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Lower Macungie Township

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A To Z Guide to Recycling and Trash Disposal

Place items out for collection the night before your pick-up day. During incidents of heavy snowfall check www.lowermac.com for information on trash delays. DO NOT CALL the 800# for Waste Management. During incidents of high winds, do not place uncovered recycle containers out for collection. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Any items listed below must be generated from your residence. Items from any Township businesses are not permitted.

CALL BUSINESSES REFERENCED FOR HOURS OF OPERATION AND ANY APPLICABLE FEES

Bulk item pick up: Please go to our website and complete the Trash and Recycling Form at: <http://www.lowermac.com/departments/public-works/recycling/#trashform>. Waste Management will be notified of your bulk item for pick up

Electronic waste and household hazardous waste: This comprehensive list is for the benefit of all Township Residents. If you reside in a home that is included in our Township waste collection, Household Hazardous Wastes (**HHW**) and Electronic Wastes (**E-Waste**) are part of your service, and are managed independently of other waste streams. Please visit our website at: <http://www.lowermac.com/departments/public-works/hhw-ewaste> for information for HHW and E-Waste. ONLY.

Anti-Freeze

Will be accepted at the following stations (there is no fee and the limit is (1) gallon) or check with your local service station.

Boyko Automotive- 610-967-2111

Schweikert's Auto Service – 610-821-5600

Firestone (Mill Creek Rd.) – 610-628-4810

E-Waste/HHW See Electronic/Household Hazardous Waste Collection instructions at top of Guide.

Appliances

Appliances: containing Freon or other “refrigerants” such as: refrigerators, freezers, air conditioner, dehumidifiers must have the Freon removed before disposal. (See Freon).

Contact PPL to see if you qualify for their rebate program at: WWW.pplelectric.com/e-power. You do not have to be a PPL customer to qualify.

If you do not qualify or wish to participate, you must arrange for a qualified firm to extract the refrigerant and apply a decal indicating that the refrigerant has been removed. The appliance can then be placed curbside on your collection day. (See Freon).

All other types of appliances can be placed curbside for collection on your normal trash day limit one (1) bulk item per week.

Basketball System

Pole needs to be broken down into 4 ft. lengths. Rim taken off backboard. Sand emptied from base so less than 50 lbs.

Batteries

Automobile & small engine batteries – return to any station or retail store that sells them.

Batteries + Bulbs Store: 3021 Lehigh St., Allentown www.batteriesplusbulbs.com

484-838-5248

Recycles most batteries from hearing aid/watch batteries to automobile/truck batteries.

AERC: (See Electronic Recycling for contact info), most household batteries and rechargeable tool batteries.

GER Solutions: (See Electronic Recycling for contact info) NiCad, nickel metal hydride, alkaline, carbon zinc, lithium, lead acid.

Lowe's: Rechargeable tool batteries.

Home Depot: Rechargeable batteries and cell phones. Call to verify specific batteries
610-791-5990 Allentown or 610-770-6440 Whitehall

E-Waste/HHW See [Electronic/Household Hazardous Waste Collection instructions at top of Guide.](#)

Books

Soft cover – can be recycled

Hard cover – pages can be ripped out & recycled / hard cover in trash.

Bulbs

Home Depot: Compact Florescent Bulbs.

Batteries + Bulbs Store: (see Batteries for contact info) most types of florescent bulbs (0 to \$0.12 per foot for tube type bulbs), spot & flood lamps, incandescent, halogen bulbs.

AERC: (See Electronic Recycling for contact info) call for pricing on florescent bulbs.

GER Solutions: (See Electronic Recycling for contact info) 4ft florescent bulbs only, 4' shattered shields, U-tube, circle lamps, incandescent/halogen quartz, metal halide, projector bulbs, non-pcb ballast.

E-Waste/HHW See [Electronic/Household Hazardous Waste Collection instructions at top of Guide.](#)

Bulk Item pick up by Waste Management (limit one (1) bulk item per week)

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<http://www.lowermac.com/departments/public-works/recycling/#trashform>

Waste Management will be notified of your bulk item for pick up.

