

# Pittsburgh Recycling Facility



**Through recycling, waste is a valuable resource that can be captured for future potential reuse becoming new products or packaging. It also helps to sustain natural resources for the next generation.**

WM's Pittsburgh Recycling Facility provides a range of recycling services to municipal and business customers in the western Pennsylvania region and parts of West Virginia.

WM is a leader in recycling facility technology to support increased separation and material recovery. The facility has been operated by WM since 2013, but recently underwent close to a \$23 million upgrade that was completed in April 2024, making the site a state-of-the-art recycling facility featuring a series of ballistic separators and optical sorters designed to quickly and efficiently separate material.

## **State-of-the-Art Recycling Facility**

WM Pittsburgh Recycling Facility features optical sorters for both fibers and plastics that work to optimize the recovery and quality of recycled materials. Additionally, the operation includes an advanced fire detection system designed to detect fires before they spread. Using a series of conveyors and optical sorters, recyclables are sorted by commodity type and baled to be shipped to end users who will create new packaging and products.

The WM Pittsburgh Recycling Facility is capable of processing up to 95,000 tons of material per year.

Technological advancements allow the WM Pittsburgh Recycling Facility to:

- Recycle more types of plastics, including polypropylene plastic tubs.
- Utilize intelligent sorting where conveyors and optical sorters communicate with each other and with technicians to improve material quality.
- Include an additional optical sort line that serves as a final quality control measure for any recyclables not initially captured.

When you recycle properly, your materials can be used to make new products and packaging, which helps create a more circular economy. Help us recover good, quality recyclables by following these three simple rules:

- Recycle only clean and dry bottles, cans, paper, and cardboard.
- Keep food and liquid out of your recycling container – this can ruin other neighbors' good recycling efforts and cause the whole load to be landfilled.
- No loose plastic bags and no bagged recyclables.

**YEAR UPGRADED:**  
2024

**UPGRADE INVESTMENT:**  
Approximately \$23M

**SERVICE AREA:**  
Western Pennsylvania and parts of West Virginia

**HOST COMMUNITY:**  
Allegheny County

**TYPE OF RECYCLING FACILITY:**  
State-of-the-Art Recycling Facility

**OPTICAL SORTERS:**  
9

**SYSTEM CAPACITY:**  
Up to 95,000 tons

**ADDRESS:**  
4100 Grand Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15225

**DAYS OF OPERATION:**  
Monday - Friday

**Scan the QR code to take a look inside the newly upgraded State-of-the-Art Pittsburgh Recycling Facility**





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## Always Recycle



Plastic Bottles, Jars, Jug & Tubs



Paper



Glass Bottles & Containers



Flattened Cardboard &  
Paperboard



Food & Beverage Cans



## Do Not Include In Your Mixed Recycling Container



NO Food or Liquids



NO Foam Cups & Containers



NO Green Waste



NO Batteries

Check local drop-off programs  
for proper disposal



NO Loose Plastic Bags,  
Bagged Recyclables or Film  
Empty recyclables directly into  
your bin.



NO Clothing, Furniture & Carpet