

Palmer Township Recycling Program

▶ Update

For calendar year 2023

Solid Waste & Recycling Department

Reporting



Internal Recycling Report

Disbursed internally & posted to public



Internal Yard Waste Report

Disbursed internally & posted on website



PA DEP Annual report

Submitted to Northampton County on February 15th



Recycling Grant summary

Internally updated & periodically posted to public

2023 Internal Recycling Report - Hartley Avenue Recycling Center (HARC)

1,712 hours open

6,938 residential drop-offs, 4.05 per hour

1,003 commercial drop-offs, 0.59 per hour

7,941 total drop-offs, 4.64 per hour

14 cardboard rollofs removed by WM, roughly 70 tons

13 single stream rollofs removed by WM, roughly 65 tons

6 scrap metal dumpsters removed by Rizz, roughly 31 tons

18 yard waste rollofs removed by WM, roughly 180 tons

51 total rollofs removed from HARC, roughly 346 tons



2023 Internal Recycling Report

Berks Street Yard Waste Facility (BSYWF)

- ▶ 588 hours open
- ▶ 1,729 residential drop-offs, 2.94 per hour
- ▶ 163 commercial drop-offs, 0.28 per hour
- ▶ 1,892 total drop-offs, 3.22 per hour
- ▶ \$31,632 generated revenues
- ▶ \$52,100 total spent on tub grinding contract

2023 Internal Yard Waste Report

1,729 residential drop-offs - 8,173.17 cubic yards,
441.35 tons

163 commercial drop-offs - 3022.94 cubic yards, 163.24
tons

1,068.35 cubic yards municipal drop-offs, 57.70 tons

375 cubic yards collected curbside, 20.25 tons

252 loads of leaves collected curbside - 7,100 cubic
yards, 1,775 tons

10 loads of Christmas trees collected curbside - 250
cubic yards, 3.75 tons

A close-up photograph of a person's hand holding a clear green plastic bottle with a blue cap, positioned over a yellow recycling bin. The background is blurred, showing more of the recycling bins. The image is part of a presentation slide with a green and white geometric design.

PA DEP Annual Report

- ▶ Mandated reporting for the Commonwealth per Act 101
- ▶ Municipal reports submitted to respective County; County reports submitted to PA DEP
- ▶ Includes tonnage of recyclable materials handled across Palmer, both residential & commercial
- ▶ Recycling reports mailed to all registered commercial entities within Township boundaries
- ▶ Majority of residential recycling is collected curbside
- ▶ Majority of commercial recycling is collected from the North end

PA DEP Annual Report

Residential curbside tonnage - 4,619.2

Residential dropoff tonnage - 736.8

Total residential recycling tonnage - 5356.0

Commercial curbside tonnage - 6,808.9

Commercial dropoff tonnage - 227.4

Total commercial recycling tonnage - 7036.3

Total recycling tonnage - 12,392.3

Recycling Grant Summary

- ▶ Began in 1990 with an implementation grant for \$27,233.31
- ▶ To date, Palmer has received \$3,814,737.50 in grant awards from PA DEP
- ▶ Two types of grants - the 902 & the 904
- ▶ Act 101, Section 902 Grant must be applied for with a specific purchase/project that is either approved or denied
- ▶ Section 902 grant is not always open for applicants like it once was
- ▶ Act 101, Section 904 Grants are performance based, meaning we receive funds based on how much tonnage is recycled within Palmer
- ▶ Section 904 grant is open every year

