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**WASTE WATCHER AWARDS**

The Chester County Board of Commissioners awarded citations to the 2013 Pennsylvania Waste Watcher winners from Chester County. The Waste Watcher awards, sponsored by Solid Waste Association of North America – Keystone Chapter, The Professional Recyclers of Pennsylvania (PROP) and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, are given to recycling, waste reduction, reuse and composting programs in Pennsylvania that have exhibited exemplary performance. Winners significantly contribute by demonstrating efforts above and beyond services normally required or typically provided.

Phoenixville Borough, represented by Public Works Director Brian Watson and Ray Tanyer, was recognized for implementing a roll cart trash and recycling totter program that increased Phoenixville's recycling by 4% (47 Tons) and decreased trash by 8% (336 Tons) saving \$19,824.00 in tipping fees. In addition, Phoenixville has a comprehensive yard waste composting program and also collects food waste from 3 of its restaurants for composting.

The Chester County Solid Waste Authority, represented by County Recycling Coordinator Nancy Fromnick, was recognized for its continuous Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program. In 2012 alone, over 379,465 pounds of hazardous materials was collected from over 4,177 vehicles. To date, over 44,000 vehicles have dropped off over 4 million pounds of hazardous materials at 5 locations throughout the County. In addition, the Chester County Solid Waste Authority Lanchester Landfill collects anti-freeze, rechargeable batteries, electronics (fees for TV's and monitors), Freon appliances

(fee), oil and oil filters and an extensive list of items collected for recycling. The Authority also provides, on its website, comprehensive lists of disposal options for businesses and institutions and a wide variety of informational brochures and flyers. For a complete list of disposal opportunities in Chester County and the region, visit [www.chestercountyswa.org](http://www.chestercountyswa.org).

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