Cans

Aluminum, steel & bi-metal cans (i.e. soda & soup cans). Rinse and place in recycle container for weekly collection.

Carbon Monoxide Detectors

Remove batteries, can go in trash.

Cars – (See vehicles).

Carpet, includes padding

Considered construction debris. Limit of one (1) container (60 lbs) or bundle (50 lbs) per week, 2' x 4' bundle maximum. If carpet is cut into small rolls for ease of disposal, total weight of bundles may not exceed the 50 lb total limit per collection.

Bulk item pick up See Bulk Item collection instructions at top of Guide.

Cardboard

All corrugated & non-corrugated cardboard (i.e. cereal boxes, shipping boxes). Cardboard MUST be flattened and put inside the recycling container. **As a bulk item-2' x 4' bundle.**

Cat Litter

Must be wrapped in newspaper or plastic and placed inside your trash container. Do not dump loose cat litter.

Cell Phones

Lower Macungie Township recycles your old or used cell phone. Cell phones can be dropped off at the Community Center (main lobby) and will be traded for telephone calling cards to allow US troops to call home. You may also schedule as E-waste.

E-Waste/HHW See Electronic/Household Hazardous Waste Collection instructions at top of Guide.

Christmas Trees

Place trees at curbside the first, second and third full weeks in January (check www.lowermac.com/departments/public-works/recycling for exact dates) - remove bags, tinsel, lights and other decorations. They can also be taken to the Township Yard Waste site (same removal rules apply). *Interested in protecting the environment? Consider recycling your Christmas light sets, extension cords, un-lit or pre-lit artificial trees at: <https://polygroup.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/articles/203283419-Christmas-Recycling-Program>

Clothing

Clothing can be 'recycled'. By donating unwanted items, you can help others in need and receive a tax write off. Please contact the following organizations:

New Bethany Ministries
333 W. 4th St
Bethlehem, PA 18015
(610) 691-5602

Goodwill Industries
4650 Broadway
Allentown, PA 18104
(610) 391-9760

Salvation Army
1195 Mickley Rd
Whitehall, PA 18052
(610) 434-9560 for drop-off
(800) SA-Truck

Purple Heart
www.purpleheartpickup.org

Construction Debris

Includes drywall, lumber (including pressure treated) and shingles - Limit of one (1) container (60 lbs.) or bundle (50 lbs.) per week, 2' x 4' bundles. This will be considered your bulk item for the week. (Construction debris collected curbside is not recycled).

Bulk item pick up: See Bulk Item collection instructions at top of Guide.

Electronics Recycling

ELECTRONICS MAY NOT BE PLACED AT THE CURB FOR COLLECTION. Violation tickets are being issued for electronics left at the curb.

E-Waste/HHW See Electronic/Household Hazardous Waste Collection instructions at top of Guide.

AERC - www.aercrecycling.com

2330 SW 26th St Allentown, Pa. 610-797-7608

AERC/Com-Cycle will only be accepting materials on the 2nd Friday of every month from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

See price listing: <http://www.aerc.com/pdf/AERC-DropOffFriday-National-07242015.pdf>

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS:

35mm Slide projectors, Alarm clocks, Answering machine, Audio/visual tape, Batteries, Cables, Calculators, Cameras, CD, CD players/recorders, Computer monitors, Computers, Cords, Dictation equipment, DVD, Electric pencil sharpeners, Electric razors, Electric typewriters, Fax machines, Floppy disks, Florescent lamps, Hand held games, Headphones, Joy sticks, Keyboards, Microphones, Microwaves, Modems, Mouse, Movie projectors, Multi-function printers, Non-PCB ballast, Pagers, PCB ballast, PDA's, Photocopiers, Plotters, Printers, Radios, Record players, Scanners, Speakers, Stereo speakers, Stereos/Walkman, Tape recorders/decks, Telephones, Televisions, Thermometers, Thermostats, Power tools, VCR's, Video game consoles

Lamps include Whole florescent lamps, Incandescent lamps and Thermometers. Batteries include Car, Motorcycle and rechargeable and non-rechargeable household batteries, all of which can be dropped off for a minimal fee.

