



**GREATER LEBANON  
REFUSE AUTHORITY**

1610 Russell Road • Lebanon PA 17046

Facility Information & Program Guide

# Refuse Report

## 2011



In late 2009, GLRA identified 43 illegal dump sites throughout Lebanon County. In 2010, it was GLRA's goal to coordinate and assist with cleaning up these 43 sites through the hard work and dedication of municipalities and volunteers.

## It's All About Cleaning Up

One of the many duties of the Greater Lebanon Refuse Authority is to ensure the proper disposal of municipal solid waste and to protect the health and welfare of the residents of Lebanon County. The protection of public health and the environment is of paramount importance and is evident in all GLRA activities. GLRA enforces the proper disposal of municipal solid waste and regulates illegal dumping, open burning of commercial waste, and improper disposal of municipal solid waste.

Efforts throughout 2010 were all about cleaning up Lebanon County. Whether it be roadside dumping, open burning of commercial waste, or litter abatement, emphasis over the past year has been placed on cleaning up Lebanon County and educating residents on the importance of proper disposal of municipal solid waste. With generous help from municipalities, state agencies, resident volunteers, and just plain old good samaritans, Lebanon County was cleaned of its blight of roadside dumps, smoke-filled air and littered watersheds.

Who wants to look out their window and look at someone else's trash that was haphazardly tossed or thrown? In this pristine valley there is too much scenic beauty to allow trash and litter to blight Lebanon County. In this issue of the **Refuse Report**, we will focus on the municipalities, agencies, groups and individuals who have donated a significant amount of time and effort into cleaning up Lebanon County!

### About GLRA

The Greater Lebanon Refuse Authority (GLRA) was formed under the guidance of the Regional Planning Commission in 1959. It is comprised of one representative from each of Lebanon County's twenty-six municipalities. GLRA is committed to managing a comprehensive solid waste management system in accordance with Lebanon County's Solid Waste Management Plan.

GLRA operates the facility in a manner that protects the health and safety of the residents of Lebanon County and the quality of the environment. The facility accepts an average of 320 tons of regulated municipal solid waste from Lebanon County each day---about 100,000 tons annually.

If you have ever wondered what happens to your trash after it is picked up from the curb, visit the landfill facilities for a tour and find out. Contact Amy Mazzella di Bosco, Recycling Coordinator, (717) 867-5790 Ext. 307 to arrange a tour of the landfill for your school class, community group or business.

### Tell Us What You Think...

The Refuse Report is an annual publication of the Greater Lebanon Refuse Authority. We welcome any comments!

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## 2010 Annual Employee Recognition Luncheon

At its Annual Employee Recognition Luncheon on December 24, 2010, GLRA honored **Bryan J. Hess** as the 2010 Employee of the Year. Bryan is a Laborer/Truck Driver and has been with the GLRA since August 2003. Bryan was nominated by his co-workers for his hard work, willingness to learn new skills, ability to help in many areas, willingness to work on whatever is needed, and positive sense of humor. Hess was presented an engraved mantel clock for this achievement.



**From Left: GLRA Executive Director Michael D. Pavelek II, Bryan J. Hess, and GLRA Operations Manager Jeffrey R. Witmeyer**

Longevity awards are presented each year to GLRA employees that have achieved noteworthy years of dedicated service to the organization. Five GLRA employees received a longevity award in 2010:

<b>Amy Mazzella di Bosco, Recycling Coordinator</b>	<b>- 15 Years of Service</b>
<b>Suzanne Bailor, Clerk/Weighmaster</b>	<b>- 10 Years of Service</b>
<b>Steven Bashore, Laborer/Truck Driver</b>	<b>- 10 Years of Service</b>
<b>Kevin Yiengst, Mechanic</b>	<b>- 10 Years of Service</b>
<b>Carleen Lutz, Clerk/Weighmaster</b>	<b>- 5 Years of Service</b>

Safety Awards were also presented to all GLRA Employees. GLRA Employees had no reportable lost time injuries or accidents during 2010. This is the fourth consecutive year without a lost time accident or injury since GLRA experienced a reportable lost time accident during 2006, ending twelve consecutive years of no lost time injuries or accidents. In recognition of their safety performance, GLRA employees were presented with a safety award in the form of a gift certificate to a local business with the appreciation of the GLRA Board and Management.



## Talking Trash Lebanon County Waste Management Plan

The past year has been spent **Talking Trash** as outlined in last year's **2010 Refuse Report** and in updating Lebanon County's Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) as required by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) every ten years. The 2010 Minor Revision to the Lebanon County Solid Waste Management Plan was delivered to DEP on December 21, 2010. DEP is in the process of reviewing the plan and providing any necessary comments.

