Transfer Station Fact Sheet

The Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority (LCSWMA) is siting a new Transfer Station on Colonel Howard Blvd, near the 222 Interchange. This facility aims to serve as a community asset, providing convenient and expanded solid waste services for the growing region while complimenting the community's aesthetics.

Who Is LCSWMA?

LCSWMA is a Lancaster County-established governmental authority whose mission is to manage environmentally safe disposal of trash and recyclable materials from homes and businesses. Private haulers collect solid waste at homes and businesses throughout the county and deliver the waste to a LCSWMA facility. LCSWMA handles waste through its Integrated System, which consists of five facilities: a Transfer Station with a free Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) facility, two waste-to-energy facilities, and a landfill. LCSWMA is recognized nationally for its sustainability and leadership in the solid waste industry.

What Is a Transfer Station?

A Transfer Station is a DEP-regulated facility for the temporary receiving and consolidation of municipal solid waste and recyclables before moving them to processing or disposal sites. It does not involve landfilling, incineration, or long-term storage, but may offer special services like household hazardous waste collection (i.e. paints, cleaners, electronics, etc.) and yard waste drop-off.

What Are the Benefits of Having a Local Transfer Station?

- **Convenience:** Safe, local disposal for trash and recyclables, plus free household hazardous waste drop-off
- **Aesthetics:** Facilities are attractively designed, landscaped, and well-maintained
- **Potential Savings:** Reduced travel for haulers may lower trash collection bills for nearby businesses
- **Increased Business Activity:** As more people visit the area to use the Transfer Station, local businesses may see higher foot traffic and increased opportunities for customer engagement.
- **A Helpful Neighbor:** LCSWMA has a strong history of being a good neighbor and cooperating with host municipalities for the benefit of the residents.

Addressing Common Concerns:

- **Odor:** LCSWMA facilities are managed to prevent odor issues; LCSWMA has a strong record of no odor complaints. Much of the waste transfer operations will occur inside buildings, which greatly reduces odor, noise, and debris.

- **Traffic:** Consolidating waste on-site reduces the number of trucks traveling to processing and disposal sites, minimizing traffic on County roadways. The transfer station is expected to average __ inbound customer trucks per day, which would result in __ consolidated outbound loads on LCSWMA's transfer trucks per day. Additionally, the East Cocalico location is ideally situated to utilize adjacent highways, minimizing local roadway congestion.

- **Litter:** Ensuring clean, litter-free communities is a high priority for LCSWMA. In compliance with DEP regulations, LCSWMA requires all waste to be tarped (and issues penalties for noncompliance). Additionally, LCSWMA staff conduct daily litter clean-ups to keep roads clear.

- **Resource Use:** The Transfer Station will use minimal water and electricity.

- **Emergencies:** Comprehensive emergency plans are in place, with regular coordination and training with local first responders

Tour LCSWMA Sites

To see the facilities for yourself,
visit https://www.lcswma.org/resources/facility-tours/

Contact Us

For general questions and media inquiries, please contact Janine James, LCSWMA's Public Relations Manager, at (717) 553-5863 or JJames@LCSWMA.org.