GER Solutions - www.GERSolutions.net

795 Roble Rd Allentown, PA 18109 (east Allentown, near LV Airport) 610-443-1776

Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Every 3rd Saturday of the month: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS:

Alarm Clocks, Answering Machines, Audio Recorders – Digital or Bread Makers, Calculators / Adding Machines, Cameras, CD Players, Cell Phones, Circuit Boards, Clothes Dryer Clothes, Coffee / Cappuccino Makers, Compact Disks Computer, Laptop Computer, Network Servers, Computer Towers, Copiers – Floor Models, Desktop Cords / Cables / Wires, Curling Irons / Hair Stylers / Hot Rollers, DVD / Blu-Ray Players, Electronic Keyboards, Extension Cords – Hand Held Games /Video, Grills (no tanks), Hair Dryers, Headphones, iPods, Keyboards, LCD monitors, Metal Scrap, Mouse, Microphones, Microwaves, Modems, Air Cards, Pagers, Panini- Paper, Irons, Popcorn Makers, Portable Heaters, Power Tools: Drills / Misc. Power Tools: Saws, Printers – Desktop, Radios / Scanners, Shavers / Trimmers, Small Appliance: Televisions /cart monitors, Fans: – Ceiling, Floor Model, Desktop, Fitness Equipment - Treadmill, Elliptical, etc. All plastic Speakers, Stovetops, Tapes – Magnetic Tapes, Telephones, Toasters / Toaster Ovens, Typewriters , Vacuum Cleaners, VCR's- Video Gaming Systems, Waffle Irons, Webcams, Weed Trimmers

Small fees may apply. Please call GER Solutions for fee schedule. Also a recycler of some batteries, small Freon-containing items and light bulbs.

Best Buy - www.BestBuy.com/recycle (any location)

Accepts TVs (Tube smaller 32", Flat panel: LCD, Plasma, LED smaller than 50", portable), projectors, computer monitors. **These products are recycled for a fee.**

Appliance & TV haul away and recycling options – Best Buy will remove an appliance or TV for a fee from a customer's home when a new product is purchased / delivered from Best Buy.

ACCEPTED ITEMS (See above link for details)

Battery Backups (UPS), Cables and Connectors, DirecTV Set Top Box/Converters, DVD/Blu-ray Players, Headphones, In-Dash/Overhead DVD, Internet TV Set Top Box/Satellite Receivers, Portable DVD, Portable Media Players, Power Inverters, Projectors, Remotes/Surge Protectors, TiVo, TV Antennas, VCRs, Wall Mounts, All-in-one Computers, CD/DVD Drives, Computer Speakers/Controllers, Desktops, Hard Drives, Ink/Toner cartridges, Laptops, Memory, Mice and Keyboards, Modems/Routers/Hubs, Web Cams, Netbooks, Printers/Scanners/Fax, Sound/Video Cards, Tablets, E-Readers, Calculators, Chargers, Hands-Free Headsets, Landline Phones, Mobile Phones, Rechargeable Batteries, Recorders, Shredders, Two-Way Radios, Wireless Broadband, Alarm Clocks, Amps and Effects, Audio Mixers/DJ Turntables, CD Players/Recorders, Cassette Players, Home Audio Networking, Home Recording Interfaces, HTIB/Soundbars/Speakers, Ipods/other MP3 players, MP3 Speakers, Speaker Systems, Personal Recorders, Receivers/Boomboxes, Satellite Radio, Turntables, Curling Irons, Hair Dryers, Hair Straighteners, Monitoring Systems, Pedometers and Heart Monitors, Weather Stations, Portable Gaming, Portable LCD Screens, Video Game Consoles, CB Radios, Scanners, Decks, In-dash GPS, Outdoor GPS, Portable GPS, Radar Detectors, Security Systems, Wiring Harness and Install Kits

NOT ACCEPTED (This is a partial listing, see above link for complete list of items)

Console TVs of any size, or tube TVs and monitors larger than 32", front projection (big screen), rear projection (DLP), Exposed Cathode Ray Tubes.