The plan recently submitted to DEP notes no major changes within the County SWMP for the next ten years. Lebanon County continues to rely on land disposal as the most cost effective form of waste disposal currently available to us. Recycling is slowly rising, as is the population of the County. At the same time, the amount of waste disposed of in the landfill appears to be fairly consistent. It is anticipated that the current permitted disposal area will accommodate the County's municipal waste for the planning period of 2011 through 2020. We are however looking at the future and planning for the next generation of disposal requirements.



The SWMP continues to rely on recycling education to promote recycling, although it is anticipated that more of the County will institute either mandatory or voluntary recycling programs in the next ten years. Added to educational issues will be issues related to open burning as it affects health, recycling, and waste disposal. A new section of the plan addresses the **Sustainability of Recycling**, and defines the value of our County's recycling efforts in terms of greenhouse gas emission reductions, energy saved, and natural resource conservation.

Emergency planning for recycling and waste disposal was revisited in the plan after considering the shortcomings of implementation during the last ten year cycle. The hauling community of Lebanon County, well represented on the Advisory Committee, strongly supported the concept of dealing with short term emergencies by cooperating collectively within the hauling community and with the GLRA. Plans will be developed that build on this cooperation and will be coordinated with the hauling community and neighboring waste disposal facilities.

The Advisory Committee additionally expressed a strong interest in meeting annually to review the progress of implementing the suggestions of the plan, reviewing direction, and providing guidance should it be needed. A meeting of this Committee has been tentatively scheduled for sometime in January of 2012. Their suggestions, comments, and service over the past year is greatly appreciated; we look forward to meeting with them again next year.

## Cleaning Up Lebanon County One Dump at a Time

Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful (KPB), formerly PA CleanWays, contacted the Greater Lebanon Refuse Authority in the fall of 2009 and introduced their project. The program consisted of doing a survey of every public roadway in Lebanon County and documenting illegal dumpsites by photograph, log forms, ground positioning system (GPS), municipality and proximity to waterways. GLRA partnered on the survey with KPB and identified forty three (43) dumpsites in the county. There was a media event to announce the findings of the survey in the beginning of July as the final report documenting each site was published. The report can be found on KPB's website. Volunteers were solicited. GLRA had a pro-bono waste program for accepting waste collected by volunteers and the project started with GLRA employees cleaning the initial site on Sherwin Williams Drive in Bethel Township, Lebanon County.

**(Top Right Photo)**



Lebanon County Residents demonstrated their character and support for this program early on. Even before the media event announcing the results, many of the sites were cleaned by **unknown volunteers** while the project team was recording sites, entering data, and making the data available on line to those who identified themselves as volunteers for the project. This unanticipated enthusiasm for the project resulted in some early confusion because the sites were not closed out in the system and folks who volunteered to clean sites on the list in their municipality could not find the dump sites because the trash had already been removed by Lebanon County's **unknown volunteers**. After GLRA became aware of the actions of **unknown volunteers**, any future volunteers were asked to either "verify that the dumpsite was clean or to remove the waste and report the dump site clean". This reduced the frustration for those who responded and could not find the dump site they had volunteered to clean up.

On one hand, GLRA must apologize to the frustrated volunteers who selected one or more sites only to go out on their mission to remove trash and not find anything at all. On the other hand, the initiative and independent actions of our citizenry and businesses to clean up their properties without being asked is commended. This stewardship is one of the attributes that makes Lebanon County such an attractive place to live, work or visit. Several volunteers worked very hard to clean numerous sites in several municipalities under adverse conditions. These individuals were commended and recognized for their efforts: Paul and Vicki Freeman, Richard Moore, Harry Fenton and Mark Tomecek.

The two largest and most difficult sites to clean up were along Heilmandale Road and Goldmine Roads. Each of these sites had hundreds of tires that had been dumped down steep embankments and required a team effort to coordinate and complete the clean up. The dedicated volunteers provided the labor. PennDOT provided for traffic control and transportation.



GLRA provided waste containers, transportation, equipment, as well as labor. GLRA employees assisted the volunteers in collecting and bagging the loose trash, as well as dragging the large items up to the roadways and ultimately back to the landfill. More than one thousand tires were collected from these two sites alone during November and December 2010! What an outstanding achievement! GLRA paid to have these tires properly recycled. **(Bottom Left Photo)**

All of the dump sites identified in the initial survey have been cleaned at least once. The fact that many of these sites have been cleaned more than once indicates that there are others in our midst not supportive of keeping Lebanon County clean and continue to dump their trash upon the land and in the streams, contaminating our community. Please stop this! It is so disheartening to clean up a dump site only to come back a month later and find that it is being used as a dump again.



