



# Talking 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.

- 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.** Next, **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.** Finally, there's **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](http://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](http://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](http://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 #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)  
Oriole 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

## DISTRICT #2 CONTINUED (TUESDAY COLLECTION)

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

## 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.



Borough of Wyomissing

Borough Hall

22 Reading Boulevard

Wyomissing, PA 19610

610-376-7481

or Current Resident

YES		NO				
Polyethylene Terephthalate	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				