

Residential Recycling Guidelines

Acceptable Items



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PAPER, PAPERBOARD & CARDBOARD:

Recycle Any Size. Any Quantity.

Please break down boxes as flat as possible and put them out next to your recycle bin(s) on your pick-up day.

- All sizes of cardboard boxes
- Clean pizza boxes
- Food boxes (i.e. cereal & gelatin boxes)
- EMPTY paper towel and toilet paper rolls
- Paperboard packaging (i.e. tissue boxes)
- Office paper (any color)
- Newspapers and inserts
- Magazines, catalogs, and brochures
- Envelopes & junk mail
- Paper bags
- Phone books & other soft cover books

- ✓ Remove all packaging (Styrofoam, peanuts, plastic bubble wrap, plastic liners, etc.)
- ✓ Flatten ALL boxes
- ✓ Bundle all cardboard that does not fit into the recycling bin
- ✓ Cover loose paper with heavier items to prevent it from blowing away
- ✓ If the weather forecast calls for high winds or wet weather, if possible, keep your paper recyclables until the next week. Wet paper products are difficult to process.

METAL:

- Aluminum beverage cans
- Steel food & beverage cans, aerosol cans, paint cans

GLASS:

- Clear, brown, blue, and green glass food & beverage containers

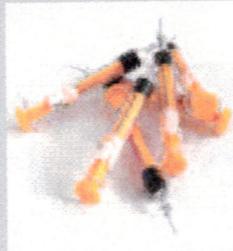
PLASTIC:

- #1 through #7 – *All materials must be thoroughly cleaned before placing them in your recycle container.*

- ✓ Remove caps/lids
- ✓ Rinse thoroughly to remove all contaminants
- ✓ It is OK to leave on labels and neck rings

Unacceptable Items

• **Needles & Medical Waste**
DO NOT place used needles or any other medical waste with recycling! This is a serious health hazard to everyone!



- Broken glass
- Windows, mirrors, ceramics
- Drinking glasses
- Aluminum foil
- Scrap metal
- Clothing hangers (metal and plastic)
- Plastic tableware (knives, forks, spoons, etc.)
- Plastic grocery bags
- Light bulbs
- Food soiled material
- Wet papers or cardboard
- Paperboard juice and milk containers
- Plastic food wrappers
- Used paper towels or tissues
- Styrofoam
- Pool chemicals
- Packing peanuts
- Plastic bubble wrap
- Hose
- Christmas lights
- Diapers
- Food waste



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What Do Your Recyclables Become?

At Penn Waste, our goal is to partner with our customers throughout south central Pennsylvania to create a green community together. As part of our continuing commitment to help educate children and adults on the importance of recycling, here's a guide to what some of your recyclable items like paper, cardboard, and plastic become after they've been sorted, processed and reused.



Magazines



Paperboard, Telephone Directories, Newspapers



Paperboard, Mixed Paper & Junk Mail



Paper backing on Roofing Shingles, Paper Towel Rolls, New Paperboard Packaging



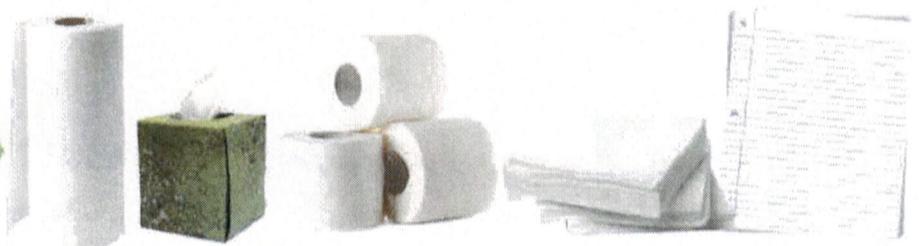
Cardboard



Paper Bags, New Cardboard, Paperboard, Cardboard Medium (corrugated middle part)



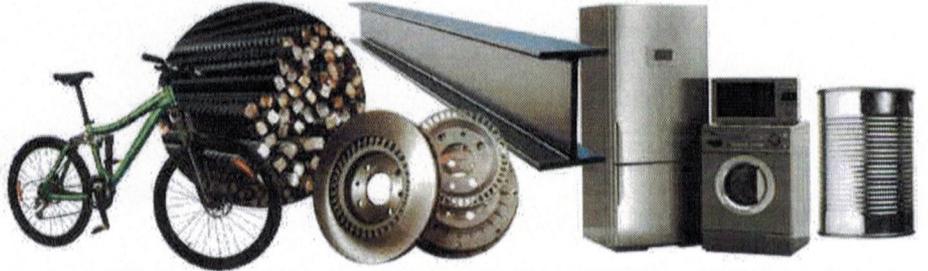
Notebook & Computer Paper



Paper Towels, Facial Tissue, Toilet Paper, Napkins, New Notebook Paper, New Computer Paper



