

Cumberland County 2026 Paper Shredding and Recycling Program

Participants must sign up for an appointment in advance. Visit <https://www.cumberlandcountypa.gov/124/Recycling-Waste> or call 717.240.6489 to make an appointment.

- \$0.15 per pound disposal fee (first 25 pounds free)
- Cash or card payments only (see FAQ)
- Must come at your appointment time
- Cumberland County residents only
- ID required
- Pre and post event customers not accepted
- No unacceptable items (see What Can't I Bring?)



When

- Thursday, April 23, 2026 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Where

- Cumberland County Recycling Center
- 1001 Claremont Road
- Carlisle, PA 17015



What Can I Bring?

- YES – Paper (Small amounts of staples, paperclips, and rubber bands are ok)

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What Can't I Bring?

- NO – Three Ring Binders
- NO – Plastics
- NO – Cardboard for Shredding
- NO – Carbon Paper
- NO – Microfilm
- NO – Already Shredded Paper



Frequently Asked Questions

What are your fees and forms of payment?

Cash and credit/debit cards are accepted. Sorry, no checks. The cash fee for shredding is \$0.15/pound (first 25 pounds are free). There is an additional 2.3% convenience fee for card users with a minimum convenience fee charge of \$2.00.

How will my total shredding bill be determined?

All acceptable paper for shredding will be placed onto a certified floor scale and weighed. The total weight of your paper (minus 25 pounds) will be multiplied by 0.15 to determine your cash price. If using a card, the cash price will be multiplied by 0.023 to determine the additional card convenience fee. There is a minimum convenience fee of \$2.00 per transaction.

Will you offer refunds if I change my mind afterwards?

All sales are final. No refunds will be offered after payment is made.

Why are you charging a fee when I already pay taxes?

Fees are required to help pay for the costs of this program. Cumberland County has never used general fund tax dollars for its Recycling & Waste program expenses. Only those who choose to use the program will be required to pay for it through the fees that are charged.

Who is eligible to use the program?

Cumberland County residents and small businesses.

What happens to my paper after I drop it off?

The paper will be consolidated into wheeled toters which will be taken to an on-site shredding truck and run through a shredder. The shredded paper will be recycled by a local paper recycling company.

What does a bankers box of paper weigh?

- Estimated weight = 35 to 50 pounds.

What is the purpose of this program?

Public paper shredding events serve to prevent identity theft by securely destroying sensitive documents (bank statements, tax records, old bills) using on-site industrial shredders. They promote environmental sustainability through recycling, raise awareness of fraud risks, and provide a safe, convenient method for individuals to declutter sensitive paperwork.