Air Conditioners, Air Purifiers, Blenders and Juicers, Bread Makers, Coffee/ Espresso Machines, Deep Fryers, Dehumidifiers, Electric Grills and Griddles, Electric Toothbrushes, Electric Woks, Food Dehydrators, Food Processors, Heaters, Ice Cream Makers, Meat Slicers and Grinders, Microwaves, Mini Fridges, Mixers, Popcorn, Makers, Power Washers, Pressure Cookers, Propane Grills, Rice Cookers, Slow Cookers and Crock Pots, Steam Cleaners, Steamers, Toaster/Pizza Ovens, Toasters/Teapots, Trash Compactors, Waffle Makers, Wet/Dry Vacuums

Staples Stores – (any location)

<http://www.staples.com/sbd/cre/marketing/easy-on-the-planet/recycling- and-eco-services.html>

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS:

A/V receivers, Calculators, Camcorders, CD/DVD/Blu-ray players, Mice, Keyboards, Copiers, Cordless phones, Digital projectors, Desktop and all- in-one computers, Laptops, Digital cameras, eReaders, Monitors, Desktop printers, Fax machine, Gaming devices consoles/handhelds, GPS devices, Modems, MP3 players/iPods, Shredders, UPS/battery backup devices, Routers and Computer speakers, Mobile phones, Rechargeable, lithium, ion, small sealed, lead acid, nickel, metal hydride batteries, Scanners, Small servers

NOT ACCEPTED:

Televisions
Floor model copiers and printers
Appliances
Large services

Smoke detectors
Large speakers or speaker systems
Alkaline (i.e. not rechargeable)
Lamps/bulbs

Polygroup Recycling – www.polygroup.com (subheading sustainability)

Light Sets, Un-lit and Pre-lit Artificial Christmas Trees, Extension Cords.

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Fire Extinguisher

Top of can should be removed and item can be placed in the trash. The top can be unscrewed like a lid on a jar. Newer extinguishers with steel handle can likely be recharged.

Kistler O'Brien Fire Protection
2210 City Line Rd Bethlehem 610-266-7100

Fluorescent Light Bulbs

For fluorescent light bulbs, please contact AERC (See Electronic Recycling).

For compact fluorescent light bulbs, please contact AERC, Batteries + Bulbs (See Electronic Recycling) Home Depot or Lowe's. You may also schedule has HHW.

E-Waste/HHW See Electronic/Household Hazardous Waste Collection instructions at top of Guide.

Formica

Piece should not be larger than 4ft. This will be your bulk item for the week.

Bulk item pick up: See Bulk Item collection instructions at top of Guide.

Freon

Must have a tag on item stating Freon has been removed. There is a charge for removal.
David's Electric
314 Main St. Emmaus (Near VFW Triangle) 610-965-4282

Liberty Recycling
526 N 3rd St Allentown 610-433-0129

Furniture

Couches, mattresses, etc. can be placed at curbside on your designated pickup day at no additional charge. Limit is 1 item per week. Furniture placed curbside is not recycled.

Bulk item pick up: See Bulk Item collection instructions at top of Guide.

Furniture in good condition can also be 'recycled' by donating unwanted items. You can help others in need and receive a tax write off. Please contact the following organizations: New Bethany Ministries, Goodwill, Purple Heart, and the Salvation Army. (See Clothing).

Glass

Clear, brown & green bottles & jars. (i.e. beverage bottles, food containers). Remove the caps and rinse out. Do not break. Place in recycle container for weekly collection.

