

## **America Recycles Day 2020**

### **November 15**

Trash that is not put in a recycle bin goes to a landfill where it is buried and never has a chance to be useful. Items that are placed in the recycle bin are made into something new to be used again. York County Trash goes to the Screaming Eagle Landfill outside of Columbia.

We have been composting at the church. Composting is nature's way of recycling. Food scraps and yard trimmings make up 20 to 30 percent of what goes in the landfill and can be composted instead. You may have noticed our "Earth Machine Composter" behind the dumpster in the church parking lot. We composted coffee grounds, tea bags, and kitchen scraps from our Wednesday night suppers before Covid hit, and will pick that up again when things resume. If you would like to buy a compost bin like this for your home, a limited number are available for \$50 which is half-price retail through the City of Rock Hill. Call (803)329-7027 and ask for Elizabeth Morgan if you'd like to buy one.

We have a glass collection bin beside our church dumpster. At the present time, glass is not collected in recycle bins in the city of Rock Hill, but can be taken to a York County Collection Center for recycling. One of our members, Tom Taylor, has volunteered to take our glass bottles, jugs, and jars to the Collection Center for us. You may put your glass from home in the green bin beside the dumpster in our parking lot. Did you know that if glass is not recycled it will take 1 million years for it to decompose?

#### Information about Recycling from the City of Rock Hill

The items collected for recycling have recently changed, please review the list below:

- Aluminum cans, foil, and plates (empty or remove food)
- Steel cans (empty and push the lids inside the cans)
- Plastic bottles, jugs, and jars (empty with lids on)
- Mixed Paper (newspaper, magazines, office paper, junk mail, etc. No shredded paper)
- Chipboard (cereal boxes, tissue boxes, cracker boxes, shoe boxes, paper towel tubes, etc.)
- Corrugated Cardboard, stack empty, flattened cardboard next to your curbside recycling bin. Cardboard must be cut down to 2-foot x 2-foot sections. Corrugated materials can also be flattened and recycled in red dumpsters at all City Fire Stations.

We do NOT recycle shredded paper in our curbside recycling program. (You can take it to a York County Collection Center to recycle.)

We do NOT recycle cartons in our curbside recycling program.

We do NOT recycle plastic bags in curbside recycling. Plastic bags can be taken to your local grocery store for recycling, or brought to the church office or bins near the gym for recycling in the Bags to Benches program.)

We do NOT recycle Styrofoam.

We do NOT recycle paper or plastic cups.

We do NOT recycle plastic plates, yogurt cups, clam-shell containers, or utensils.

We do NOT recycle glass in curbside recycling. (Glass can be brought to the church and placed in the bin near the dumpster or recycled at the York County Collection & Recycling Centers.)

Additional materials can be taken to one of the York County Collection and Recycling Centers for recycling including used motor oil, automobile batteries, and corrugated cardboard.

#### Bags to Benches Program

You can recycle your plastic bags and wrap plastic through the Bags to Benches program at the following Rock Hill Recreation Centers: Boyd Hill, Fewell Park, Emmett Scott, and Northside, or at the church office or bins near the gym. Look for the bin and deposit your plastic grocery bags, overwrap, bread bags, sandwich bags, and other plastic wrap. For every 500 pounds of plastic collected and recycled the City earns a free bench made of Trex materials.

Please remember that “We are God’s hands, Stewards of all his bounty” and do all you can to “Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle.”