# DOUGLASS TOWNSHIP RECYCLES



## Recycling \*\*Batteries\*\*

#### Do something Positive for the Environment

**Recycle your Rechargeables.** Rechargeable batteries come in many shapes and sizes, and are commonly used in cordless rechargeable appliances such as camcorders, phones and power tools. They are either sealed lead (Pb) or Nickel-cadmium (Ni-Cd).

### Bring spent rechargeable batteries to our recycling center located on Municipal Drive!

- DO NOT throw rechargeables in the trash.
- DO NOT add to curbside recyclables.

#### Disposable Batteries

Commonly used in flashlights, toys, portable music boxes and cameras. These are usually alkaline or zinc carbon. Check labels before you purchase to make sure you are buying "no added mercury" or "low mercury" batteries. When batteries are spent, these may be placed directly in the trash.

#### Auto & Marine Batteries

Auto and marine lead acid batteries must be recycled. Return these batteries to auto parts stores in our area. You can also take these items to Interstate Battery located at 1742 Swamp Pike in Gilbertsville. Interstate Battery can be reached at 610-323-3296 for further questions.

#### Any Other Questions?

For further information call: Douglass Township Recycling Center at 610-367-2381.

If the facility is large enough and has a significant number of employees, a task force should be formed to help the coordinator plan and initiate the program. This group may remain in force as a permanent advisory body to ensure continued program development. To ensure that all parts of your operation are addressed fairly and adequately, task force representatives should be assigned from all departments that will be affected by your recycling program. It is also a good idea to include a spokesperson for employees.

#### 4. Assessing the Waste Stream

The coordinator should assess the amount of recyclables in your organization's waste stream, and where they originate.

This process is called waste assessment. The waste assessment should focus on offices, louges, cafeterias, restrooms, vending machine areas, boiler rooms, maintenance areas, storage areas, and other locations where trash originates. If the audit reveals that yard debris composes a large percentage of the waste stream, the task force should consider the feasibility of including on-site, composting as part of the recycling program.

#### 5. Markets for Recyclables

Your recycling program will generate materials that can be used to manufacture new products. The companies that do are known as end users or end markets. One of the more significant tasks of the recycling coordinator is to determine how to get recyclables to these markets. Recyclables may be marketed directly to an end user if agreement can be reached on the amount, quality and regularity of the shipments. Otherwise, it will be necessary to negotiate with intermediaries - such as waste haulers, processors, or brokers to collect, process, and/or market recyclables.

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