**Waste Reduction, Recycling, and Composting**

**Community Size [# acres]**

**# of Households**

**Trash Pickup Service: [y/n]**

**Recycling Service: [y/n]**

**Highlights**

**Background:** Homeowners Associations can promote sustainability through implementing waste reduction programs, composting, recycling and other practices. Participating in these efforts, consolidating vendors, and educating residents helps to keep materials in use for as long as possible, while also minimizing the amount of material that enters the waste stream or landfill.

**Governance and Information**

**action WRG1**

**Action: Contact your municipality and obtain copy of local trash and recycling ordinance and ensure that the HOA’s policies align with local mandates.**

**Potential Partners**:

**Complete by:**

[date/year]

* text
* text

**Potential Resources:**

* text
* text

**Progress and Implementation Notes:**

* text
* text

**Action: Organize and host a presentation for residents on gardening, recycling, food waste reduction, and/or composting.**

**action WRR1**

**Resident Engagement**

**Potential Partners**:

**Complete by:**

[date/year]

* Penn State Extension Master Gardeners
* Chester County Solid Waste Authority

**Potential Resources:**

* text
* text

**Progress and Implementation Notes:**

* text
* text

**action WRR2**

**Action: Contact a compost hauling company to present to HOA residents on backyard composting and curbside food scraps pick-up options.**

**Complete by:**

[date/year]

**Potential Partners**:

* text
* text

**Potential Resources:**

* text
* text

**Progress and Implementation Notes:**

* text
* text

**Complete by:**

[date/year]

**action WRR3**

**Action: Promote hazardous waste collection events to residents. Consider collecting hazardous waste from neighbors in a central location and recruit a volunteer to deliver it to the drop-off location.**

**Potential Partners**:

* Chester County Solid Waste Authority’s period Household Hazardous Waste collection events: https://www.chestercountyswa.org/117/Household-Hazardous-Waste

**Potential Resources:**

* text
* text

**Progress and Implementation Notes:**

* text
* text

**Connections and Partnerships**

**Action**: **Establish a liaison role for trash and recycling issues within the community. This person can ensure that the community’s trash hauling contractor is following contract and can provide education for residents.**

**action WRC1**

**Potential Partners**:

**Complete by:**

[date/year]

* Chester County Solid Waste Authority
* text

**Potential Resources:**

* text
* text

**Progress and Implementation Notes:**

* text
* text

**action WRC2**

**Action: Make contact with Chester County Solid Waste Authority or Southern Chester County Refuse Authority (depending on which service area your community is located) for information on hard-to-handle items.**

**Potential Partners**:

**Complete by:**

[date/year]

* Southeastern Chester County Refuse Authority <https://seccra.org/>
* Chester County Solid Waste Authority <https://www.chestercountyswa.org/>

**Potential Resources:**

* Locate which landfill service area your HOA is in: <https://www.chestercountyswa.org/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=18>

**Progress and Implementation Notes:**

* text

**Taking Action**

**action WRA1**

**Action**: **If HOA is within a municipality that permits residents to select their own trash hauler, the HOA can consider contracting with a single trash hauler for all residents. HOA contracts should limit trash collection to once per week.**

**Potential Partners**:

**Complete by:**

[date/year]

* Local municipality
* Chester County Solid Waste Authority
* SECCRA

**Potential Resources:**

* text
* text

**Progress and Implementation Notes:**

* text
* text

**action WRA2**

**Action: Contact a food scraps hauling company to obtain quotes for curbside pick-up service for your neighborhood, and recruit neighbors to participate, including neighboring HOAs.**

**Discuss with your municipality the possibility of expanding curbside pick-up community-wide.**

**Potential Partners**:

**Complete by:**

[date/year]

* text
* text

**Potential Resources:**

* text
* text

**Progress and Implementation Notes:**

* text
* text

**action WRA3**

**Action:** Ensure that common buildings have clearly marked recycling receptacles everywhere there is a trash receptacle.

**Complete by:**

[date/year]

**Potential Partners**:

* Chester County Solid Waste Authority
* Solid Waste hauler that the HOA contracts with

**Potential Resources:**

* text
* text

**Progress and Implementation Notes:**

* text
* text

**General Resources:**

Chester County’s eTool on Solid Waste Management: <https://www.chescoplanning.org/MuniCorner/eTools/80-SolidWaste.cfm>

Chester County Solid Waste Authority: <https://www.chestercountyswa.org/>

Southern Chester County Refuse Authority: <https://seccra.org/>