**A common example of illegal dumping along Jonestown Road**

Now that the dump sites identified have been cleaned it is time to turn our focus on identifying and helping those who continue to create dumpsites and to educate and support these folks with fines and penalties if they just cannot help themselves to stop dumping waste. Please report dumping promptly to local law enforcement or GLRA. It would be most helpful if you could obtain a license plate number or a photo but don't confront the dumpers - by definition they are not upstanding citizens.

If you own a rural property on a hillside, please consider controlling road access with a gate because dumpers are just too lazy to carry waste up to a dump site. If they can't throw it down a hillside it may just decompose in their vehicle - it is just too much work to dump waste from a vehicle up a hillside!



**Clean Up Volunteers from Left: Harry Fenton, Mike Pavelek II, Mark Tomecek, Pat Freeland, Vicki Freeland, and Dick Moore.**

The help and support in cleaning up the dumpsites was tremendous. If one of the sites is close to you, help is needed in "adopting and monitoring" these sites to discourage future activity. Please contact Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful through their website [www.keeppabeautiful.org](http://www.keeppabeautiful.org) to learn how you can adopt a cleaned area. Since 2005, KPB has surveyed 49 counties identifying 5,386 illegal dumpsites containing an estimated 16,367 tons of trash.



## Please Visit GLRA's Classroom!

Through all the tours and presentations in 2010, GLRA's education and outreach efforts reached **2186** children and adults!

We welcome any and all ages for:

- Field Trips
- Tours
- Presentations
- Site Visits
- Educational Venues

We provide education on:

- Municipal Solid Waste
- Landfilling
- Recycling
- Composting
- Landfill Gas to Energy
- Renewable Energy Sources
- Aquatic Life Treatment Systems
- Conservation & Wildlife Management

For information about site visits, group tours or mobile presentations, please contact Amy Mazzella di Bosco, Recycling Coordinator, at (717) 867-5790 Ext. 307

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## Landfill Rules and Requirements

Location: 1610 Russell Road, Lebanon, Pennsylvania 17046

Hours of Operation: Monday through Friday 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM  
Saturday 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

**VEHICLES MUST BE UNLOADED AND OFF SITE BY 4 PM WEEKDAYS AND 12 PM SATURDAYS. INCOMING GATE CLOSSES AT 3:50 PM WEEKDAYS AND 11:45 AM SATURDAYS.**

OPEN loads of garbage MUST BE TARPED.

Make sure there are NO HOT ASHES in loads.

All customers must have a valid license. Licenses are obtained at the scale house after providing the following forms of VALID identification:

- 1) drivers license
- 2) vehicle insurance card
- 3) registration card to vehicle

License Cost:

Cash Customer License -	\$5 per year per vehicle
Commercial Customer License -	\$25 per year per vehicle
Commercial Act 90 Waste Transporter License -	Vehicles which have a valid DEP Waste Transporter License and meet the GLRA's insurance requirements will be issued a GLRA license at no charge.

Vehicles over 17,000 pounds and Trailers over 10,000 pounds require a DEP Waste Transporter License per Act 90 of 2002. All vehicles or trailers under these conditions must have the DEP Waste Transporter License in order to access GLRA's Facilities.

For information on how to obtain the DEP Waste Transporter License go to [www.dep.state.pa.us](http://www.dep.state.pa.us) and under **DEP Keywords** click on **DEP Programs (A-Z)** select the letter **W** and click on **Waste Transportation** or call DEP at 1-800-346-1932 or (717) 783-9258.

Charge accounts are available to licensees with a 10 ton per year MINIMUM to qualify.

**COMMERCIAL CUSTOMER LICENSES HAVE SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS.** For more information or any questions on commercial customer license requirements, contact Lori Baker by phone at (717) 867-5790 Extension 324 or by email at [lori@goglra.org](mailto:lori@goglra.org).

The landfill may close in the event of severe weather, listen to local radio stations for announcements. No advanced warning may be given to closing the facility for a short time due to localized lightning or electrical storms.

The following types of waste are considered UNACCEPTABLE for disposal at GLRA's facility:

- EXPLOSIVES
- LIQUID WASTE
- HAZARDOUS WASTE
- RADIOACTIVE WASTE
- CHEMOTHERAPEUTIC WASTE
- INFECTIOUS/PATHOLOGICAL WASTE
- OUT-OF-COUNTY WASTE

## 2011 Fee Schedule

GLRA ONLY accepts the following waste types:

Residential Waste  
Commercial Waste  
Industrial Waste  
Construction Waste  
Demolition Debris  
Clean Fill/Safe Fill  
Residual Waste  
Green Waste  
Clean Wood



### Tipping Fee

\$65.25 per ton

\$21.75 minimum fee (up to 660 pounds)

Includes Residential Waste, Commercial Waste, Industrial Waste, Construction Waste, Demolition Debris and Clean Fill/Safe Fill.

