



Centre Region Council of Governments Refuse & Recycling Newsletter

JANUARY 2026

DATES TO NOTE

Dates to Note: 2026 Holidays

- **January 1**
New Year's Day
- **May 25**
Memorial Day
- **September 7**
Labor Day
- **November 26**
Thanksgiving Day
- **December 25**
Christmas Day

If your collection day occurs on or after the holiday, collection will be delayed one day for the only holidays for our collection workers!

Other Dates:

January 2026

Christmas tree collection.
Call or email in December to schedule to have your live tree collected curbside.

Global Recycling Day



March 18, 2025

Christmas Tree Collection

Curbside collection of your LIVE Christmas tree is included in your refuse collection. Your tree will be recycled into mulch or compost. You must register in December to have your tree collected. Collection will take place during the week of January 12.

To register to have your tree collected:
Call 1-800-491-8975 (ext. 0) or 814-943-8975 (ext. 0)
Email: COGCS@burgmeiers.com

Help Us Get All of Your Refuse and Recycling Collected Safely!

- Be careful when placing your cart at the roadside: Keep a 3-foot distance between your cart and any cars, fences, mailboxes, containers, or objects.
- Place your flattened corrugated cardboard boxes UNDER your recycling bin (not wedged between the cart and your bin or next to the bin). This keeps that cardboard from blowing around your neighborhood before the collection truck arrives.
- Make sure your refuse cart and recycling bin are accessible, especially in icy or snowy conditions.

Contacts and Alerts

Centre County Recycling and Refuse Authority (CCRRA) Customer Service for billing assistance, scheduling bulk waste, recycling questions, and missed recycling collections. Email: cogcs@centrecountyrecycles.org Phone: 814-826-2722

Burgmeier's Hauling Inc. (BHI) for missed refuse collection, extra bags, and Christmas trees. Email: cogcs@burgmeiers.com Phone: 814-943-8975

Centre Region Council of Governments (COG) Refuse and Recycling for questions and assistance regarding your refuse and recycling services. Email: recycler@crcog.net Phone: 814-234-7198

Sign up for Alerts Go to www.crcog.net/refuse to sign up to receive an email alert when your refuse or recycling collection is delayed for holidays, severe weather events, or other incidents.

REMINDERS ABOUT BULK WASTE COLLECTION:

- Collection of bulk items are included in your service, and have the following limits: 2 “trips” per year for bulk waste collection, and 2 per year for bulk recyclables collection, with a total of 4 items per year of each type (waste and recyclable).
- The limits reset every year of the contract, which means your collection limits start over on April 1, 2026.
- Call or email the CCRRA to schedule your bulk collections: **814-826-2722**, or **cogcs@centrecountyrecycles.org**.
- Go to www.crcog.net for more details on bulk collection.

REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE: HERE'S WHY IT MATTERS

It helps conserve our land: landfills have a pretty large footprint, and no one wants them in their back yards. And believe it or not, Pennsylvania is running low on landfill space.

It reduces our greenhouse gas emissions and pollutants: collecting and then transporting our waste to a landfill results in a lot of emissions, as well as the emissions and pollution involved in extracting the fuels that run those trucks.

It saves energy: producing goods from recycled materials typically requires less energy than manufacturing using virgin materials, and a lot more energy is wasted producing food and goods that are simply thrown away. Reducing our energy consumption can help stabilize energy costs, reduce air pollution, decrease our reliance on fossil fuels, and make our energy grids and costs less volatile.

It helps sustain our economy: Pennsylvania's recycling industry is responsible for supporting over 64,000 jobs and \$2.5 billion in annual employee earnings. Overall, the recycling industry contributes more than \$15.5 billion per year to Pennsylvania's economy. Pennsylvania tax revenues from recycling and reuse industries are estimated at \$305 million this year!

It means more jobs for Pennsylvanians: recycling creates nine times more, composting twice as many, and reuse through donations up to 30 times more jobs than landfilling our waste.

To learn more about ways to reduce your waste, easily recycle everything that can be recycled, and donate your stuff for reuse, visit www.crcog.net/refuse and click on the “How Low Can You Go” infographic.

IMPORTANT REMINDER: Refuse carts should never be on the roadway, but especially when it snows. Keep them behind the curb or back from the edge of the road to allow the snowplows to do their job.

TURNING WASTE INTO WATTS: CCRRA LEADS BY EXAMPLE

In 2025, Centre County Recycling and Refuse Authority installed a rooftop solar system capable of producing enough electricity to power its entire facility and part of the Clean Energy Renewable Natural Gas Station on its property. The solar system will benefit the public in four main ways: 1) by freeing up capital to improve services provided by the Authority, 2) by reducing energy demand, 3) by increasing energy supply, and 4) by providing education on energy efficiency, renewable energy, and sustainability through public tours and other programs.