



Centre Region Council of Governments Refuse & Recycling Newsletter

OCTOBER 2023

DATES TO NOTE

Holidays in 2023:

- Thanksgiving
November 23
- Christmas
December 25
- New Year's Day
January 1, 2024

If your collection day occurs on or after the holiday, collection will be delayed one day for the rest of that week.

Other Dates:

- Collection returns to 7 am start - September 5
- Fall Bulk Waste Week
October 16 - 20



- Christmas Tree Collection.
January 8 - 12 ONLY

Trees will be collected this week only, must be free of ice and snow, and no taller than 6 feet (please cut larger trees and keep trees under cover until your collection day).

HOW LOW CAN YOU GO?

Reducing our waste is about making less of it. Every day.

REDUCE. REUSE. RECYCLE.

We have created a one-stop resource for how to reduce your throw-away stuff (including food waste), where to donate your stuff so it can be reused, and how to recycle just about everything that can be recycled.



Go to www.crcog.net/refuse and look for the footprint.

DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN RECYCLE A WHOLE LOT MORE PLASTIC THAN JUST BOTTLES?

The Centre County Recycling and Refuse Authority has six collection bins placed throughout the county for "miscellaneous plastics." That's where you can recycle plastic food storage containers like yogurt tubs and berry and lettuce "clamshells", and other plastic items that cannot go in your curbside bin. For locations and what you can include, go to <https://www.centrecountyrecycles.org/plasticsrecycling> or call us!

REFUSE COLLECTION REMINDERS

-> Please bag all trash. Your refuse is either collected by hand or lifted by a mechanical arm and dumped in the truck. Placing your trash in bags ensures that it will be collected and keeps your can, your neighborhood, and our streets clean!

-> Place containers at the curb. Many routes now have mechanical arms that can lift containers, which increases efficiency for our collection crews. Containers need to be as close to the curb as they can be, and they should be 5 feet from anything else such as a mailbox or your recycling bin.



OCTOBER BULK WASTE COLLECTION

October 16 - 20 on your regular collection day

GUIDELINES TO ENSURE BULK WASTE COLLECTION:

- Bulk waste must be residential waste from one residence only. No commercial bulk waste will be collected.
- All items must be at the curb by 7 a.m. on your regular collection day. Bulk waste will not be collected at the door, even for customers with door service.
- Do not use cardboard boxes as containers. They are not sturdy and get too flimsy when wet. Cardboard should be flattened and placed with weekly recycling.
- Garbage bags containing wet or very heavy materials can break when lifted, so these will not be collected.
- Use multiple containers instead of overfilling a container. Overfilled containers will not be collected.
- Items near the bulk waste pile such as wheelbarrows, tarps, and bicycles will also be taken. Put a sign on anything you do not want to be taken, including cans, baskets, tarps, and bins.

SPECIFIC ITEMS AND LIMITS:

- Furniture: make sure 2 workers could lift it. Very large or heavy items will need to be taken apart.
- Bedding: keep it dry before collection.
- Wood/lumber: nothing larger than 4" diameter; cut to 4 foot lengths, tie in bundles or place in a can.
- Carpeting: dry, rolled and tied; cut into 4 foot lengths.
- Glass panes: must be sealed in a box.
- Homeowner-generated small project construction materials: bag or bundle. Do not include any debris from contractor construction.

These items are collected for recycling in separate trucks; please keep them separate from other bulk waste:

- Appliances: limit of 1 of each kind only. Remove refrigerator doors.
- Electronics (devices with screens, printers, computer components, cables): limit of 2 televisions.
- Tires: limit of 6; 20" diameter (passenger car tires), remove rims

THESE WILL NOT BE COLLECTED:

- Loose piles of wood, yard waste, soil/dirt, or debris
- Items that are too heavy or will damage the truck, such as pianos or organs, hot tubs, furnaces, cast iron items, trailer/boat hitches
- Liquid paints and solvents
- Car/boat/motorcycle batteries and motor oil
- Concrete, bricks, or stones
- Railroad ties
- Propane tanks
- Dead animals
- Bags of grass clippings or leaves
- Tires larger than 20" diameter or more than 6 tires
- Electronics, appliances or tires buried beneath or behind the bulk pile
- Anything longer than 6 feet
- Contractor-generated materials
- Items from other properties
- Items on trailers or in truck beds

Questions about what will and will not be collected? Call COG's Refuse and Recycling office at 814-234-7198.

For alternative disposal options, call the Centre County Recycling and Refuse Authority at 238-7005 or COG at 234-7198.



Active Transportation Plan - We want your input!

Centre County is developing an Active Transportation Plan to improve mobility for bicyclists, pedestrians, and other traditional and emerging mobility devices. Visit www.crcog.net/centreATP to:

- Tell us your concerns about transportation and connectivity in Centre County.
- Identify safety issues and "gaps" in our bicycle, pedestrian and wheels network.
- Submit project ideas and develop a vision zero (road fatalities) goal.