



# Electronics Recycling

## Computer, Television Recycling Program Begins April 4, 2011

Televisions and computers must now be recycled in Pennsylvania, and Blair County residents will be able to do that at the Blair County Yard Waste Compost Recycling facility in Logan Township (Blacksnake Road, near the Buckhorn).

The best news is that the service is free to all county residents. The Compost Facility will be open during regular hours, weekdays (except Wednesdays) from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. each Saturday. The facility is closed on all county holidays. Visit the county website ([www.blaircounty.org](http://www.blaircounty.org)) for winter hours and other drop-off recycling program details.

## New Law Mandates TV, Other Electronic Recycling in PA

The Pennsylvania General Assembly passed legislation at the end of the 2010 session requiring the recycling of televisions, computers and related electronic devices.

The law required computer and television manufacturers to facilitate and fund the recycling of the electronic devices they manufacture.

Computers contain both valuable precious metals and hazardous components, and two thirds of the states now have some sort of recycling mandate to handle the devices in an environmentally preferable way.

### The TOXIC Computer

- Lead**  
a neurotoxin it also harms the kidneys and reproductive system. even low level lead exposure can impair a child's mental development.
- PVC**  
Incinerating this versatile plastic produces highly toxic dioxins.
- Retardants**  
This Group of compounds may cause thyroid damage and harm fetal development.
- Chromium**  
Can cause holes in the nasal septum, ingesting large amounts of chromium (IV) kidney and liver damage, and even death.
- Cadmium**  
Long term exposure damages kidneys and bones.
- Beryllium**  
A carcinogen, causes lung disease.
- Mercury**  
Linked to brain and kidney damage.

## Partnership Provides Free Recycling

The Blair County Department of Solid Waste and Recycling, the Intermunicipal Relations Committee Council of Governments, and eLoop LLC have joined together to provide free recycling of household and small business electronic devices covered by Act 180 of 2010. Visit our websites (listed below) for more information.

Devices currently accepted include:

- All types of televisions
- Computer towers and laptops
- Computer monitors
- Keyboards, mice and speakers

A number of other special wastes are also accepted at the facility and a complete list is on the flip side.



[www.blaircounty.org](http://www.blaircounty.org)



an electronics recycling steward

[www.eloopllc.com](http://www.eloopllc.com)



[www.ircenvironment.org](http://www.ircenvironment.org)

# Blair County Special Material Recycling

## ANTIFREEZE

Collect the used antifreeze in a clean, unbreakable container with a tight-fitting cap. Don't mix with other liquids.

Burgmeier's

## APPLIANCES

(Air conditioners, dryers, stoves, freezers, refrigerators, dehumidifiers, etc.)

Appliance Outlet (fee is charged)

Burgmeier's (fee is charged)

J & J Recycling (fee is charged)

Waste Management Altoona (fee is charged)

(Dryers, washers, stoves, water heaters)

Carraciolo's (No fee)

## BATTERIES

(Car & Truck)

Advance Auto Parts (if purchased there)

Auto Zone

Burgmeier's

Caracciolo's

Danny's Metals

Fiore True Value Hardware

Joe Krentzman & Son

Tractor Supply Co

WalMart

## BATTERIES (Lithium-ion/ button cells)

Kmart

## BATTERIES (NiCad)

Burgmeier's

IRC Municipal Offices

Radio Shack

Southern Blair Fix-It Stores

## BATTERIES

(Rechargeable- cellular phones, digital cameras, laptop computers, other portable electronic devices)

Best Buy

Blair County Compost Facility

IRC Municipal Offices

Lowe's

Radio Shack

Staples

## CDs, DVDs & VHS TAPES

Blair County Compost Facility ( Also VHS tapes)

Best Buy

## CELL PHONES

Best Buy

Blair County Compost Facility

IRC Municipal Offices

## COMPUTERS, TVs, ETC.

Blair County Compost Facility - Computers/TVs

Best Buy - Computers, TV's, etc. (Fees possible)

Visit, [www.bestbuy.com/recycling](http://www.bestbuy.com/recycling) for complete list.

Skills of Central PA - Computers

Staples - Computers

Goodwill (Call for specifics)

## CORRUGATED CARDBOARD

Flatten cardboard; keep clean and dry.

Blair County Compost Facility

Burgmeier's

Cove Recycling

J & J Recycling

Waste Management Altoona Transfer Station

Blair County Drop-off Depots

## FLUORESCENT BULBS

Blair County Compost Facility (Fee charged)

Home Depot (CFLs only)

Lowes (CFLs only)

## GLASS BOTTLES & JARS

Clear, green, and brown glass food and beverage bottles and jars. Please keep colors separate.

No window glass, Pyrex, light bulbs, ceramics, crystal, mirrors, dishes, drinking glasses, milk glass.

Blair County Compost Facility

Burgmeier's

Waste Management Altoona Transfer Station

## HARD-TO-RECYCLE PLASTICS

Visit [www.blaircounty.org](http://www.blaircounty.org) for details.

Blair County Compost Facility

## MAGAZINES/CATALOGS/MIXED PAPER

Keep dry and clean.

Blair County Compost Facility

Burgmeier's

Waste Management Altoona Transfer Station

## MERCURY THERMOSTATS

Michel Brothers

Scott Electric

## METAL SCRAP

Check with each facility for details.

Cove Recycling

Burgmeier's

Caracciolo's

Danny's Metals

Joe Krentzman & Son

## METAL/ALUMINUM CANS

Blair County Compost Facility

Blair County Drop-Off Depots

Burgmeier's

Cove Recycling

J & J Recycling

Waste Management Altoona Transfer Station

## NEWSPAPER & PHONEBOOKS

Keep clean and dry.

Blair County Compost Facility

Blair County Drop-Off Depots

Burgmeier's

Cove Recycling

J & J Recycling

Waste Management Altoona Transfer Station

## OIL FILTERS

Blair County Compost Facility

1-5 filters - \$1 fee, 6-10 filters- \$2 fee, etc.

## COOKING OIL

Blair County Compost Facility

Under 3 gals. Free to non-businesses

3-5 gals \$1, each additional 5 gals. \$1.

## USED MOTOR OIL

Advanced AutoParts

Auto Zone

Blair Auto Service

Blair County Compost Facility

Burgmeier's

Tractor Supply Co.

## PRINTER/COPIER CARTRIDGES

Cartridge World

Best Buy

Blair County Compost Facility

Staples

## PROPANE TANKS

Appliance Outlet (A fee is charged)

Caracciolo's (No fee if valve is removed)

Suburban Propane

## STYROFOAM PACKING PEANUTS

Postal Express

## TIRES

A fee is charged for tire disposal at both locations.

Burgmeier's

Penn Turf

## YARD WASTE

Brush, leaves, grass clippings, Christmas trees

Blair County Compost Facility

Blair County Research & Demo Compost Facility

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