



Penn Hills Businesses: Why Recycle?

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It's the Law

Pennsylvania Act 101 requires commercial, municipal and institutional establishments recycle several materials.

As stated in Penn Hills' Ordinance 1601.04 section (i):

"Persons must separate high grade office paper, aluminum, corrugated paper, leaf waste and other such materials as may be designated by the Municipality, generated at commercial, Municipal and institutional establishments and from community activities, and store such recyclable materials until collection."

If you would like more information, call the Municipality of Penn Hills Department of Planning and Economic Development at (412) 342-1174, or visit www.pennhills.org.

Financial Incentives

Reducing the amount of materials in the garbage dumpster may reduce the frequency of hauler service, thus potentially cutting costs. Moreover, recycling may result in the need for a smaller sized garbage dumpster or fewer dumpsters, leading to additional cost savings.

The Market for Recycled Materials

Cardboard, papers, and aluminum, to name a few, are widely traded commodities. By recycling these materials, your business may reap cost savings passed on by your recycling hauler.

Tips for Small Businesses

A small office or retail establishment may not be able to effectively recycle by itself, due to producing too little volume to justify the costs of collection.

Team Up:

- Small businesses may want to join together to cooperatively negotiate a contract for trash and recycling services.
- Cooperative businesses are able to save money by sharing expenses on collection fees, storage bins, compactors, balers, transportation, and labor.

Reduce Waste:

- Eliminate junk mail - remove company name from direct mailing lists.
- Reuse packing materials or donate them
- Make double sided copies

Need a Hauler for Your Recyclables?

(Neither the Municipality of Penn Hills nor the PRC recommends or endorses these haulers.)
Here's a list of haulers that operate in your area (not a complete listing):

Republic Services: 1-877-788-9400

Waste Management

North Huntington 1-800-458-4090

Associated Paper Stock, Inc.

North Lima, Ohio 330-549-5311

All Safe Document Destruction

Wilmerding 412-823-8703

(Office paper, cardboard, aluminum, etc.)

Unipaper Recycling Company/Metalife Resources

Carnegie 412-429-8522

(Aluminum can, steel/bimetal/tin cans, glass, cardboard.
Plastics, newspaper, etc.)

Shred It

Pittsburgh 1-888-750-6450

(Confidential document destruction)

Paper Exchange

Pittsburgh 412-325-7075

(All types of paper and cardboard)

PA Recyclers

Springdale 724-271-4844

(Plastics, aluminum: md tin cans, paper, and glass)

Note: Some of the haulers listed above have drop off centers.

Did you know?

Businesses are required to report the amount of materials they collect each year.

Penn Hills Recycling Ordinance 1601.04 (i):

"If materials are collected by a collector other than the Municipality or its authorized agent, occupants of said establishment shall submit an annual report to the Municipality by January 15th of each year. The report shall contain information on the tonnage of materials recycled during the previous year."

Penn Hills receives funding in the form of a performance Grant each year from The Department of Environmental Protection based on the amount of tonnage collected. Your participation will help to increase this number.

Waste Assessments:

Do you really know what types of waste your company generates? A waste assessment can help determine the composition of your business waste and how it is being handled. Contact the Pennsylvania Resources Council (PRC) at 412.488.7490 for more information.

Additional Recycling Resources:

Looking for something to do with building materials? You can make a tax-deductible donation of useable building materials to the non-profit organization Construction Junction. Contact them at 412-243-5205 or go to constructionjunction.org.

For current and up to date recycling information, call the Pennsylvania Resources Council (PRC) at 412.488.7490

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