



# BRISTOL TOWNSHIP

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### BRISTOL TOWNSHIP OFFERS \$2 YARD WASTE CONTAINERS

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The Township Council announced at its March Council meeting the sale of 32 gallon yard waste containers. Residents who receive residential trash service from Bristol Township will be able to purchase the bins for the low price of only \$2.

According to Scott Swichar, Bristol Township's recycling coordinator, "while the durable containers will allow our trash hauler to more efficiently pick up yard waste, they are also a great deal for residents, since the containers usually cost \$35 each."

"We are thrilled to offer this program to our community," said Craig Bowen, Bristol Township's Council President. "Our residents have made significant strides in improving the Township's recycling rate and the containers will go a long way to help residents recycle more yard waste." "By recycling yard waste you'll not only keep more waste out of the landfill, but also help the Township produce useful compost and mulch," said Bowen.

The project is being funded by a \$116,957 Recycling Program Development and Implementation grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PA DEP). The grant will allow the Township to purchase 6,500 32 gallon curbside yard waste containers and provide additional funds for recycling education. As part of the grant requirements, the Township is responsible for a monetary match of \$12,996, but the \$2 purchase price for each container will offset the match.

Residents interested in purchasing a yard waste container at the sale price can visit the Bristol Township Municipal Building, located at 2501 Bath Road, on Monday to Friday from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM. Residents must show a copy of their tax bill or a photo ID to prove they are a residential customer. "Since we only have 6,500 containers available, we will sell them on a first-come first-serve basis until they are sold out," stated Swichar. There is also a limit of one container per residence.

For residents who do not want to purchase a new container, they can continue to use any rigid container or biodegradable (paper) bag to dispose of their yard waste. After a short winter hiatus, Bristol Township will resume yard waste collections on April 15. For information about Bristol Township's yard waste program visit the Township's website: <http://www.bristoltownship.org/trash.cfm> or call Joan Lamina at 267-812-2950.