

Proper Recycling

Mercer County Landfills & Transfer Stations

A Guide to Doing it right in Lawrence and Mercer Counties



What is a landfill?

A landfill is a permitted location that receives trash for permanent disposal.

What about modern landfills?

Modern landfills are well-engineered and managed facilities for the disposal of solid waste. Landfills are located, designed, operated and monitored to ensure compliance with federal and state regulations. They are designed to protect the environment from contaminants, which may be present in the waste stream, through liners and leachate collection systems. They utilize on-site environmental monitoring systems to check for groundwater contamination and landfill gas, as well as provide additional safeguards. Some landfills even employ landfill gas recovery systems for energy generation and some use it to power their fleets and operations. Because of the materials we throw into our waste stream, today's landfills must meet stringent design, operation and closure requirements established under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA).

Where can I take trash to be properly disposed?

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) requires each county in Pennsylvania to adopt a Municipal Solid Waste Management Plan (MSW Plan). This plan guides solid waste management and recycling programs in the county over a ten year period. The MSW Plan also designates landfills where waste generated in the county is required to be disposed. Agreements with these landfills secure disposal capacity for the County for the ten year period. A list of landfills designated by the MSW Plan can be found on the reverse side of this Fact Sheet.

What is a transfer station?

A transfer station is a facility where solid waste is unloaded from smaller trucks and residential vehicles, and reloaded into larger vehicles for transport to a final disposal site. Transfer stations make solid waste collection more efficient and reduce overall transportation costs, air emissions, energy use, truck traffic, and road wear and tear. They are especially useful for residents, businesses, and haulers that would otherwise have a significant distance to travel to a landfill.

A list of available transfer stations that take waste to a landfill designated in the County's MSW Plan can be found on the reverse side of this Fact Sheet.

Recycling at landfills and transfer stations

The PA DEP requires that landfills and transfer stations provide a recycled materials collection center. Each facility must provide at least one drop-off center for the collection of a minimum of three materials. The recycling collection centers are open to the public, however limited hours of accessibility may be established.

Regulatory changes in the 1980s put stringent requirements on landfill operations. Prior to the regulations going into effect there were more than 1,100 "landfills," many of which were large open dumps, operating in Pennsylvania. By the time County MSW Plans started to go into effect in the early 1990s, only 41 landfills met the permit requirements.



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Mercer County Designated MSW Landfills

These are the landfills currently designated by the County MSW Plan that have ten-year agreements with the County.

BFI/Carbon Limestone

8100 South State Line Road
Lowellville, OH 44436
330-536-8013

Seneca Landfill

421 Hartmann Road
Evans City, PA 16033
724-452-0899

Northwest Sanitary Landfill

1436 West Sunbury Road
West Sunbury, PA 16061
724-637-3552

Evergreen Landfill

1310 Luciusboro Road
Blairsville, PA 15717
800-963-4776

Lakeview Landfill

851 Robison Road
Erie, PA 16509
814-824-7827

Valley Landfill

6015 Pleasant Valley Road
Irwin, PA 15642
866-909-4458

Landfills and transfer stations have special dumping areas for self-hauling residents and businesses using passenger vehicles.

Pennsylvania landfills and transfer stations must provide a recycled materials collection center for the public.



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Transfer stations serving Mercer County

Mercer County waste is served by three transfer stations. Two of the transfer stations are located in Mercer County and one is in Beaver County.

Tri-County Industries, Inc.

159 TCI Park Drive
Grove City, PA 16127
724-748-4705

Waste Management - Greenville

88 Ohl Street
Greenville, PA 16125
800-451-3060

Waste Management - Ambridge Hauling & Transfer Station

2097 Duss Avenue
Ambridge, PA 15003
800-866-4460