

MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP  
Delaware County, Pennsylvania

RESOLUTION 91-54

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

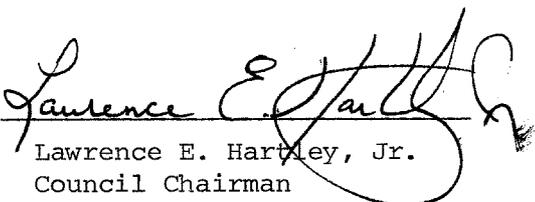
WHEREAS, in conformance with requirements of the above Act, Middletown Township has expanded its recycling program and by Resolution 90-100 adopted regulations for recycling to be undertaken by both residential and non-residential locations within the Township, and

WHEREAS, after an evaluation of the initial recycling program results has led to a number of proposed changes in the collection materials and methods,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the attached recycling program regulations, revised as of March 25, 1991, be hereby adopted.

Resolved this *25<sup>th</sup>* day of *MARCH*, 1991.

SIGNED:

  
Lawrence E. Hartley, Jr.  
Council Chairman

ATTEST:

  
W. Bruce Clark  
Township Manager

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## 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 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 source separate the following recyclables: newspapers, clear glass bottles, green glass bottles, brown glass bottles, steel and bi-metal food and beverage cans, aluminum cans and plastic bottles or jugs manufactured of polyethylene terephthalate (PET) or high density polyethylene (HDPE). 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. All residential units within this category shall be provided with two divided recycling bins which shall be used to store the recyclables prior to collection.

The Township will provide curbside pick-up of comingled recyclables and newsprint from each household in this category 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 the 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 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. Recyclable materials to be separated shall include newspapers, high-grade office paper, aluminum, corrugated paper, and leaf waste. Each individual facility within this category shall make arrangements to provide for the separation and marketing of recyclables. 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 at least semi-annually on July 1 and January 1 indicating the collection weights for each recyclable material for the preceding six month period, 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

Leaf waste shall not be disposed of as a part of municipal solid waste, in accordance with procedures adopted by the Delaware County Department of Solid Waste. All leaves shall be segregated from the trash stream and composted. Both residents and commercial and institutional facilities are encouraged to establish leaf compost piles on their properties. For residents and other facilities unable or unwilling to provide for individual on-lot composting on their properties, a Township leaf collection program will be available. 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 period of October 1 through December 15 of each year. Bags placed curbside 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 sale of bags to 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.

Sept. 10, 1990

March 25, 1991 (Rev.)