

# COMMERCIAL, INSTITUTIONAL & MUNICIPAL RECYCLING IS NOW MANDATORY IN VALLEY TOWNSHIP



*Ordinance No. 2008-10, Section 107  
Effective September 21, 2008*

- All owners or occupants of commercial, institutional & municipal establishments within Valley Township shall recycle:



- High grade office paper
- Aluminum & tin – emptied & rinsed
- Plastics except plastic grocery bags Type 2 (high-density polyethylene film - HDPE) and Type 4 (low density or linear-low density polyethylene film - LDPE/LLDPE)
- Corrugated paper
- Glass – Brown, Clear & Green
- Leaf waste
- Any other recyclable materials that may be determined by resolution



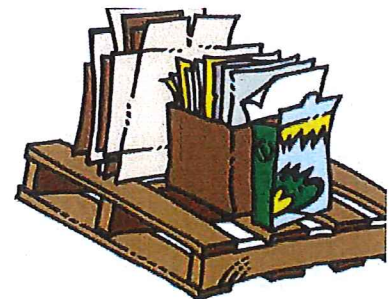
- Must be collected by the Township or a licensed municipal waste collector
- Recycling report due to Valley Township by January 31 for the previous year's collection if done by a licensed municipal collector, to include:
  - Total number of tons of materials
  - Types of materials recycled



- Yard waste must be separated from solid waste and recyclables
- Burning of commercial, institutional, or municipal yard waste is prohibited



*For more information, clarification, or to receive a copy of the complete Ordinance, contact Valley Township Recycling Coordinator at 610 384-5751, ext. 21 or visit us at [www.valleytownship.org](http://www.valleytownship.org)*



ORDINANCE NO. 2008 - 10

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 20, PART 1,  
OF THE VALLEY TOWNSHIP CODE OF ORDINANCES  
BY ADDING REQUIREMENTS FOR (1) RECYCLING BY COMMERCIAL,  
INSTITUTIONAL AND MUNICIPAL PROPERTY OWNERS, AND (2) THE  
SEPARATION OF YARD WASTE BY RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL,  
INSTITUTIONAL AND MUNICIPAL PROPERTY OWNERS, AND BY ADDING  
DEFINITIONS FOR "LEAF WASTE," "PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT," "REFUSE,"  
"SOLID WASTE COLLECTION," "TOWNSHIP," AND "YARD WASTE," AND BY  
AMENDING THE DEFINITIONS OF "PERSON," "RECYCLABLE MATERIALS,"  
"RESIDENCE," AND "SOLID WASTE."

BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of Valley Township,  
Chester County, Pennsylvania, that Chapter 20, Part 1, of the Valley Township Code of  
Ordinances, Ordinance No. 92-6, be amended as follows:

Section 1. Section 102 is amended by the addition of the following between "Glass  
Containers" and "Magazines and Periodicals":

LEAF WASTE – Leaf and foliage of trees and shrubs and foliar garden residues, but not  
including grass clippings or tree or shrubbery branches.

Section 2. The definition of "PERSON(S)" in Section 102 is amended by the addition of  
the following after the word "recycle" in the current definition: "that are serviced by regular  
solid waste collection by the Township."

Section 3. Section 102 is amended by the addition of the following between "PLASTIC  
CONTAINERS" and "RECYCLABLE MATERIALS":

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT – the Township of Valley Public Works Department.

Section 4. Section 102 is amended by deleting the current definition for  
"RECYCLABLE MATERIALS," and substituting in place thereof the following:

RECYCLABLE MATERIALS – All source-separated materials, specifically including  
aluminum cans, newspapers, high-grade office paper and corrugated paper.

Section 5. Section 102 is amended by the addition of the following between "RECYCLABLE MATERIALS" and "RESIDENCE":

REFUSE – All solid wastes, including garbage, rubbish and solid market wastes, but not including body wastes.

Section 6. Section 102 is amended by the deletion of "a municipal or private hauler collects solid waste" from the current definition of RESIDENCE, and the substitution in place thereof the following: "the Township collects solid waste."

Section 7. Section 102 is amended by deleting the current definition for "SOLID WASTE," and the substitution in place thereof the following:

SOLID WASTE – All garbage and refuse, specifically excluding recyclable materials, yard waste and leaf waste, normally placed by a resident for regular collection by the Township.

Section 8. Section 102 is amended by the addition of the following after "SOLID WASTE":

SOLID WASTE COLLECTION – The collection of solid waste by the Township.

Section 9. Section 102 is amended by the addition of the following after "SOLID WASTE COLLECTION":

TOWNSHIP – The Township of Valley, Chester County, Pennsylvania.

Section 10. Section 102 is amended by the addition of the following after "TOWNSHIP":

YARD WASTE – Grass clippings, brush, garden residues, and tree and shrubbery branches, not including leaf waste.

Section 11. Section 103 is amended by the deletion of ", hereinafter referred to as the 'municipality' ", and the addition of the following at the conclusion of the current section:

The Township further establishes a mandatory program for the separate collection of yard waste from all residences within the Township for which solid waste collection is provided by the Township.

**Section 12.** Section 104 is amended by the addition of the words "YARD WASTE AND LEAF WASTE FROM SOLID WASTE" in the caption between the word "RECYCLABLES" and the word "AND".

