenue -
(South of RR 1600-1700 Block)
Phoebe Drive
Plymouth Court
Plymouth Place
Reading Blvd. - (1600-1800 Block)
Regency Drive
Rose Virginia Rd
Squire Court
Sturbridge Ct
Sturbridge Dr
Tanager Drive
Vireo Drive
Wickford Court
Wickford Place

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

2025 Yard Waste collection ends December 8th, 2025

2026 Yard Waste collection resumes April 13th, 2026 through December 14th, 2026

2026 Annual Spring Cleanup will resume May 4th through the 8th, 2026 – on your scheduled pickup date

Yard Waste pick up is Monday (April through December) and Recycling pickup is Wednesday.
(Unless noted in the holiday schedule below.)

Memorial Day - Mondays, May 25, 2026 & Labor Day - September 7, 2026

- Monday trash and yard waste pick up moves to Tuesday
- Tuesday trash pickup moves to Wednesday
- Recycling moves to Thursday
- Thursday trash pickup moves to Friday
- Friday trash pickup moves to Saturday

Thanksgiving Day - Thursday, November 26, 2026

- Thursday trash pickup moves to Friday, Friday trash pickup moves to Saturday

Christmas Day - Friday, December 25, 2026 &

New Year's Day - Friday, January 1, 2026

- Friday trash pickup moves to Saturday

RECYCLE SMARTER: FOCUS ON THE BIG 4

Recycling doesn't have to be complicated. In Wyomissing, focusing on the **Big 4** makes it simple: Paper, Plastics, Metals, and Glass.

Here's what to remember:



PAPER: Newspapers, magazines, office paper, junk mail, cardboard. Keep it clean and dry.



PLASTICS (#1 & #2): Bottles and containers only (water bottles, milk jugs, soda bottles). Rinse and remove caps.



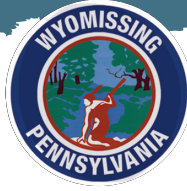
METALS: Aluminum and tin cans (soda, soup, food containers).



GLASS: All colors of bottles and jars. Rinse and remove lids. Wrap broken glass safely.










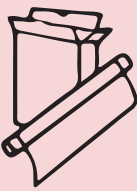

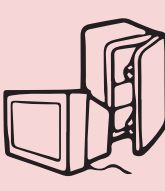


REMEMBER: Only clean, properly sorted items make it through the recycling process. Quality matters more than quantity!

By sticking to the **Big 4**, you help Wyomissing's recycling program run smoothly and protect the environment—one bin at a time.



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Wyomissing, PA 19610
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or Current Resident

YES		NO				
						
PETE	HDPE	PVC	LDPE	PP	PS	OTHER
Polyethylene Terephthalata	High-Density Polyethylene	Polyvinyl Chloride	Low-Density Polyethylene	Polypropylene	Polystyrene	Other Plastics including acrylic, polycarbonate, polyactic fibers, nylon, fiberglass
Soft drink bottles, mineral water, fruit juice containers and cooking oil	milk jugs, cleaning agents, laundry detergents, bleaching agents, shampoo bottles, washing and shower soaps	trays for sweets, fruit, plastic packing (bubble foil) and food foils to wrap the foodstuff	crushed bottles, shopping bags, highly-resistant sacks and most of the wrappings	furniture, luggage, toys as well as bumpers, lining and external borders of cars	toys, hard packing, refrigerator trays, cosmetic bags, costume jewelry, audio cassettes, CD cases, vending cups	an example of one type is polycarbonate used for CD production and baby feeding bottles
						
ACCEPTED		NOT ACCEPTED				