



# Exeter Borough Recycling Program

**Don't Forget  
Buy Products Made With Recycled Content!**

## Be Green...Recycle

### Recycling Tips and Fun Facts

1. Did you know that 17 trees are saved and 7,000 gallons of water are saved each time you recycle one ton of paper.
2. Our nation's natural resources are being depleted rapidly, especially with increased usage of disposable products and packing. Recycling reduces the usage rate, conserving our natural resources.
3. In 1988 before the Pennsylvania Recycling Law (Act 101) was passed, PA was only recycling 3% of the state's municipal waste. Today PA recycles more than 35%. Still, there is room for improvement!
4. Americans represent only 5 % of the total world's population, but Americans generate 30% of the world's garbage. We need to work together to make a difference.
5. Recycling paper reduces air pollution about 75% and using recycled steel in place of virgin ore reduces air emissions by 85% and water pollution by 76%.
6. Only one quart of used motor oil dumped improperly can pollute 250,000 gallons of drinking water. Check with local garages to see if they accept used oil and recycle your motor oil.
7. Many products are made from recycled plastic such as: toys, playground equipment and fencing. Polyester clothing and carpet can be made from recycled plastic.
8. Cars, stoves, washers and refrigerators are made from steel and can be easily recycled by scrap dealers. Some people litter the landscape and streams with these items. If you can put it in your car to illegally dump it, you can drive a little further to recycle it at a scrap dealer. It won't cost you anything and you may get money back for the metal. Don't litter!
9. It takes 90 to 95 % less energy to recycle an aluminum can than to make a new can from raw materials. Aluminum cans may be returned to the grocery store shelf as a newly recycled aluminum can in as little as 60 days. It may take as long as 500 years for aluminum cans to decompose.
10. Glass was first made in 2,500 B.C. Glass is a very hard material that doesn't break down easily. Glass breaks down into smaller pieces but takes an estimated 1,000 years to decompose. So recycle your glass bottles and jars!
11. Oxidation causes rust in steel objects and increases the decomposition rate. It takes about 50 years for steel or tin to decompose. 64 % of all steel produced in America comes from recycled steel.
12. Buy recycled – recycling helps preserve our environment. The best way to make recycling work is to use recycled products and packaging. Remember our future generations are relying in us to help preserve the earth's environment!