

## New Acceptable Materials and Advanced Technology Drive Greater Environmental Impact

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Here's a look at how we are growing our recycling efforts and creating a more circular economy:

We're Making Recycling Easier: WM now accepts plastic and paper to-go cups in curbside recycling from residents in eligible pro-

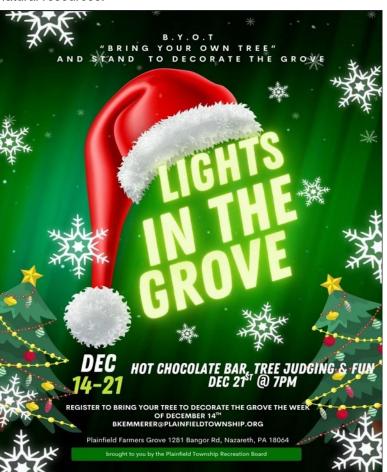


grams, diverting even more material from landfills.

We're Processing More Material Than Ever: Through our work in the GMA this year, we have collected and processed over 375,000 tons of mixed recyclable materials. That is equivalent to taking 243,000 cars off the road for a year.

We're Smarter About Sorting: Our new, advanced sorting technology is now capturing significantly more cardboard and other valuable materials, giving them a new life.

We're Creating Higher-Value Recyclables: This advanced process allows us to produce higher-quality bales of recycled commodities, which strengthens recycling markets and conserves natural resources.









Working families in the Lehigh Valley and the Poconos depend on access to affordable health insurance. That's why I've joined a bipartisan group of colleagues in supporting CommonGround 2025, a new framework focused on addressing insurance costs, improving transparency, enacting commonsense reforms, and reducing waste and fraud.

Here are some highlights:

A two-year extension of enhanced tax credits for enrollees earning less than 600% of the federal poverty line (FPL), with a phaseout for those making between 600-1000% of the FPL.

New guardrails to crack down on fraud and prevent "ghost beneficiaries," including implementation of the Insurance Fraud Accountability Act and greater oversight of eligibility.

An extension of open enrollment until March 19, 2026.

Pharmacy benefit manager reform that promotes transparency and eliminates "spread pricing" in Medicaid.

Proposals for future reforms, including hospital billing transparency and support for healthcare savings accounts.



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