



York County Solid Waste Authority

Spring 2026 Recycling Newsletter

Serving our community by providing recycling education and resources.



DEP 904 Recycling Grant Now Open!

The Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) 904 Recycling Performance Grant application for calendar year 2025 opened May 2, 2026. This grant offers municipalities the chance to apply for funds based on the quantity and rate of recycling that occurred in their community in the prior calendar year.

Since this grant is based on the data you submitted in your Annual Municipal Recycling Report earlier this year, the best time to apply is as soon as the application opens, while the information is still fresh in your mind!

I emailed the grant application link and instructions to all York County municipalities on May 6th and will continue to send this information monthly while the grant is open. Please contact me with any questions, for assistance with your application, or for a review of your application before submitting. For more information on the 904 Grant, click below to visit the PA DEP website's Recycling Financial Assistance page:

[PA DEP Recycling Financial Assistance](#)



New Hauling Companies Bidding in York County

Through our tracking of York County municipal waste and recycling contracts, YCSWA has become aware of new hauling companies bidding in York County. For a full list of companies YCSWA is aware of that may bid on York County municipal contracts, please follow the link below to our website page of resources for municipalities. This page also contains a link to our YCSWA Waste and Recycling Bid, Contract, and Services Guide which details best practices for bid specification and contract documents.

Additionally, we can further assist with your bidding process by reviewing your documents and making suggestions to help create efficient bid specs to foster competitive results. Contact Mindy for a free review of your waste and recycling bid and contract documents.

[YCSWA Resources for Municipalities](#)



York County Annual Municipal Recycling Report Results

Thank you all for a job well done completing the Annual Municipal Recycling Report for calendar year 2025! It is truly a pleasure working with you all to compile this data for our county. In the coming weeks, I will be sending each of you a report detailing your

municipality's Annual Municipal Recycling Report and 904 Recycling Performance Grant data over the last five years. As always, if you have questions about these reports please let me know.



YCSWA Household Hazardous Waste Event Results

YCSWA conducted a free Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection event for York County residents on Saturday, May 2, 2026. During the event, 511 York County households responsibly and safely disposed of more than 18 tons of HHW. Many of our participants listed municipal newsletters and websites as the way they found out about the event. Thank you for informing your residents about this opportunity!

Materials collected included rechargeable batteries, fluorescent light bulbs, mercury-containing devices, pool chemicals, pressurized gas tanks, fuels, pesticides, and many other hazardous items. It is crucial for these materials to be properly managed in order to protect our environment, waste and recycling personnel, and the equipment and facilities used to manage waste and recycling.

This year, we will be conducting a second Household Hazardous Waste Event on Saturday, October 17, 2026. Registration for this event will open in mid-August.

For those of you that may receive questions from your residents throughout the year regarding disposal of HHW, it may be helpful to provide the below link to the YCSWA website which gives information on the proper management of these materials:

[YCSWA Website HHW Information](#)



Free Service From YCSWA: Event Recycling & Waste Container Loan Program

Single-use beverage and food containers and other items used at events create an important need for organized recycling and waste practices. Local waste and recycling haulers can provide large dumpster-style containers and transporting services, but are usually unable to supply regular recycling and waste bins to be stationed throughout the event area. Often, event organizers are forced to use their own personal bins or purchase new ones. Transporting and reclaiming personal bins can be a hassle and storing extra bins that are only used once or twice a year isn't ideal either.

To assist York County event organizers with this dilemma, YCSWA loans recycling and waste container systems to York County events, at no cost. Twenty-five sets of recycling and waste systems are available on a first come, first served basis for any York County event. Please help us spread the word by providing this information on your website or in your seasonal newsletters.

Anyone interested in borrowing the bins for a York County event should contact Mindy Waltemyer at m.waltemyer@ycswa.com or 717-845-1066.

[More Details About Loan Program](#)



The Professional Recyclers of Pennsylvania (PROP) use a variety of programs and tools to connect and educate their members and the recycling community. A wide range of recycling professionals, including county and municipal recycling coordinators and private sector recycling and sustainability professionals, are members of PROP and participate in PROP events.

PROP is conducting their **Annual Recycling and Organics Conference from July 22-24, 2026**. This year the event will be held at the Double Tree Resort in Lancaster, PA. As a PROP board member, PROP Certified Recycling Professional, and long-time member of PROP, I highly recommend their educational programs, especially their annual conference and nationally-recognized Certified Recycling Professional Program. Please visit the PROP website to learn more about their recycling education opportunities and events:

[PROP Website](#)



Are You a New Municipal Recycling Coordinator?

If you are a new York County Recycling Coordinator, or recycling and waste duties have recently been added to your responsibilities, you may have questions about this field. I am always here to help answer questions, assist you with grant writing, and offer advice on/examples of bid specifications, contracts, ordinances and more. However, no one probably knows your challenges better than another municipal recycling coordinator.

This is why I have created a mentorship program for York County Recycling Coordinators. If you'd like to be matched with a local peer who has similar duties to yours - someone to provide support and answer questions - please reach out to me at m.waltemyer@ycswa.com.

In addition, if you have experience in the position of Municipal Recycling Coordination and would be willing to share with others, please let me know as well. Our current mentors say the help they have provided to others has not taken up much of their time and has helped provide a network of recycling professionals for our community.

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