# Recycling News for North Cornwall Township

# FYI: The COSTS of RECYCLING

Recently, there has been some confusion concerning haulers charging customers for recycling their curbside materials. Hopefully we can clarify these charges and the need for them. However, if you are still unclear please feel free to contact Jean Long, Recycling Coordinator for North Cornwall Township at the number listed below.

Due to the population and population density results of the 2000 Federal Census, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection determined that North Cornwall Township was a mandated municipality for recycling. This meant that the Township, according to the State's regulations, was required to implement a mandatory recycling program for all residential and commercial establishments.

North Cornwall residents have the freedom to choose from a list of registered, licensed Lebanon County Garbage Haulers for their trash & recycling services. Because these haulers collect material from customers where recycling is mandatory, they must take out an additional truck for the separate collection of recyclable materials ~ meaning there are extra costs involved! These additional costs include more manpower, time, maintenance on a separate truck, fuel and processing of recyclable materials. For these reasons, haulers charge a fee for recycling services. It may be labeled "environmental fee" or "recycling fee" or even some type of "surcharge," but they are entirely within their rights to have that fee.

Another common misconception is that if you don't want to pay that fee you can be "exempted" from recycling. That is <u>ENTIRELY NOT TRUE</u>. Again, because the State has declared us a mandated municipality for recycling, everyone <u>MUST</u> have <u>CURBSIDE</u> <u>RECYCLING SERVICE</u> with a hauler. If not, costly citations might get involved.

## REMEMBER to RECYCLE these MATERIALS:

### Residents

- 1. Glass (clear, green, brown)
- 2. Plastic Bottles (#1 & #2 only)
- 3. Aluminum Cans
- 4. Newspaper
- 5. Green Wastes
- Leaf Waste



#### **Businesses**

- Office Paper
- Cardboard (no wax coated)
- 3. Glass (clear, green, brown)
- 4. Plastic Bottles (#1 & #2 only)
- 5. Aluminum Cans
- Newspaper
- 7. Green Wastes
- 8. Leaf Wastes

Even include Tin Cans - not required by Two Ord