

Problems at the Depot

Our monthly Recycling Depots are conducted by township volunteers on the first Saturday of the month at 8-11 A.M. Two dumpsters, one for plastics and glass, and one for paper and cardboard, are delivered on Friday and then picked up on Monday. This arrangement saves us from paying weekend-overtime-delivery rates for Saturday drop-off and pick-up. Our volunteer program runs very smoothly, but problems happen when people come to drop off their recyclables after hours when our volunteers are not on site.

OVERFILL PROBLEM: A few times this winter some people have deposited cardboard and paper that overflowed the dumpster. Winds blew it around the parking lot and had to be cleaned up. **PLEASE DO NOT OVERFILL THE DUMPSTERS.**

GARBAGE ADDITIONS TO THE DUMPSTERS: Some people have deposited actual garbage or non-recyclable waste into the dumpsters! This is a BIG problem.

If garbage gets mixed in with the rest of the recyclables, our hauler has the right to declare the whole dumpster garbage and burn it or send it to a landfill. Lost are all the recyclable materials that many have saved and taken the time to bring to the depot, all of the township funds paid for the dumpster, and all the tonnage amounts we could report on our grant applications. All lost. **PLEASE DON'T DEPOSIT GARBAGE IN THE DUMPSTERS.**

Some communities have a permanent recycling drop-off area which needs to be monitored during the hours the site is opened. Unfortunately, at this time our township cannot afford that service. Please help our volunteers run this program successfully.

Thank you,
Recycling Committee of East Amwell