



Pennsylvania Resources Council, Inc.

ZERO WASTE PITTSBURGH RECYCLING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

OVERVIEW:

The Pennsylvania Resources Council (PRC) in partnership with the Allegheny County Health Department (ACHD) and the PA Department of Environmental Protection (PA DEP) are announcing the creation of a one-stop-shop for the planning, development and implementation of business, institutional and special events recycling and waste minimization efforts in SW Pennsylvania– ZERO WASTE PITTSBURGH (ZWPGH)!

Zero Waste Pittsburgh provides one-on-one assistance as well as a hotline and website dedicated to providing helpful, up-to-date resources, information and assistance to business, institutional and special events recycling efforts throughout the region.

The function of Zero Waste Pittsburgh is to provide support to business owners, environmental managers, and event producers through:

- Waste audits
- Recycling system design/installation
- Employee training
- Sharing of best practices
- Compliance assistance
- State-of-art resources and information on waste minimization and recycling supplies & equipment, recycled products, markets, haulers, processors, etc.
- Cost reduction through waste minimization
- Professional development opportunities
- Technical assistance
- Networking opportunities

Zero Waste Pittsburgh works to connect local businesses, institutions and special events to local companies who can provide goods and services that meet their recycling needs.

Zero Waste Pittsburgh provides assistance on implementing **economical** recycling options at businesses, institutions and special events as well as assisting these venues with coming into compliance with Act 101 and meeting local recycling ordinances.

NEED FOR THIS SERVICE:

For far too long businesses, institutions and special events in Allegheny County have struggled with developing, implementing and maintaining viable recycling programs. There is

not currently a coordinated source for recycling assistance, guidance and up-to-date waste minimization/recycling information.

According to Pennsylvania Act 101, businesses, institutions and large-scale special events in mandated communities are required to recycle:

- aluminum cans
- high-grade office paper
- corrugated cardboard
- leaf waste (if generated)

Even though the law was enacted in 1988 many businesses, institutions and special events in mandated communities are still not recycling, many of those that do are not reporting their recycling tonnages to their municipality.

Providing assistance to businesses, institutions and special events will:

- help increase the recycling rate in the County
- aid municipalities in increasing compliance and reporting
- help save valuable natural resources and landfill space
- enable participants to implement sustainable operations
- drive environmentally friendly economic development in the region

Businesses, institutions and special events coordinators need to 1) have a local resource that they can turn to when they need recycling assistance and 2) Learn the beneficial role of recycling in the implementation of sustainable operations.

For more information visit our website at www.zerowastepgh.org.

To request assistance call the Zero Waste Pittsburgh Hotline at 412-770-6951 or contact us via email at info@zerowastepittsburgh.org