

MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP
Delaware County, Pennsylvania

RESOLUTION 2009- 72

WHEREAS, the Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling and Waste Reduction Act (Act 101 of 1988) adopted by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has placed mandates on municipalities for establishing and maintaining a recycling program, and

WHEREAS, in conformance with requirements of the above Act, Middletown Township has expanded its recycling program and by Resolution 90-100 adopted regulations for recycling to be undertaken by both residential and non-residential locations within the Township, and

WHEREAS, an evaluation of the initial recycling program results led to a number of proposed changes in the collection materials and methods through Resolution 91-54, and

WHEREAS, further amendments to Act 101 of 1988 have required several revisions and updates to the recycling program administered by Middletown Township,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the attached recycling program regulations, revised as of June 30, 2009, be hereby adopted.

Resolved this *27th* day of *JULY*, 2009.

SIGNED: _____

Scott D. Galloway
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COUNCIL CHAIR

ATTEST: _____

W. Bruce Clark
W. BRUCE CLARK
TOWNSHIP MANAGER

RECYCLING PROGRAM REGULATIONS

These regulations are established pursuant to Section 403 of Chapter VI of the Middletown Township Code of Ordinances to ensure that the Township recycling program conforms with requirements of the Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling and Waste Reduction Act (Act 101 of 1988) as may be amended, and the Delaware County Solid Waste Management Plan, as may be amended.

A. Separation of Recyclables from the Waste Stream By Single-Family Residences and Multi-Family Residential Dwellings of Four or Less Dwelling Units

Occupants of all dwellings within Middletown Township within this category shall be required to recycle the following materials:

Mixed paper, corrugated and gray cardboard, clear and colored glass, steel and bi-metal food and beverage cans, aluminum cans, and plastics labeled 1 and 2. Leaf and yard waste recycling is also required and is addressed in part C. of these Regulations..

All food and beverage containers shall be rinsed to remove any food residue, and any metal rings or ceramic bottle tops removed prior to collection.

The Township will provide curbside collection of recyclables from each household in this category at least once every two weeks. A collection schedule with designation of collection areas and instructions shall be established by the Township, or by the Township and its contracted collector, where collection will be done under a contract. All recyclables must be placed curbside in designated containers in accordance with the collection instructions and schedule for each neighborhood.

The Township or its designated collector shall collect all recyclables placed curbside on a timely basis in accordance with the collection schedule for each neighborhood. The Township and/or its contract collector reserves the right to refuse collection where materials are mixed with non-recyclable items, not rinsed, or otherwise unsuitable for recycling. It shall be the responsibility of the resident to ensure that all materials placed curbside are properly prepared in accordance with recycling program instructions.

B. Separation of Recyclables from the Waste Stream by Commercial, Municipal, and Institutional Establishments and at Community Activities, and Including Multi-Family Housing Properties of More Than Four Dwelling Units

All establishments and properties not serviced by the Township's Residential Recycling Program shall be covered under these provisions. Each individual facility within this category shall make arrangements to provide for the separation and marketing of recyclables.. Recyclable materials to be separated shall include, at a minimum, mixed paper, corrugated paper, aluminum, plastics labeled 1 and 2, and leaf and yard waste. Frequency of collection, method of collection, marketing point for collection, etc. shall be left to the discretion of the individual facility. Each facility shall provide a report to the municipality by January 31 of every year, or at other times upon the request of the Township, indicating the tonnage of materials recycled during the previous year, along with certified weight slips and a statement from the buyer of each product indicating that the material was used for recycling purposes and not disposed of in landfills or burned in incinerators.

The Township recognizes that under current municipal solid waste disposal practices, significant tipping fees and other disposal costs are associated with the landfilling or other disposal of this waste. In addition to considering the economic value of specific recyclables collected and marketed, facilities falling within the category are urged to consider the avoided landfilling and other disposal costs resulting from an expanded

collection of recyclables beyond the minimum requirements.

C. Separation and Collection of Leaf Waste & Yard Waste

Leaf waste and yard waste shall not be disposed of as a part of municipal solid waste, or burned as a method of disposal, in accordance with procedures adopted by Act 101 of 1988 and the Delaware County Department of Solid Waste. All leaf and yard waste shall be segregated from the trash stream and composted.

Leaf Waste

Residential, as well as commercial, institutional and municipal facilities are encouraged to establish on-lot composting for leaves. If on-lot composting is not feasible, non-residential facilities must make their own arrangements for the collection and composting of leaf waste.

For residents unable or unwilling to provide for individual on-lot composting on their properties, a Township leaf collection program will be available during the Fall months, with one special collection in the spring.

Residents wishing to use this program shall purchase specially designed and marked paper bags from the Township, and place any leaves to be collected in those bags. Filled bags shall be placed along the curb at any time during the designated collection periods occurring generally in March or April and between October 1 and December 15 of each year.

Bags placed for residential curbside collection in accordance with these requirements will be picked up and removed to a central composting location by the Township or its contracted agent. No sticks, stones, trash, grass clippings, or other contaminants shall be placed in any bags so filled for curbside collection. The inclusion of any such contaminants in any bag placed curbside for collection shall be grounds for the Township, at its discretion, to refuse to collect any further bagged leaves from that location.

The Township will collect leaves only in bags provided by the Township for this purpose. The Township will reserve the right to establish a cost for each bag provided, and will reserve the right to limit the collection of bags at any one location, as it may deem necessary for the effective operation of the overall program. Residents desiring to obtain curbside bagged leaf collection service from the township at times other than the designated collection period above may do so in accordance with procedures established by the Public Works Department for off-peak service.

Yard Waste

A yard waste residential curbside collection will be provided once monthly January-September each year. Non-residential facilities must make their own arrangements for the collection and composting of yard waste.

Yard waste refers to twigs, sticks, branches, and tree and shrubbery trimmings only. No grass, weeds or leaves will be accepted. Yard waste may be bagged in biodegradable paper bags available for sale at the Township Building, bundled with string, or placed in trash cans. Branches are to be no larger than 4 inches in diameter and no longer than 4 feet in length, and bundles should weigh no more than 50 lbs. The Township will reserve the right to limit the collection of yard waste at any one location, as it may deem necessary for the effective operation of the overall program.

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