



Facilitating Responsible Waste Management

## York County Solid Waste Authority Municipal Recycling Newsletter - Spring 2023

Serving our community by providing recycling education and resources.



### DEP 904 Recycling Grant Opening Soon

The Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) 904 Recycling Performance Grant application for calendar year 2022 will be opening very soon. 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.

Stay tuned for the application link and instructions. I will email them to all York County municipal recycling coordinators as soon as I receive them from the DEP. 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](#)



### YCSWA Logo and Website Get a Makeover!

You may have noticed a new image when viewing YCSWA online or printed material. Although not all of our signs and publications will be rebranded immediately, YCSWA has begun using a new logo. We're excited to share our new look!



### Recycling Education Opportunities

The Professional Recyclers of PA (PROP) is offering a training session specifically for municipal recycling coordinators and others who may apply for the PA DEP 904 Recycling Grant for their municipalities. **This PROP Training and Discussion session will be held at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, June 7** and is sponsored by the PROP Mentorship Committee. Click below for more information:

[PROP 904 Grant Training](#)

The Professional Recyclers of Pennsylvania (PROP) are conducting their **Annual Recycling and Organics Conference from July 19-21, 2023**. This year the event will be held in person at the Wyndham Resort in Gettysburg. Please visit the PROP website to view the schedule of educational sessions and events:

[PROP 2023 Annual Conference](#)



### A New Free Service From YCSWA: Community Event Recycling and Waste Container Loan Program!

Single-use beverage and food containers and other items used at community 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 community 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 community 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 community event. Municipal event coordinators as well as other public 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).



### Rechargeable Batteries and Disposal Fire Hazards

The convenience and environmental benefits of using less resources associated with rechargeable batteries make them a popular choice for many consumers. These benefits are significant, but there are also important safety precautions to consider when using these types of batteries.

**Rechargeable batteries, especially commonly used lithium ion batteries, are a dangerous fire risk if not disposed of properly.** Simply tossing rechargeable batteries into your trash, as you would with alkaline batteries, can have dire consequences for your home or business, local trash hauling trucks or your waste disposal facility. **These devices should NOT be placed in trash or recycling bins.** When exposed to the wrong conditions, such as compression or movement against other materials, rechargeable batteries can spark, explode and cause fires.

Always properly dispose of rechargeable batteries at battery recycling outlets such as those available in many retail stores. To find a battery recycling outlet near you please click the link below.

[Call2Recycle Battery Recycling Location Finder](#)

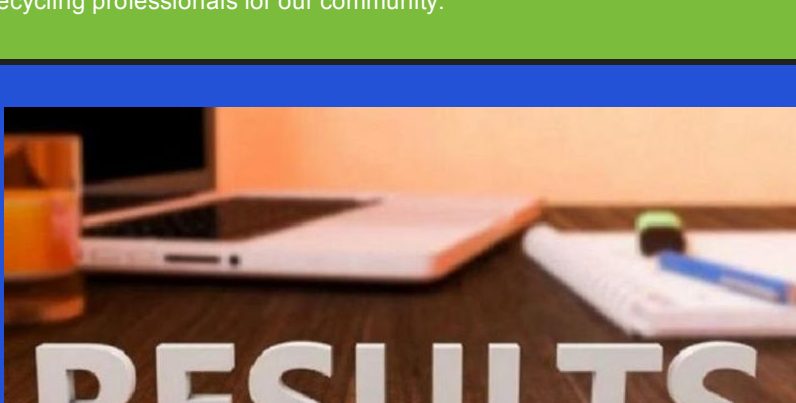


### Are You a New Municipal Recycling Coordinator?

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

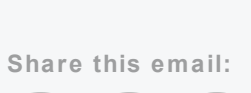
Thank you for your diligence and hard work completing the Annual Municipal Recycling Report for calendar year 2022. It is truly a pleasure working with you all to compile this data for our county. In the next coming weeks, I will be sending each of you a report detailing your municipality's Annual Municipal 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.

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