2016 Emerald Award Winners

Fifty-five Centre County businesses, schools and organizations were honored for their community stewardship and sustainable practices at a Green Business Partnership Luncheon this past April. The Centre County Recycling & Refuse Authority, the Centre Region Council of Governments and the Borough of State College coordinated the recognition program and created an Emerald Award for those who clearly go beyond the recycling call of duty. The following are our 2016 Emerald Award winners.

The Coca-Cola Company
The recycling program at The Coca-Cola Company Milesburg plant has been in place for more than 15 years and relies heavily on the cooperation of its hourly staff workers to segregate, collect and package the recyclable materials for transportation to vendors. The Milesburg plant recycles 100% of eligible materials. Many of the recyclables come from packaging materials that the plant’s raw materials are shipped in. The Milesburg plant sends any remaining trash to a trash-to-energy facility for electricity generation allowing them to be 100% landfill free.

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Centre County ReStore
Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit home improvement store and donation center that sells new and gently used furniture, appliances, home accessories, building materials and more to the public at a fraction of retail prices. ReStore diverts an average of 18,500 pounds of usable goods from landfills each month and manages a regular metal recycling program, averaging 30,000 pounds per year.

Harrison's Wine Grill & Catering
Harrison’s Wine Grill and Catering is a long-time recycling participant. Two years ago they joined the local composting initiative and have contributed approximately 1,000 pounds of organic waste every month for compost. Harrison’s has made great strides in their use of compostable and recyclable containers in both their restaurant and catering businesses. They have switched to completely compostable to-go boxes, topped with their logo in non-toxic ink.

K-B Offset Printing, Inc.
K-B Offset Printing has always been a recycler of major consumables used in the manufacturing process. They recycle all waste paper, trimming, and unusable products from manufacturing (the annual weight of this recycling effort is over 300,000 pounds), waste ink, used aluminum press plates and depleted chemicals and solvents. They also recycle plastic bottles, aluminum cans, miscellaneous plastic containers, office paper, paper wrap, and much more. These efforts have saved K-B Offset Printing $300/month in refuse costs.

Weis Markets
Weis Markets operates five stores in Centre County and is a strong supporter of local communities. In 2015, the Centre County stores recycled 17,247,611 pounds of cardboard, 57,666 pounds of plastic bags, 11,208 pounds of plastic buckets, 1,342,869 pounds of paper, 36,880 pounds of wax cardboard and 200,000 pounds of food waste was composted. Weis reduced its company carbon footprint 22.1% from their 2008 baseline surpassing their goal of 20% by 2020.
Park Forest Elementary Students Received the President’s Environmental Youth Award at The White House

The Centre County Recycling & Refuse Authority is proud to announce that four students from our very own Park Forest Elementary School (PFE) were invited to The White House August 16th, to receive the President’s Environmental Youth Award.

The past few months have been quite a ride for the PFE Zero Waste Team. In April, PFE was recognized as a Centre County Green Business Partner. In May, they shared their video, The Road to Zero Waste with top officials of the Chesapeake Bay Consortium. The Road to Zero Waste (which can be watched on YouTube Channel @CCRRA1) recently took First Place at the 9th Annual Recycling FilmFest held at the Professional Recyclers of Pennsylvania’s state Recycling Conference. During June, the Pennsylvania Department of Education, PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and PA Department of Environmental Protection recognized Park Forest Elementary School as one of three Green Ribbon Schools in Pennsylvania. Following in July, PFE received the US Department of Education Green Ribbon School Award in Washington, DC.

The students, staff and faculty have worked hard to successfully divert 85% of the school waste from the landfill. Their road to becoming a zero waste school speaks to their commitment to being wonderful environmental stewards. We are so very proud their hard work and dedication has led them on the path to The White House.

FAQ: What is the Difference Between Corrugated Cardboard & Paperboard

Corrugated cardboard is made up of several layers with a ribbed center and paper on both sides. It is used for packaging items like furniture and appliances due to its heavy duty design. Alternatively, paperboard is a single layer pressed boxboard. Examples of paperboard include cereal boxes, tissue boxes and cake mix boxes.

Corrugated cardboard should be flattened and placed next to or under curbside recycling bins or recycled at designated containers labeled for corrugated cardboard.

Paperboard should be bagged or bundled with all other mixed paper and placed inside curbside bins. Paperboard can also be placed in a blue toter labeled for mixed paper or brought to a local recycling container labeled for mixed paper.

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Calendar of Events - Note Holiday Collection Changes

Centre County Recycling and Refuse Authority
Board Meetings
Meetings begin at 5:30 pm

October 26
November 16
December 21

CCRRA Office
253 Transfer Rd
Bellefonte, PA  16823

Professional Recyclers of Pennsylvania Certification Courses
Visit www.proprecycles.org for details on all certification courses.

October 20-21
Fall Certification Training Sessions
Courses to be held at Toftrees Resort in State College
Courses are also available online.

State College Borough Holiday Collection Schedule

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Bellefonte Borough Holiday Recycling Schedule

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For other municipalities, please contact your hauler for possible holiday changes.

Centre Region COG Holiday Collection Schedule & Fall Bulk Waste Week Dates

The following applies to residents living in the Townships of Benner, College, Ferguson, Harris & Patton.

Holidays - If your weekly pickup day falls on or after the following holidays, your trash and recycling service will be delayed by one (1) day during the week of the holiday:

Thursday, November 24 - Thanksgiving Day
Monday, November 28 - First Day of Deer Season

There will be no delays for the Christmas & New Year’s Holidays.

Fall Bulk Collection Week

October 10-14, 2016
Bulk Collection Week for the Townships of Benner, College, Ferguson, Harris & Patton. Visit www.crcog.net or call 234-7198 for more information.
Did You Know?

You can now buy State College Borough Compost at CCRRA. The cost is $6.00 per 40 lb bag. Just ask our Scale Operator for details and we will even load the bags in your vehicle. All proceeds benefit the Authority’s Education Endowment Fund.