**Section 13.** Section 104 is amended by deleting the words "be hereinafter established by regulation," and substituting in place thereof the following: ", from time to time, be determined by the Board of Supervisors."

**Section 14.** Section 104 is further amended by the addition of a second sentence, providing,

The Township further requires and mandates that all yard waste be separated from other wastes for separate collection in designated leaf bags and/or bundled and placed at the curb line or edge of the property for collection by the Township.

**Section 15.** The current Sections 105, 106, 107, 108 and 109, are renumbered, respectively, as Sections 111, 112, 113, 114, and 115.

**Section 16.** A new Section 105 shall provide the following:

**Section 105. Adoption of Regulations.**

The Board of Supervisors may, from time to time, adopt by resolution regulations governing compliance with this Part, which may, without limitation, make provision for the following:

- (a) The manner and method of collection, including the days and times of collection, the appropriate method for the bundling and handling of yard waste and the location for, and time and placement of, materials for collection.

- (b) The manner of conducting any public information or education program.
- (c) The manner of enforcement of this Part, reserving to the said Board of Supervisors the ability to change, modify, repeal or amend any part of said rules and regulations by resolution at any time.

Section 17. A new Section 106 shall provide the following:

**Section 106. Requirement of Residential Solid Waste Separation.**

- A. All persons for whom the Township provides solid waste collection shall separate yard waste from other solid waste, recyclable materials and leaf waste produced at their residences and shall place the same for collection by the Township in accordance with regulations adopted hereunder.
- B. The Township shall collect yard waste from all properties in the Township from which the Township collects solid waste. The owners and occupants of such properties are required to separate yard waste from other waste generated at such properties, including solid waste, leaf waste and recyclable materials, for collection by the Township.
- C. All separated residential yard waste subject to curbside collection shall be placed for such collection as follows:
  - 1. Tree trimmings, hedge clippings, brush and similar material shall be cut not to exceed three feet (3') and must be tied with biodegradable twine (e.g. cotton or hemp) in bundles that can easily be handled by one person, and not weighing more than forty pounds (40 lbs.) per bundle.
  - 2. Grass clippings must be placed in biodegradable bags to a maximum of forty pounds (40 lbs.) per bag. Bags may not contain twigs, branches or other trash.

3. Branches thicker than three inches (3") shall not be collected.

4. The burning of residential yard waste is prohibited.

D. Separate curbside collection(s) for the collection of natural Christmas trees shall be as scheduled by the Board of Supervisors.

**Section 18.** A new Section 107 shall provide the following:

**Section 107. Requirement of Commercial, Institutional and Municipal Recycling.**

A. All owners or occupants of commercial, institutional and municipal establishments

within Valley Township shall separate, or cause to be separated, high grade office

paper, aluminum, corrugated paper, leaf waste, and such other recyclable materials

as may be determined, from time to time, by resolution of the Valley Township

Board of Supervisors, generated at such establishments and/or from community

activities, store the materials until collection by the Township or a licensed

municipal waster collector, and, if collection is made by a licensed municipal waste

collector, annually provide written documentation and certification to Valley

Township on or before January 31, of the total number of tons of materials, and the

types of materials recycled during the previous year, ending December 31. Such

persons may comply with these reporting requirements by having their licensed

municipal waste collector provide this information directly to the Township.

B. All owners or occupants of commercial, industrial or institutional establishments

who gather yard waste shall separate it, or cause it to be separated, from solid waste

and recyclables and place it for collection.

C. The burning of commercial, institutional or municipal yard waste is prohibited.

Section 19. A new Section 108 shall provide the following:

**Section 108. FALL LEAF WASTE COLLECTION.**

- A. The Township shall collect leaf waste weekly during the month of November and during the first two (2) weeks of December on a regular schedule as determined by the Board of Supervisors.
- B. During the leaf collection period, all persons for whom the Township provides solid waste collection shall place their leaf waste directly behind the curb line or on the edge of the property where the property meets the street or highway, in biodegradable bags available for purchase at the Valley Township Municipal Building.
- C. Persons are responsible for ensuring that hired or contracted gardeners, landscapers, and other lawn maintenance workers comply with this section.
- D. Leaves may be composted on site as permitted by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection.

Section 20. A new Section 109 shall provide the following:

**Section 109. Exceptions.**

- A. Nothing in this Part shall be interpreted as preventing any person from using yard waste for compost, mulch or agricultural, horticultural, silvicultural, gardening and/or landscaping purposes.
- B. Nothing in this part shall be interpreted as preventing a commercial landscaping business from removing yard waste from properties that it services, for the purpose of composting.

Section 21. A new Section 110 shall provide the following:

**Section 110. Obstructions in Streets and Highways Prohibited.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to place yard waste or leaf waste upon any public street or highway in the Township

Section 22. This Ordinance shall take effect five (5) days after enactment

ENACTED AND ORDAINED this 16<sup>th</sup> day of SEPTEMBER, 2008.

**VALLEY TOWNSHIP**

By: Patricia Proctor  
Patrice Proctor, Chairman

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Walter P. Johnson, Supervisor

Edward Hammond  
Edward Hammond, Supervisor

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Attest:

Karen E. Chandler  
Karen E. Chandler, Secretary