

## **RECYCLABLE BAGS NO LONGER ACCEPTED AT LEHIGH COUNTY COMPOSTING SITE**

Lehigh County has changed the rules for accepting grass at their composting site where the Township's hauler, Waste Management (WM), takes grass waste collected in the Township for disposal. The County will no longer accept **any type of bag** (including recyclable bags) and the grass **must not be contaminated** with any other material such as yard waste.

In order to determine whether contamination is present in grass, the hauler is required to open bags to inspect the load. An open container allows the hauler to more easily see whether the grass load is contaminated. Regardless of whether bags are used or open containers are used, if contamination is found, the hauler cannot take it to the composting site.

The preferred method is to place the grass waste into open rigid container(s) so that the hauler can see whether the grass is contaminated. However, residents may choose open (not tied) bags, so that the hauler can inspect the load. NOTE: the hauler will **leave the bags behind** (because the County will not accept them) to be disposed by the resident accordingly.