



## York County Solid Waste Authority

### Municipal Recycling Newsletter-Spring 2024

Serving our community by providing recycling education and resources.

**GRANTS**

### DEP 904 Recycling Grant Now Open

The Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) 904 Recycling Performance Grant application for calendar year 2023 opened on May 11, 2024. This grant offers municipalities the chance to apply for funds

based on the quantity and rate of recycling that occurred in your community in the prior calendar year.

Application link and instructions were emailed to all York County recycling coordinators on May 14. I will continue to send reminders regarding the grant throughout this year. Please contact me with any questions, for a review of your application before submitting, and to send me a copy of your completed grant for our files. For more information about the 904 Grant, please click below to visit the PA DEP website's Recycling Financial Assistance page:

## PA DEP-Recycling Financial Assistance



### Free Service From YCSWA: Event Recycling and Waste Container Loan Program

Single-use beverage and food containers and other items used at community and private events create an important need for organized recycling and waste practices. Local waste and recycling haulers can provide large dumpster-style waste containers and transporting services for events, but are unable to loan or rent regular recycling and waste bins to be stationed throughout the event area. Often, community event organizers are forced to use their own personal bins or purchase new ones to be used at the event. 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, the York County Solid Waste Authority (YCSWA) has purchased ClearStream® recycling and waste container systems to loan to York County events, at no cost. These systems feature durable frames onto which clear bags are secured to form a convenient recycling and waste center. Each frame also contains a personalizable sign system to clearly state what items should be recycled and what should be placed in the trash.

Twenty-five sets of recycling and waste systems will be available on a first come, first served basis to any York County event. Municipal event coordinators as well as other public or private event organizers in your community are welcome to use these bins. Please help us spread the word by providing this information on your website or in your seasonal newsletter. Anyone interested in borrowing the bins for a community event should contact Mindy Waltemyer at [m.waltemyer@ycswa.com](mailto:m.waltemyer@ycswa.com).



## **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 concerns 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](mailto: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.



## **York County Annual Municipal Recycling Report Results**

Thank you for your diligence and hard work completing the Annual Municipal Recycling Report for calendar year 2023. It is truly a pleasure working with you all to compile this data for our county. In the next coming weeks, I will be sending each of you a report detailing your municipality's Annual Municipal Recycling Report and 904 Recycling Grant data over the last five years. As always, if you have questions about these reports please let me know.



## **YCSWA Wants to Hear From You-Talk Trash to Us!**

The York County Solid Waste Authority (YCSWA) was established to facilitate responsible solid waste management in York County. We support and promote waste reduction, reuse, and recycling in a variety of ways and in several facilities. A critical part of assuring a sustainable future solid waste management system is incorporating community values in the design of York County's system, so we are asking for your input, and the input of your residents, via survey. Please follow the link below to complete and share the survey in your newsletters and on your social media and websites. Our survey is open throughout the remainder of 2024.



## Recycling Education Opportunities

The Professional Recyclers of Pennsylvania (PROP) uses a variety of programs and tools to connect, educate and inform our members and the recycling community. PROP is conducting their Annual Recycling and Organics Conference from July 24-26, 2024. This year the event will be held in person at the Wind Creek Bethlehem, PA Hotel. As a long-time member of PROP, I highly recommend their educational programs and especially their annual conference. Please visit the PROP website to view the schedule of educational sessions and events:

### PROP 2024 Annual Conference



## YCSWA Household Hazardous Waste Event Results

The York County Solid Waste Authority (YCSWA) conducted our free annual Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection event for York County residents on Saturday, May 4, 2024. During the event, 445 York County households responsibly and safely disposed of more than 17.5 tons of HHW.

Materials collected included rechargeable batteries, fluorescent light bulbs, 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 waste and recycling personnel and the equipment and facilities used to manage waste and recycling.

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 provides information on the proper management of these materials:

[YCSWA Website HHW Management Info.](#)

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