



Butler County Department of Recycling & Waste Management

NEWS



Winter 2016-17



CHEMSWEEP Provides 15 Counties With Safe Pesticide Disposal In 2017

SEARCH TIP:
For more information on “hard to recycle” and “hard to dispose” items, the yearly **Butler County Resource Guide** will soon be posted on www.recyclebutler.us



Agricultural businesses (including farms) and pesticide applicators in 15 counties can dispose of unwanted pesticides safely and easily in 2017 through the Department of Agriculture’s CHEMSWEEP Program.

The program is offered in different counties each year. In 2017, it will be available in Bedford, Berks, Bradford, **Butler**, Columbia, Cumberland, Fulton, Lawrence, McKean, Montour, Northumberland, Schuylkill, Sullivan, Warren and York counties.

“While pesticides are an important tool for many in production agriculture across Pennsylvania, they can be a problem when they outlive their usefulness, sitting in barns and sheds and becoming hazardous to the environment and to your safety,” said Agriculture Secretary Russell Redding. “With

CHEMSWEEP, our agriculture industry can more easily safeguard our land and waterways by properly disposing of pesticides.”

More than 2.4 million pounds of unwanted or unusable pesticides have been properly destroyed through the program since it was established in 1993.

Every year, many pesticide products are discontinued, phased out or become unusable, leaving growers, commercial establishments and professional applicators with potentially dangerous and toxic materials that cannot be placed in landfills.

Licensed pesticide applicators, pesticide dealers and commercial pesticide application businesses from the designated counties are eligible to participate by completing the CHEMSWEEP registra-

tion/inventory form that will be direct-mailed.

The registration period ends February 28.

An independent contractor hired by the state agriculture department collects and packages all waste pesticides at each participating location. CHEMSWEEP covers the disposal cost for the first 2,000 pounds per participant. Above that level, participants are billed at the Agriculture department’s contracted price.

The program is funded through annual registration fees paid by pesticide manufacturers and applicators. For more information, visit Agriculture’s CHEMSWEEP Program website.



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Recycling Reports Due February 15

Recycling reports are due from all of the following no later than February 15:

*all haulers picking up and/or transporting recyclables in Butler County

*all businesses and institutions / schools operating within Butler County that generate and/or haul recyclable materials (whether they contract for

waste / recycling collection or haul their own

*any business / recycling center that has accepted any recyclables that were generated within Butler Co. for processing / recycling regardless of where they are located

Recycling reports, showing weights for all materials recycled, are required to be sub-

mitted to the Butler County Recycling Dept. each year per Butler County Ordinance 9201. Statewide uniform report forms can be found on the web site for the Professional Recyclers of PA at the following link:

<http://www.proprecycles.org/coordinators-tool-kit>





Butler County's 2017 Hazardous Waste Collection Schedule can be found at: www.recyclebutler.us

2016 Hazardous Waste Collection Wrap-Up

The results are in and Butler County has collected more hazardous waste and electronics in 2016 than in any prior year! The collection results are as follows:

Hazardous waste and chemicals— **53,922 pounds**
Mercury— **71 pounds**
Propane Tanks— **417 pounds**

Fluorescent Tubes and Bulbs— **648 pounds**

Computers and Computer Equipment— **36,241 pounds**

Televisions— **93,614 pounds**

Other Electronics— **30,342 pounds**

Total 215,255 Pounds

This is an overall collection increase of nearly

44% from 2015!

Thank you to everyone who has participated in these events, ensuring the proper disposal of such a large amount of hazardous waste. With your help, we are making your home and our county safer together.



Keep PA Beautiful Urges Adoption Of Local Roads, Parks, Other Areas To Fight Litter

Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful invites local residents, organizations, civic groups, and businesses to join programs to adopt local areas, such as municipal roads, communities, parks, neighborhood blocks, greenways, waterways and trails to keep them litter free.

In Allegheny County, James Sharp Landing was recently adopted through the Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful Adoption Program by 'Snakeguys Redd Up Team.' The team of volunteers agreed to clean up twice a year and report results to Keep PA Beautiful and Sharpsburg Borough agreed to support the adoption by installing the sign and providing trash disposal options.

"Sharpsburg Borough is proud to be a part of Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful and setting an example for our community and others the importance of work-

ing together to provide a clean, safe and friendly place to live, work and visit," said William Rossey, Manager, Borough of Sharpsburg.

According to Keep America Beautiful's 2009 National Visible Litter Survey and Litter Cost Study, litter cleanup costs the U.S. more than an estimated \$11.5 billion each year with municipalities spending more than \$790 million and counties spending \$185 million each year.

"Many communities depend on volunteers to clean up litter. Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful works hand in hand with local municipalities and counties to provide residents with the tools and resources they need to keep our communities clean and beautiful," said Shannon Reiter, President of Keep PA Beautiful. "Our adoption program helps mitigate the costs associated

with cleaning up and encourages partnerships between local residents and municipalities. It's a win-win."

For more information visit KPB's Adoption Programs webpage or contact Stephanie Larson by sending email to: slarson@keeppabeautiful.org or call 724-836-4121 x104.

For information about adopting a state maintained road visit PennDOT's Roadside Beautification Program webpage.

Also, you can sign up now for the 2017 Great American Cleanup of PA and set up your own cleanup and beautification event through May 31.

