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Portage County Solid Waste to Reduce Services

The Portage County Solid Waste Department has taken the following actions to avoid the spread of COVID-19 virus to not only the public, but also our staff. We provide an essential community service, with minimal staff, and need to ensure that staff remain virus-free and are able to provide waste and recycling disposal services. The following services have been suspended until further notice:

- Saturdays Hours
- All household hazardous waste and confidential shredding services
- Recycling of the following items: bulbs, ballasts, batteries, appliances with or without freon, electronics, oil, oil filters, anti-freeze, and bulky plastics

We are asking residents to not utilize our facility unless there's an emergent need to do so, such as a water leak and items are too big for the curbside bin, or the trash is essential or critical to limiting exposure of COVID-19. Our focus is providing services to our commercial and business customers who provide collection service to households, organizations, and businesses across the region.

Please understand while we modify our program based on the health and safety of our workers and the availability of our vendors. We will continue to evaluate our services on an on-going basis and will adapt as necessary. Follow us on Facebook, /PortageCountyRecycles, for up-to-date information. We will resume normal operations as soon as we're able. Residents may call our office at (715) 343-6297 with any questions about how to reduce waste, recycle right, and find alternatives for managing waste.

The Solid Waste Department staff send a sincere wish that all remain safe, healthy and strong. These are challenging times, but together we will get past this.

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