There is a \$10.00 surcharge on each appliance containing freon in addition to the tipping fee.

### Residual Waste Fee

\$58.05 per ton

\$19.35 minimum fee (up to 660 pounds)

### Special Handling

\$75.00 per ton

\$25.00 minimum fee (up to 660 pounds)

For municipal waste materials which require a pit to be dug for immediate disposal and closure after placement of the waste.

### Green Waste Fee

\$30.00 per ton

\$10.00 minimum fee (up to 660 pounds)

Includes leaves, tree trimmings, grass clippings, garden residue, shrubbery, branches, limbs, prunings less than 4 inches in diameter.

**DOES NOT INCLUDE plastic bags, rocks, treated or painted wood, tree stumps or tree trunks.**

### Clean Wood Fee

\$30.00 per ton

\$10.00 minimum fee (up to 660 pounds)

Includes any untreated or unpainted wood products such as lumber, lumber scraps, or wood pallets which are free of any chemicals, paint, oils, solvents, epoxy glue or heavy metals.

## 2011-2012 Holiday Schedule

Memorial Day	May 30	Closed
Independence Day	July 4	Closed
Labor Day	Sep 5	Closed
Thanksgiving Day	Nov 24	Closed
Employee Luncheon	Dec 23	Close at 1PM
Christmas Eve	Dec 24	Closed
Christmas Day (Observed)	Dec 26	Landfill Open 7AM - 4PM <a href="#">Offices Closed</a>
New Year's Eve	Dec 31	Closed
New Year's Day (Observed)	Jan 2	Landfill Open 7AM - 4PM <a href="#">Offices Closed</a>

## Tire Disposal Fees

Restrictions: No Rims  
Rubber Tires Only  
Steel Belted or Bias



Bicycle		\$ .50 each
Motorcycle		\$ 1.00 each
Car	12" to 17"	\$ 3.00 each
Truck	15" to 17"	\$ 5.00 each
Truck	18" to 23"	\$10.00 each

Other Tires will be Weighed 15¢ per pound  
(Farm, Tractor, Heavy Equipment)

GLRA License Required

## Acceptable Forms of Payment

All customers disposing of trash will have the option to pay using one of **THREE** acceptable forms of payment:

- Cash
- Personal Check
- Visa/MasterCard/Discover



## Act 108 of 2010

On November 23, 2010, Governor Edward G. Rendell signed into law Act 108 of 2010 establishing an electronic waste recycling program. Act 108 creates a program to recycle electronic waste such as computers and televisions and will be funded through a registration fee paid by manufacturers and retailers. While the Act goes into effect in 60 days, this legislation creates new responsibilities and therefore the details of the implementation will be continuing throughout the coming months.

Here is a summary of what Act 108 of 2010 includes:

- New responsibilities placed on manufacturers and retailers.
- Providing Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) with powers and duties, and for enforcement.
- The establishment of an Electronic Materials Recycling Account within Pennsylvania's General Fund.
- The establishment of penalties.
- Covered electronic devices are those marketed directly to a consumer, primarily for personal and small business use, which include desktop or notebook computers, computer monitors or other peripheral devices, and televisions.
- Not covered in this legislation are: telephones, cellular phones, electric typewriters, GPS units, and individual components found within automobiles and appliances.
- Manufacturers and retailers will be responsible for developing a plan of collection, transportation and recycling efforts, the amount of which will be based on their Pennsylvania market share.
- Manufacturers and retailers will be responsible for registering with DEP and for providing regular updates of their required eCycling activities and for notifying consumers at point of purchase as to their options for eCycling items purchased.
- Manufacturers must register with DEP and pay a fee which will serve to fund the newly established Electronics Materials Recycling Account.
- No manufacturer or retailer may charge a fee for eCycling, unless they provide financial incentive of equal or greater value (such as a rebate or coupon) to fund such.
- Effective 2 years from the date of the Act's implementation, no covered devices may be disposed of at a waste disposal center.
- Solid waste disposal centers shall not be held in violation provided they demonstrate good faith efforts, post conspicuously signage which states that covered devices or their components shall not be accepted, and that they notify their collectors of same.
- This Act will become void if Congress elects to pass federal legislation that pertains to electronic recycling.

## 2011 Plant Bedding and Wood Mulch Loading Schedule



<b>MONDAYS</b>	8:00 am to 11:00 am
<b>TUESDAYS</b>	8:00 am to 11:00 am
<b>WEDNESDAYS</b>	8:00 am to 11:00 am
<b>THURSDAYS</b>	8:00 am to 11:00 am
<b>FRIDAYS</b>	8:00 am to 11:00 am
<b>SATURDAYS</b>	8:30 am to 11:30 am

**Only \$12 per cubic yard**  
**A Tarp is Required**

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