

WELCOME

Welcome to the Lanchester Landfill and Reclamation Center (LLARC) Community Newsletter, provided to keep neighbors informed about the facility's operations and services offered to the community.

The professionals that manage LLARC are proud of their work to provide solid waste disposal and recycling services to residents and businesses in 49 Chester County municipalities and Caernarvon Township, Lancaster County. As a county-chartered public authority, LLARC and its employees are driven by the goals established in the facility's mission statement: *to manage all discarded materials in the Lanchester Service area with minimum environmental impact and with an overall long-term goal of zero waste.* We accomplish this by focusing not on making a profit, but on achieving a level of compliance to protect the environment that is higher than those set by state and municipal regulations governing landfill operations.

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter. An email address and telephone number are provided below for you to contact the facility with any questions or concerns.

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2025 Capital Improvements

LLARC makes yearly capital investments and improvements in the facility to keep pace with all advanced developments in sustainability and environmental compliance for the operation and maintenance of MSW landfills. Investments for 2025 are summarized below.

Compost Facility Upgrades

We currently use a windrow turner to compost leaves, grass clippings and branches, and will complete work in 2025 to design and permit a static pile aeration system that will provide quicker processing and a more uniform composting product. The system will force air into piles of leaves, grass clippings and branches for about six weeks before moving the material to a curing pile and screening into a final product.



Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Management

Site work to construct a permanent HHW facility, located just south of the compost area, was completed in 2023. We will accept bids in early 2025 for a new 2,400 square-foot building and equipment, with plans to have the facility operational in 2026. As we have in the past, staff from the Chester County Solid Waste Authority (CCSWA) will manage multiple HHW events in several municipalities around the county this year. These county-sponsored collection days keep almost 200,000 pounds of HHW out of our landfills. Chester County residents can visit the "Household Hazardous Waste" page on the CCSWA website (www.chestercountyswa.org) to register for upcoming collection events.



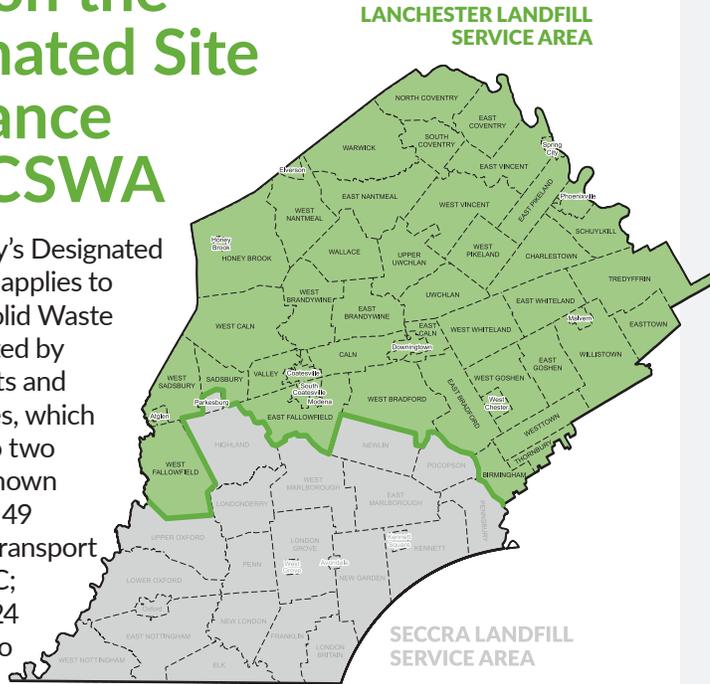
Landfill Gas Collection System Expansion

LLARC enhances the facility's methane gas collection system almost yearly as additional MSW is placed in the landfill. We currently collect landfill gas from about 210 collectors around the landfill, with plans in 2025 to add six new wells and upgrade five in need of maintenance.



More on the Designated Site Ordinance and CCSWA

Chester County's Designated Site Ordinance applies to all Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) generated by county residents and most businesses, which are divided into two service areas shown here. A total of 49 municipalities transport MSW to LLARC; the remaining 24 municipalities to the south



use a landfill operated by the Southeastern Chester County Refuse Authority (SECCRA). The ordinance ensures that the county has sustainable and economical MSW disposal capacity to meet the needs of residents, without unpredictable cost increases due to external market forces.

CCSWA was formed by the county in 1984 when the current facility was purchased due to increasingly limited disposal options in southeastern Pennsylvania. Authorities in Pennsylvania are commonly established to serve residents across multiple political boundaries and are governed by an independent board of directors to ensure the interests of the public are protected. The management of LLARC and the CCSWA board have worked since 1984 to provide waste management and recycling services with environmental compliance and efficiency as top priorities. We will provide more about the LLARC facility's history in a future newsletter.

SAVE THE DATE

Annual Community Paper Shredding Event Saturday, March 29 9:00 AM-Noon

A recent postcard from CCSWA provided details about our upcoming paper shredding event, which will be held in the landfill's administration building parking lot on Division Highway.

Annual Community Compost Day Saturday, April 5 7:00 AM-11:30 AM

Details about CCSWA's annual free leaf compost day will be provided in a postcard to be mailed later this month. Our compost is a great soil conditioner for the spring growing season! Watch for more information on our composting program in the summer newsletter and learn more on the "Composting" link found on CCSWA's website.

Spring Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

CCSWA manages Chester County's HHW collection days, which are held frequently in different areas of the county. Registration is required for all events. Please visit our website later this month for upcoming HHW collection information, including the event planned for this spring.



LLARC is a member of the Wildlife Habitat Council and obtained a Conservation Certification from the group in 2010. Some raptor species, such as the red-tailed hawk, can be found at the site year-round, while others, like the bald eagle, often visit during migration seasons.



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