

MUNICIPAL SURVEY RESULTS
ATTACHMENT

In April, 2012 the Consultant team of Nittany Engineering, EfficientC and Barton & Loguidice (B&L), representing Blair County, developed municipal survey questionnaires to distribute to the townships and boroughs of Blair County. The following information is a summary of the municipal survey information received from townships and boroughs in Blair County:

General Survey Information

Twenty-four (24) of twenty-five (25) municipalities responded to the surveys:

- Frankstown Township only responded with the following statement: “Frankstown Township does not recycle”

Many of the municipalities responded that they are not aware of the disposal location of their communities waste. One such survey response listed a facility that is not an actual disposal facility, i.e. Freedom Township Water and Sewer Authority. The following disposal sites were listed as receiving Blair County’s waste:

- Sandy Run Landfill
- Burgmeier’s Transfer Station
- Waste Management’s Altoona Transfer Station

Refuse Collection

Of the survey responses received, the percentage of the municipalities’ population reported to have refuse collection ranged from >50% to 100% based on the Township’s responses and 90% to 100% based on the Borough’s responses. Of the survey responses received, all municipalities reported weekly refuse collection. The percentage of the municipalities’ population reported to have regular recyclables collection ranged from 0% to 100%. Of the survey responses received, recycling collection was reported to occur weekly, daily or bi-weekly.

Thirteen (13) Townships and nine (9) Boroughs reported to have private subscription refuse collection, with Logan Township and Newry Borough reporting direct haul by residents to local drop-off centers.

Antis Township reported having a municipal collection crew that collects leaf and yard waste curbside.

The refuse disposal costs ranged among the municipalities. The average cost of refuse disposal among Townships and Boroughs was \$25/month. The highest reported refuse cost was \$52.50/month.

Recycling Collection

Seven (7) Townships and four (4) Boroughs reported to have private subscription recycling collection. Three (3) Townships and two (2) Boroughs reported having access to a public drop-off center.

The recycling collection costs were reported to be included in the refuse disposal monthly costs for most municipalities.

Additional Program Information

All fees, recycling and refuse collection costs, were reported to be paid to the private haulers by the municipalities that responded to the surveys.

No municipality reported licensing haulers for refuse or recycling collection.

Antis, Blair, and Logan Township, as well as the City of Altoona, Bellwood, Duncansville and Roaring Spring Borough reported having a solid waste ordinance.

Nine (9) municipalities reported having special clean-up events in their communities.

Seven (7) Townships and six (6) Boroughs reported having some type of restriction on the burning of waste, recyclables, or leaves.

Three (3) Boroughs and five (5) Townships responded that they have recycling programs/activities in place. These programs varied widely among municipalities.

Logan Township reported providing the recycling containers, transportation, education, and route calendars to residents of their municipality.

Requested Assistance

Antis, Catharine, Freedom, Logan and Woodbury Townships, as well as Martinsburg, Roaring Spring, Williamsburg and Tunnellhill Boroughs would like assistance with providing drop-off recycling sites. These municipalities are either interested in hosting a drop-off site or host one now and would like to improve upon them.

The following Townships would like assistance in developing ordinances:

- No burn: Catharine and Woodbury
- No burn of recyclables: Catharine, Logan and Woodbury
- Mandatory curbside recycling: Logan, Hollidaysburg
- Voluntary curbside recycling: Martinsburg, Tunnellhill

Four (4) Townships, three (3) Boroughs and the City of Altoona would like assistance in the development or enhancement of their yard and leaf waste collection program, including providing a location for a processing/compost site.

The municipalities would like to see the following waste management services offered in Blair County:

- Drop-off recycling: Antis, Blair, Catharine, Juniata, Logan, Martinsburg, Roaring Spring, Williamsburg
- Curbside Recycling: Blair, Catharine, Logan, Hollidaysburg, Martinsburg
- Fall Leaf Collection: Blair, Catharine, Logan, Hollidaysburg, Roaring Spring, Williamsburg

- Spring Yard Waste Collection: Blair, Catharine, Logan, Hollidaysburg, Roaring Spring, Williamsburg
- Household Hazardous Waste Collection: Logan, Martinsburg, Roaring Spring, Williamsburg

Yard & Leaf Waste Collection

Three (3) Townships and four (4) Boroughs reported having yard and leaf waste collection.

Septage

Most municipalities did not respond to the survey regarding percentage of population on public sewers. This percentage varies widely among the municipalities and was reported as high as 100% of some municipalities are on public sewer. Eight (8) Townships and two (2) Boroughs reported having residents with on-lot septic systems.

No municipalities reported having a program in place to register septage haulers.

Two (2) Townships and two (2) Boroughs have programs that monitor grease traps.