Grass Clippings

Please consider mulching your grass; this returns important nutrients to your lawn and saves energy. An alternative is to haul your clippings to the Township's Yard Waste site located at 5536 Indian Creek Road. Closed every Tuesday, Thursdays & some Holidays. Check website: <http://www.lowermac.com/departments/public-works/yard-waste/> for specific holidays the site is closed. No charge permit is required to enter Yard Waste site.

Additionally, grass clippings are collected curbside from mid-March to the beginning of October. Curbside collection of grass clippings is collected on the day AFTER your regularly scheduled trash/recycling day. Monday/TUESDAY Tuesday/WEDNESDAY Wednesday/THURSDAY Thursday/FRIDAY Friday/MONDAY

The limit is five (5) brown 30-gallon Kraft bags per household. Ornamental grasses are not acceptable, lawn grass clippings only.

Hot Water Heater

Waste Management will accept as a bulk item. Drain it before placing curbside.

Bulk item pick up: See Bulk Item collection instructions at top of Guide.

Hot Tub

Dismantle, place out curbside bundled or tied, no longer than 5 feet in length. One bundle per week, cannot exceed 50 pounds.

Household Hazardous Waste

Please check with Lehigh County (610) 782-3073 for any programs that may be available. You may also call to schedule as HHW.

E-Waste/HHW See Electronic/Household Hazardous Waste Collection instructions at top of Guide.

Needles – Medical “Sharps”

Place needles in plastic container with a screw top lid (i.e. laundry detergent bottle, soda bottle) then place in trash. You may also schedule as HHW.

Oils

Motor Oil (See Used Oil).

Frying oil – Can be placed in weekly trash collection. Let containers dry out or stuff with shredded paper or kitty litter to absorb liquids.

E-Waste/HHW See Electronic/Household Hazardous Waste Collection instructions at top of Guide.

Paper

Newspaper & mixed paper (junk mail), glossy ads, magazines, telephone books, office paper, and fiber egg boxes, can now be placed in recycling container.

Paint

Latex paint is not considered a hazardous waste. To properly discard of latex paint, please do the following:

For small amounts:

Leave lid off in a ventilated area.

When completely dried, place in trash, lid off.

For larger amounts:

Remove and discard the paint can lid.

Make sure the paint can is 1/2 full or less. If the can is more than 1/2 full, pour excess into another container, such as a milk jug or coffee can.

Add clay-based kitty litter or absorbent material so that the can is 3/4 full. Stir paint/kitty litter mixture.

If liquid paint remains, add more kitty litter.

Allow paint/kitty litter mixture to air dry until hard - approximately 1-2 days.

Dispose of the can in the garbage without the lid. Can will not be picked up by the hauler if they cannot see that the paint is dry.

Latex paint placed curbside is not recycled.

Oil-Based Paint: is a combustible material and must be disposed of properly; (See Hazardous Waste). You may also call to schedule as HHW.

E-Waste/HHW See Electronic/Household Hazardous Waste Collection instructions at top of Guide.

Plastics

PETE & HDPE Plastics 1-7 (i.e. soda, milk, juice, water & cleaning bottles, and used K- cups). Remove caps, rinse containers, place in recycling container.

Porcelain

If item weighs more than 60lbs, smash into smaller piece(s). This is a bulk item.

Bulk item pick up: See Bulk Item collection instructions at top of Guide.

Prescription Drugs

Take out of original container. Dissolve in boiling water, and then mix in with an undesirable substance (i.e. cat litter, coffee grounds, etc.) then place in trash. Only flush in toilet if label specifically states this or visit:

<http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/ResourcesForYou/Consumers/BuyingUsingMedicineSafely/EnsuringSafeUseofMedicine/SafeDisposalofMedicines/ucm186187.htm>

Propane Tanks

Small 1 lb. canisters/tanks can be collected, but it MUST BE COMPLETELY EMPTY before placing in trash. All propane must be fully discharged before placing in trash.

Do Not Place Large Tanks at Curbside for Collection.

