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Get involved for Earth Day with Keep Erie County Beautiful and Erie County Recycling's environmental programming

Erie, PA – Erie County invites residents to participate in upcoming Earth Day events through Keep Erie County Beautiful and Erie County Recycling's environmental programming.

"I am proud of the important work that our Erie County Department of Planning and Community Development does to lead Erie County in the right direction as we work toward sustainability," said County Executive Kathy Dahlkemper. "I encourage Erie County residents to get involved with some of our environmental programming. We have a responsibility to be good stewards of the bountiful natural resources that make Erie County a great place to live."

Several opportunities are available:

Attend Blasco Library's virtual event April 27 – Recycling and Climate Change:

Lynn Armel, Erie County recycling and sustainability coordinator, will discuss the effect recycling has on climate change and protecting the environment Tuesday, April 27, at 6 p.m.

To register, visit <https://events.erialibrary.org/event/7719324>.

Organize a litter cleanup:

Pick up PA as part of the Great American Cleanup: Organize a litter cleanup in your neighborhood or local park, or with your school or business/organization. To register, go to gacofpa.org.

All registered events being held now through May 31 are eligible for free work gloves, safety vests and trash bags (courtesy of Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and PennDOT) while supplies last.

If you have any questions regarding Pick Up Pennsylvania, please contact Michelle Dunn at 877-772-3673, ext. 113, or email mdunn@keeppebeautiful.org.

COVID 19: When conducting a cleanup, be sure to adhere to local, state and federal guidelines and practice social distancing.

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Attend monthly electronics and household hazardous waste collection events:

Erie County Recycling sponsors monthly collection events for such items, including batteries, TVs, tires, old paint, used oil, and more.

This service is provided at a reduced cost to all Erie County residents (50 cents per pound and \$5 per tire). The next event is Saturday, May 8, at 1624 Filmore Avenue.

Call ahead to register at 866-815-0016.

Find your nearest glass recycling drop-off location:

Prism Glass has partnered with Erie County Recycling and Keep Erie County Beautiful, as well as several municipalities, to pilot a glass recycling drop-off program. As part of this public private partnership, 15 glass drop-off locations have been placed across Erie County. Go to prismrecycling.com to find the nearest location.

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