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# TRASH TALK 101



## meet our enforcement team

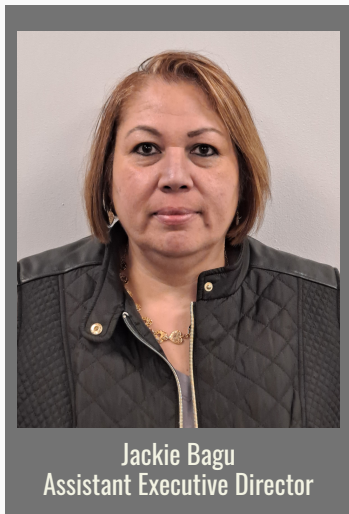


The Monroe County Municipal Waste Management Authority, also known as The Waste Authority, would like to recognize its hardworking and dedicated Police Enforcement Team led by Chief Jackie Bagu. Chief Bagu has been with the Waste Authority for over 17 years serving in many different capacities; most recently promoted as the Assistant Executive Director of the Waste Authority.

The Waste Authority's Police Department has a primary duty of ensuring compliance by enforcing any violation related to the transportation, storage, processing and disposal of municipal waste by safeguarding the proper handling of municipal waste to protect and preserve the environment and the community.

The Waste Authority's Police Enforcement Team operates three different Community Litter Programs designed to help residents of Monroe County while also benefiting the environment. These community litter programs include Pocono Community Caring Company (known as Pocono 3C), an Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition (A.R.D) or community service program and Keep Northeastern PA Beautiful.

The Monroe County Municipal Waste Management Authority along with Pocono Mountains Visitors Bureau, Street2Feet, Monroe County's ARD Services and keep Northeastern Pennsylvania Beautiful are all dependable participants of the Waste Authority's Community Litter Programs that are designed to assist the residents of Monroe County while also benefiting the environment for generations to visit and enjoy!



Jackie Bagu  
Assistant Executive Director

### POCONO COMMUNITY CARING COMPANY

Pocono 3C was created on June 17, 2019, by The Monroe County Municipal Waste Management Authority, Pocono Mountains Visitors Bureau and Street2Feet. The main goal of this program is to help those who are homeless, at risk of being homeless or those who have difficulty finding work. This program provides consistent work to these individuals for three days a week cleaning up litter along Monroe County roadways. Compensation includes monetary gift cards at the end of each shift to buy essential items such as food, clothing and medications. These participants also receive work experience as well as job references for future employment opportunities. The Waste Authority provides transportation to and from each work location and supervises the employees by using a Waste Authority Police Officer. The Pocono Mountains Visitors Bureau funds the programs and publicizes all the amazing work they do while Street2Feet chooses the employees and becomes the employee's direct employer.

"We have various volunteer programs dedicated to cleaning litter, but Pocono 3C has out-picked those programs ten-to-one," said James Lambert, Executive Director of the Monroe County Municipal Waste Management Authority. "Pocono 3C participants are extremely dedicated and committed to what they do."

Since its inception in June 2019, Pocono 3C has provided dependable work to 806 participants removing 18,746 bags of trash including 1,065 tires from over 1,000 miles of Monroe County roadways improving visitor satisfaction while protecting the environment for generations to visit and enjoy. Now, that's what we call a SUCCESSFUL Community Litter Program!

### ACCELERATED REHABILITATIVE DISPOSITION PROGRAM

Another successful program of the Waste Authority is the Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition (A.R.D) Program that allows participants to complete their community service obligation(s) by removing litter along Monroe County roadways. The Waste Authority's A.R.D Program has had a total of 241 participants collecting 1,694 bags of trash from Monroe County roadways since 2021. The Waste Authority has almost doubled the amount of participants and more than doubled the number of trash bags collected in the past year.

### KEEP NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA BEAUTIFUL

The Waste Authority is a proud sponsor of the Keep Northeastern Pennsylvania Beautiful Campaign. Keep Northeastern PA Beautiful covers six counties: Lackawanna, Luzerne, Monroe, Pike, Susquehanna and Wyoming Counties. The primary focus is to create clean public places, reduce waste, increase recycling, generate a positive impact on local economies and inspire our volunteers to be environmental stewards.



## RECYCLING PROGRAM

We offer a free recycling program for our residents. Be sure to register online before visiting any of the recycling sites. Up-to-date rules, regulations and hours of operation will be on our website.

### MILITARY ROAD RECYCLING SITE

1114 Military Road  
Stroudsburg, PA 18360

### DCNR RECYCLING SITE

2174 PA-611  
Swiftwater, PA 18370

FRIDAY, SATURDAY & MONDAY  
7:30 AM - 3:30 PM



## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Household hazardous waste, or HHW for short, are leftover household products used in the home, garage or garden that can catch fire, react, or explode under certain circumstances, or that are corrosive or toxic. They can cause serious safety and health problems and require proper disposal. These materials should not be placed in your trash. Instead, Monroe County, PA residents can bring these materials to Monroe County Municipal Waste Management Authority's HHW Collection Events.



## TIRE DISPOSAL

Bring your unwanted tires to our Blakeslee office for proper tire disposal.

Automotive Tire OFF Rim: \$4.00 ea  
Automotive Tire ON Rim: \$10.00 ea  
Tractor Trailer Tire OFF Rim: \$30.00 ea  
Tractor Trailer Tire ON Rim: \$50.00 ea



## POLICE ENFORCEMENT

Our goal is to ensure the proper collection, storage and processing of municipal waste in order to keep our environment clean. Our officers work hard to protect the health, safety and welfare of the general public.



## ELECTRONIC RECYCLING

The Monroe County Municipal Waste Management Authority implemented a residential Electronic Recycling Program for Monroe County, Pennsylvania residents to bring their unwanted, undamaged and intact electronics to our Blakeslee Facility for proper disposal during business hours of Monday through Friday, 8:30am to 4pm. This Electronic Recycling Program is for Monroe County, Pennsylvania residents ONLY and proof of residency is required at time of disposal. There is NO CHARGE or appointment necessary.



## LIGHTBULB RECYCLING

Our lightbulb recycling program only accepts unbroken bulbs

2 Foot Tube Lamp: \$2.00 ea  
4 Foot Tube Lamp: \$4.00 ea  
6 Foot Tube Lamp: \$6.00 ea  
8 Foot Tube Lamp: \$8.00 ea  
Compact Fluorescent Lamp: \$2.00 ea  
U-Bend Lamp: \$4.00 ea  
Ballast: \$5.00 ea  
High Pressure Sodium Lamp: \$10.00 ea



## LITTER CONTROL

Volunteers are always needed to help clean up illegal dump sites. Through the ARD Program, Pocono Community Caring Company and community clean-ups, we are always helping to keep our community free of litter.



## EDUCATION

Educational classes, onsite tours and community events are just a few ways we educate the public on the proper ways to recycle and be more eco-friendly.



## DEER REMOVAL

Report a dead deer on local roadways by calling our office at (570)-643-6100, or report it online on our website.