

## Greenfield Township Recycling Program

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Greenfield Township began its recycling program in 1993. From the days of tossing recyclables over the wall into dump trucks behind the Community Center, many changes have taken place. The Center has progressed to a building containing an office as well as bins leading to a modern compartmentalized recycling trailer towed by a specialized truck. Recycling Coordinator, Bob Britton notes most of the plans for additional improvements to the Center have been implemented.

Participation has grown significantly over the years and the Center has received several awards for the quantity of material collected on a voluntary basis. Benefits to the environment are matched by the many thousands of dollars saved through recycling in Greenfield Township, when compared to residents paying a per bag fee to landfill.

The Greenfield Township Recycling Center is open the first and third Saturday of each month from 9:00 to 11:30 AM. The Center accepts household recycling consisting of aluminum cans, food cans, pie tins, foil, glass bottles and jars (only plastic bottles and jars are acceptable). Appropriate paper products consisting of newspapers, magazines, phone books and catalogs in paper bags or tied with non-plastic string are accepted. The emphasis is on household recyclables. For example, gardening pots, mirrors, cups and light bulbs are not acceptable. Greenfield Township recently passed a resolution not to burn any items on the recycle list. Detailed information is available at the Center.

Since its inception, the Greenfield Township Recycling Program has provided a source for Community Service to the Lackawanna County Court as well as local Magistrates. In addition, a number of organizations have used the recycling program to fulfill service to the community requirements for their young members.

Volunteers are available to direct recyclables to the appropriate bins or to help those who may need assistance in unloading their vehicles. Residents not familiar with the program are encouraged to visit the Center during hours of operation to receive detailed information and pick up a new recycling container.

The program is operated mainly through the efforts of volunteers. Anyone who may have one or two Saturday mornings available each month to volunteer are urged to **contact Bob Britton at 570-222-3258** or visit the Center. A flexible schedule can be arranged.