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## Centre County Announces Suspension of Curbside Recycling Collection in response to COVID-19

CENTRE COUNTY, PA – The Centre County Recycling & Refuse Authority (CCRRA) is announcing the suspension of our curbside recycling collection program to help limit the local impact of COVID-19 and protect our workers. This suspension begins Monday, March 30, and will remain in place until further notice. All trash/refuse collection services will remain unchanged at this time.

The reason behind this change in service is due to the curbside recycling hand sorting of items in each curbside recycling bin and the many unknowns about how long the COVID-19 virus remains viable on surfaces. This service is being **suspended to limit our workers' potential exposure to the virus and to reduce chances of the spread of COVID-19.**

Residents are advised to store their recyclable materials until service resumes if possible, or utilize one of our 43 drop off sites throughout the county. CCRRA is working with local municipalities to expand drop-off services for recyclable materials during this curbside service suspension. Please visit the drop off **recycling page on CCRRA's website at:** <https://www.centrecountyrecycles.org/dropoffrecycling>

The above drop off recycling webpage contains a list of current drop off locations as well as materials that are accepted at each.

As we all deal with this public emergency, we are continuously balancing the most important health and wellbeing issues for our employees and the general public with the economic and business concerns in our community, and our commitment to providing public services to ensure the public health, safety and welfare.

While we understand that the suspension of the curbside recycling program will alter efforts to help the county reduce waste going to the landfill, we must implement every action practical to limit community spread and protect our

workers from COVID-19. **We appreciate the community's understanding of these measures during this critical time.**

For additional information on this, please call our office at 814-238-7005, or contact us by e-mail at [aschirf@centrecountyrecycles.org](mailto:aschirf@centrecountyrecycles.org).

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