

Customer Information

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LANDFILL EXPANSION PERMIT UPDATE

On or about May 15, 2008 RMS will submit to DEP a major permit modification for the expansion of the landfill. The actual amount of time that DEP will take to complete their review of the application is uncertain. The planned expansion will provide an additional 10 years of airspace.

We'll keep you posted!

NOTE: To better serve you, the Transfer Station in Williamsport will open at 7:30 AM and the Landfill will open at 6:00 AM on Tuesday, May 27th, the day after Memorial Day.

ACT 101 COMMERCIAL RECYCLING REQUIREMENTS

The recycling of selected materials by commercial and institutional organizations is required by Act 101 and by local ordinance in the following Lycoming County municipalities: The City of Williamsport, South Williamsport Borough, Montoursville Borough, Old Lycoming Township, and Loyalsock Township. The requirement is for commercial establishments (restaurants, stores, bars), businesses, and institutional organizations **to recycle** corrugated cardboard, high grade office paper, aluminum cans, and other materials as deemed appropriate by the municipality.

BACKUP RADIATION PORTAL INSTALLED AT RECYCLING CENTER SCALES

As part of our plan to provide you with uninterrupted service the installation, testing, and commissioning of a second radiation portal (*pictured below*) was completed on Friday April 18th. The Thermo Electron Corp. portal was installed at the Recycling Center scales and is to serve as a back up to the portal at our main scale and to facilitate the use of the recycling scale should the main scales for any reason be out of service.



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2008 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

(LANDFILL CLOSED)

- *Memorial Day: Monday, May 26, 2008*
- *4th of July: Friday, July 4, 2008*
- *Labor Day: Monday, September 1, 2008*
- *Thanksgiving: Thursday, November 27, 2008*
- *Christmas: Thursday, December 25, 2008*

COMMUNITY SPRING CLEAN-UPS

As the weather gets warmer and the sun gets brighter, the time of Spring Cleaning is upon us!

Each year, around this time, many local municipalities arrange for disposal of household wastes as a part of a Spring Cleanup. We have already seen several loads of waste that were generated from just such activities.

Some of the wastes generated from these services are **WHITE GOODS AND TIRES**.

When you are working with municipalities who want to offer Spring Cleanups, please remind your customers that these items are **NOT ALLOWED** in the landfill and that there is an extra charge for both of these wastes—they aren't free!

OPERATIONS REORGANIZATION

The Operations Division at the Landfill has reorganized. As a part of the reorganization, Randy Sandstrom (pictured at left) will be the Operations Supervisor.



REVISIONS TO WASTE REGULATIONS UPDATE: DISPOSAL BANS

Revisions to Waste Regulations Update: Disposal Bans

In the previous issue of this newsletter we told you that the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) would, as requested by DEP, vote at their April meeting whether or not to recommend sending DEP's proposed revisions to the Municipal and Residual Waste Regulations to the Environmental Quality Board. At this time DEP has delayed this request allowing the SWAC more time for review.

As a part of the proposed package, the Department has proposed a **phased in** program incorporating **disposal bans** prohibiting the disposal of certain recyclable commodities in the state of Pennsylvania. Presented below is the list of proposed bans as presented by DEP to the SWAC:

What are the recyclables affected by the bans? The materials include those presently included in Act 101 and others that have a positive environmental and economic impact if managed as recyclables. The implementation phases are delineated below.

Disposal Ban Phases and Materials Existing Bans (Statutory* and/or Regulatory)

- 1) Explosive waste
- 2) * Lead-acid batteries
- 3) Whole waste tires
- 4) * Loads composed primarily of leaf waste
- 5) Special handling or residual waste (w/o DEP approval)
- 6) Bulk or non-containerized liquid waste
- 7) Specific radioactive materials

Phase 1 – to be effective 60 days from promulgation of regulations

- 1) White goods and scrap metal
- 2) CRTs
- 3) Waste oil and used oil filters
- 4) * Aluminum, steel and bimetallic cans
- 5) Shredded tires

Phase 2 – to be effective two (2) years from promulgation of regulations

- 1) Land clearing and grubbing waste
- 2) Wood pallets and unpainted wood
- 3) * High-grade office paper, newsprint, corrugated paper, magazines catalogues and telephone directories
- 4) * PETE (#1) and HDPE (#2) plastic bottles and jugs
- 5) * Glass bottles and jars
- 6) Yard waste (leaf waste and grass clippings)

Phase 3 – to be effective four (4) years from promulgation of regulations

- 1) Mercury-containing devices and bulbs
- 2) Oil-based paint
- 3) Source-separated food waste
- 4) Mattresses and box springs
- 5) Rigid plastics
- 6) Electronic waste
- 7) Carpeting

*Indicates Act 101 recyclables

Who will be affected? Pennsylvania's permitted landfills and resource recovery facilities, waste transportation companies, local governments, businesses, and citizens of Pennsylvania

Please keep in mind that these bans are ONLY PROPOSED at this time. The proposed regulatory package containing them is still being reviewed. No action has been taken by the SWAC.

If you would like to review more information regarding these revisions you can access the Solid Waste Advisory page in the DEP website at:

<http://www.dep.state.pa.us/dep/subject/advoun/solidwst/swac.htm>