



Pennsylvania Pay-As-You-Throw Programs

Lewistown Borough, Mifflin County

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2000 Population: 8,998 with more than 4,200 households

Program inception: 1992

Program type: Bag program

Container description: 30-gallon white bag with custom logo.

Cost structure: Quarterly billing: 13 bags @ \$36.00/ Qtr. or 26 bags @ \$41.00/Qtr.
Extra bags sold @ \$1.50/bag.

Annual budget: \$972,362.00 for all waste and recycling services.

Service provider: Lewistown Borough provides recycling collection for all Borough residences and businesses for refuse, recyclables, leaf waste, and Christmas trees, and bulky wastes collection for residential customers.

Recycling program: Mandatory ordinance for residential curbside collection of aluminum and steel cans, brown and clear glass, plastic containers coded 1 or 2, and newspaper and commercial curbside collection of aluminum and steel cans, clear and brown glass, plastic containers coded 1 or 2, newspaper, corrugated cardboard and white office paper.

Drop-off site open M-F 6:30 AM – 2:00 PM for collection of aluminum and steel cans, clear and brown glass, plastic containers coded 1 or 2, corrugated cardboard, newspaper, magazines and catalogues, white office paper, tree trimmings, all metals, and non-reusable white goods. (Drop-off service available to all Mifflin County residents through a cooperative agreement with the Mifflin County Solid Waste Authority.

Bulk waste collection: Items accepted weekly if affixed with proper tag. Each resident provided with three tags per quarter.

Composting program: Leaf collection in the fall and Christmas tree collection in January. The Borough is currently working with the Juniata Valley Master Gardener program to construct a demonstration home composting area and will work with the cooperative extension office to provide composting information at any time.

Ordinances: Recycling by residents and businesses; open burning; illegal dumping.

Education program: The program is promoted through the Borough's web site: www.co.mifflin.pa.us/mif-lewistown (currently under construction), mailings and newspaper advertisements. Recycling and composting brochures and collection route information are available at the Borough office. PAYT bags containing recyclables are tagged and not collected. Improperly prepared recycling bins receive warning stickers.

Comments: All collected recyclables are processed by Lewistown Borough and sold as commodities in local markets. Lewistown Borough recycled more than 600 tons in 2003.