To return old, used tanks - the following business will accept them for a fee:

E Schneider & Sons 616 Sumner Ave Allentown 610-435-3527

Tank MUST be empty with the brass valve must be removed from the top of the tank.

Shredding (paper)/Styrofoam/Scrap Metal

The City of Bethlehem – Theis/Cornfeld Recycling Center 6350 Illicks Mill Rd. Bethlehem 610-865-7082

Recycling - https://www.bethlehem-pa.gov/recycling/services/theis_cornfeld.html

Shredding - <https://www.bethlehem-pa.gov/recycling/services/shredding.html>

Hours of Shredding: Monday-Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Offers shredding of confidential documents and is available **FREE** to businesses and private individuals, resident and non-resident. If you have 4 or more boxes, you need to schedule an appointment. If you wish to stay while your material is shredded, you must have an appointment regardless of how much material you have.

Allentown Recycles – http://www.allentownrecycles.org/drop_off/index.jsp

Martin Luther King Dr. Allentown (next to the 15th St Bridge below YMCA) 610-437-8729

Recycling: Open 24/7/365

Hours of Shredding:

Monday-Friday 8AM-4PM and Sat. 8AM – Noon

Remove binders, paper clips, etc. Only staples are permitted

Available to residents and non-residents

Sliding Patio Doors

Waste Management will take both as 1 bulk item. Put an X on glass with duct tape to prevent shattering, if broken.

Bulk item pick up: See Bulk Item collection instructions at top of Guide.

Smoke Detectors

Cannot go into trash. They can be returned to manufacturer or contact First Alert Corp. 1-800-392-1395

Styrofoam

Cups / plates – regular trash. This is not a recycling item.

Tires

Limit of one (1) per week. The tire must be off the rim. NO TRUCK TIRES. Tires placed for curbside pickup are not recycled.

Bulk item pick up: See Bulk Item collection instructions at top of Guide.

Turpentine

Hazardous material – call Lehigh County for proper disposal (610) 782-3073

E-Waste/HHW See Electronic/Household Hazardous Waste Collection instructions at top of Guide.

Used Oil

Will be accepted at the following stations (there is no fee and the limit is one (1) gallon) or check with your service station.

Schweikert's Auto Service – 610-821-5600
Firestone (Mill Creek Rd.) – 610-628-4810

E-Waste/HHW See Electronic/Household Hazardous Waste Collection instructions at top of Guide.

Vehicles

Looking to get rid of your old car? Consider donating it to Wheels for Wishes! It's a tax deductible way to donate your car and the proceeds benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation. [Click here for more information about Wheels for Wishes.](#)

Yard Waste

The Township operates its Yard Waste Drop-off Site at 5536 Indian Creek Road with varying open hours depending on the season. No commercial operations (i.e. landscapers, lawn services, tree trimmers, etc.) are permitted. **NO PLASTIC BAGS OR TRASH.**

Additionally, yard waste is collected curbside twelve times year (1st full week and 3rd full weeks of April, May, June, July, August and September). Curbside collection of yard waste is collected on the day AFTER your regularly scheduled trash/recycling day.

Monday/TUESDAY Tuesday/WEDNESDAY Wednesday/THURSDAY
Thursday/FRIDAY Friday/MONDAY

The limit is six (6) open containers or bundles per household. Each container or bundle cannot

exceed 60 lbs. Bundles must be less than 48"x18"x18" and tied with biodegradable materials. Limbs must be less than 4 feet in length and 8 inches in diameter. Containers must be no more than 32 gallon capacity.

Bulk leaves are collected curbside usually from mid- October to the beginning of December.

Please visit LMT website under the Public Works section for additional information, and the Yard Waste Center's hours of operation. **A permit is required of all residents for entrance.** The permit application form is available at the Township Building M-F 8AM – 4:30PM or on our website at: <http://www.lowermac.com/departments/public-works/yard-waste>
The Yard Waste Center does not have application forms on site.

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