

PLEASE ADHEAR TO THE POSTED DROP OFF HOURS OF 7:00 AM TO SUNSET, MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AND SUNDAY. CLOSED ON WEDNESDAY & TOWNSHIP HOLIDAYS

Did you know that Lehigh Township is a recycling mandated community? The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) requires Lehigh Township residents and businesses to recycle. Residents are required to recycle aluminum, glass, newsprint and yard waste (leaves, branches, etc.). Businesses are required to recycle aluminum, corrugated paper, high grade office paper and yard waste (leaves, branches, etc.).

The yard waste center located across from the Lehigh Township Public Works Building is for residents to drop of their yard waste only. Commercial entities and non-residents may take yard waste material to the main processing site at the First Regional Compost Authority (FRCA), 6701 Weaverville Road, Northampton. Commercial entities and non-residents dumping at the Lehigh Township site are subject to fines.

The yard waste material dropped off at our site is transported to the FRCA and ground into mulch and compost which is then returned back to the yard waste center for the residents to take for their use. Yard waste and leaves only will be accepted at the Lehigh Township Facility. Yard waste is items such as: tree branches up to 8 feet in length and 8 inches in diameter, hedge clippings, unbagged leaves and Christmas trees. Dried leaves and brush should not be mixed together. Unacceptable items are: grass clippings*, ornamental grass, bamboo, sod dirt, stones, cattails, hay, straw, nuts, large logs, root balls, stumps, wood, and construction material.

The leaves, tree branches and hedge clippings are to be unloaded in their marked areas, do not put these items in the green bins. The green bins are used for transportation of these materials to the FRCA site. ***Please be sure to secure and/or tarp all yard waste/mulch while transporting to and from the site in your vehicle. Should debris fall onto the Township Road, it is your responsibility to clean up the debris.

Grasscycling is the preferred method of dealing with grass clippings. To grasscycle, remove no more than 1/3 of the leaf tissue and leave the grass clippings on the lawn after mowing. This reduces the time, costs, and labor of bagging grass and returns valuable nutrients to the soil. A mulching mower will chop the grass into finer pieces than a standard mower allowing them to breakdown more quickly. Grass clippings decompose quickly, so they do not contribute to thatch. Although grasscycling is preferred and encouraged, the residents may take their grass in containers to the main FRCA site on Weaversville Road, on Wednesdays, Fridays, and the 1st & 3rd Saturday of the month. There is a \$1 per 32-gallon container charge. Access the FRCA website at: www.frcauthority.org for further information, regulations and fees.

Whether you are dropping off material at the Township or the FRCA site, make sure your load is free of any debris, garbage, foreign objects or tools you may have been using. Foreign objects in the grinder cause expensive repairs and reduce the quality of the material that gets returned to the residents. The better the material is going into the site, the better the material will be when it is returned to the site.