Steel/Tin Cans



Bike Parts, Rebar, Car Parts, Steel Beams, Appliances, New Cans



Aluminum Cans



New Aluminum Cans



Glass Bottles



New Bottles, New Jars, Fiberglass, Sand used in construction projects



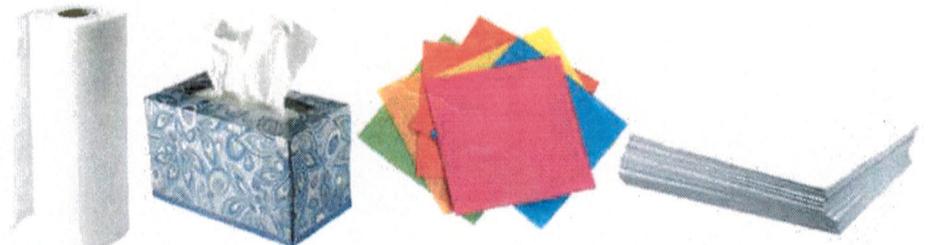
Plastics



Carpet, Backpacks, Polar Fleece, Sleeping Bag and Ski Jacket insulation, Plastic Lumber for Decking and Docks, Play Sets, New Bottles, Buckets, Containers, Frisbees, Stadium Seats

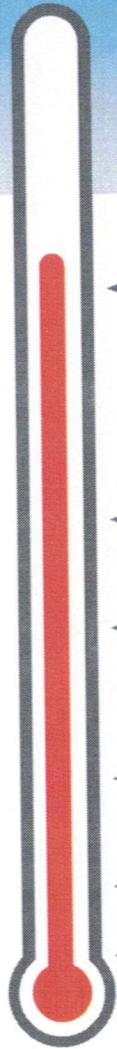


Cartons



Paper Towels, Tissues, Napkins, Computer Paper

How Much Mercury is in a CFL?



- ← **Manual thermostats:**
4500 mg of mercury
- ← **Old-style thermometers:**
1000 mg of mercury
- ← **Freezer light switch:**
800 mg of mercury
- ← **Some dental fillings:**
82 mg of mercury
- ← **Watch batteries:**
9 mg of mercury
- ← **CFLs:**
*4 mg or less of mercury

*According to US EPA

Light Smarter, Pay Less

The EPA and PPL Electric Utilities recommend replacing incandescent light bulbs with CFLs. By using CFLs, you help preserve energy resources and reduce the risks of climate change while saving money.

Compared to incandescent bulbs, **ENERGY STAR®** qualified CFLs:

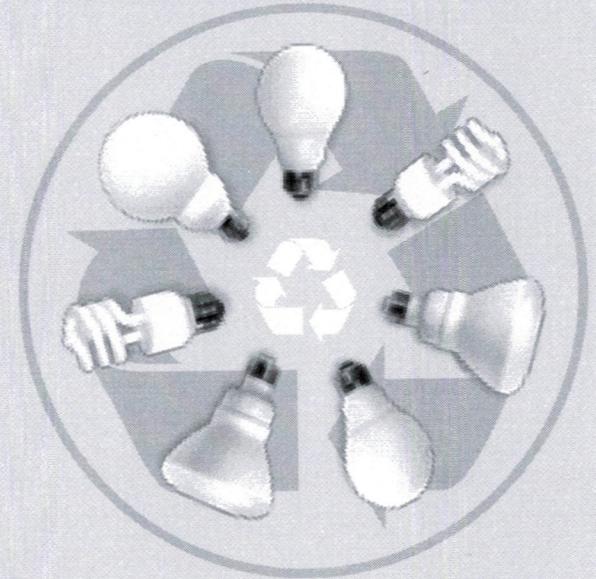
- Save up to \$30 over each bulb's lifetime
- Use 75% less energy
- Last 10 times longer
- Help preserve our natural resources

Through funding provided by PPL Electric Utilities, you'll even pay less to buy CFLs at participating retailers. To find a retailer, go to www.pplelectric.com/e-power or call 1-888-217-2332.

Closing the Loop

Information on Recycling

Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs (CFLs)



CFL & Mercury: The Facts

All fluorescent lights - including tubes in your kitchen or garage and CFLs - contain a small amount of mercury, which is what makes them so efficient. No mercury is emitted when the bulb is in use.

Mercury is found naturally in the air, soil and water. Of all household products that contain mercury, CFLs have the least amount - an average of 4 mg or less, which is about the size of the period at the end of this sentence.

However, it's important to "close the loop" and protect the environment by recycling your CFLs.



Recycling Your CFL

PPL Electric Utilities has partnered with participating retailers to offer FREE CFL recycling in their stores.

Locate a participating retailer near you by visiting www.pplelectric.com/e-power and look for stores listed with recycle symbols next to them.

It's easy to recycle CFLs. Follow these simple steps:

1. Bring in a spent CFL. Make sure it is still intact.
2. Give CFL to a sales associate.
3. CFL will be recycled in accordance with federal, state and local disposal regulations.



If Your CFL Breaks

No matter how or when your CFL breaks, there's no need to be alarmed. The Environmental Protection Agency does recommend simple, specific steps for cleaning up broken bulbs:

1. Before clean-up, open a window.
2. Wear rubber gloves to protect your hands from glass.
3. Use cardboard to scoop up the glass fragments and powder - do not sweep or vacuum. Sticky tape can help get glass or powder out of carpet. Wipe the area clean with a paper towel.
4. Place everything in a sealable plastic bag and place it in the trash.
5. The next time the area is vacuumed, remove the bag after vacuuming and throw it in the trash.