



Township News

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TOWNSHIP OFFICE FALL CLOSINGS

September 3: Labor Day

October 8: Columbus Day

Nov. 22 & 23: Thanksgiving

December 24 & 25: Christmas

Penn Township Offices

Hours: Mon-Thurs...7am-5:30pm

Municipal Office..... 665-4508

Water & Sewer Billing ... 665-4508

Building/Zoning 665-4508

Sewage Enforcement 989-8439

Police Department..... 733-0965

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CURBSIDE RECYCLING LIST REVISED TO THE "BIG 4"

The list of acceptable materials for placement in the curbside recycling bin has changed for Lancaster County. Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority (LCSWMA) is recommending only the following materials (the "Big 4") be placed in the curbside recycling bin:

- Corrugated Cardboard (clean, flattened)
- Plastic Bottles & Jugs (with a neck)
- Metal Food & Beverage Cans
- Glass Bottles & Jars

These materials have a robust domestic market and are in strong demand; and we anticipate this to continue for the long-term. Please disregard any other materials list (including the one Penn Waste just released, if you received it). The "Big 4" is what LCSWMA believes to be the most appropriate for Lancaster County. No materials other than what's listed should be placed in the bin—when in doubt, throw it out and LCSWMA will transform the trash into renewable energy for our community. Continued on page 6



✗ ITEMS BANNED FROM RESIDENTIAL RECYCLING BINS

Newspaper
Magazines and junk mail
Paperboard: cereal boxes, tissue boxes, food cartons, soiled pizza boxes, egg cartons
Plastics without a neck: yogurt cups, grocery bags, garbage bags, takeout food containers, utensils, plates and cups, food storage containers, zipped sandwich bags, Styrofoam, garden pots, film like that wrapped around a case of water, diapers, toys
Glass: vases, Pyrex dishes, drinkware, mirrors, candle holders, glass from picture frames
Metal: aluminum foil, aerosol cans, paint cans, auto parts, utensils, pots and pans, irons
Lids to bottles and cans
Other: rubber items, batteries, electronics, food waste, Christmas lights, garden hoses



♻️ PLACES TO RECYCLE ITEMS BANNED FROM THE BIN

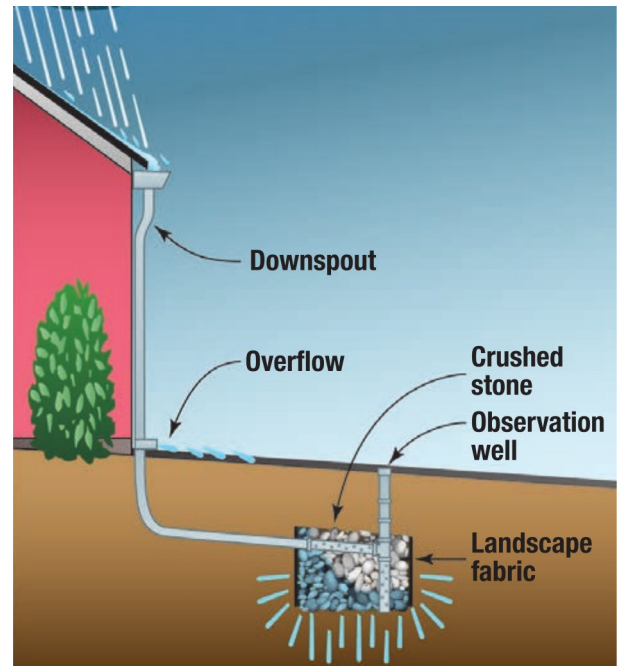
Newspaper, office paper, magazines, phone books, hard and soft cover books: Lancaster city's drop-off recycling center, 850 New Holland Ave.
Magazines: Darrenkamp's Market, Elizabethtown; Ephrata Public Works Complex, Church Ave.; McDonald's, 1434 Manheim Pike rear lot, Lancaster; West Lampeter Township rear building; Lancaster Airport; container left of Winkie's and The Pilot Shop; Wissler Motors, Mount Joy
Batteries: Get collection bags from your municipality and place batteries beside your trash or drive to Household Hazardous Waste facility at 1299 Harrisburg Pike, Lancaster
Plastic bags: Many grocery stores recycle them
Go online to Earth911.com and plug in your location and recycling item to find the nearest place to recycle
For more information on local recycling, go to the Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority website: lcswma.org/lswma_recycling.cfm

Infiltration Pit Maintenance

What is an infiltration pit? An infiltration pit (also called a dry well or seepage pit) is a small underground pit filled with stone that collects stormwater from roof gutters and allows it to absorb into the surrounding soil. Underground piping can connect the infiltration pit to the roof downspout. Infiltration pits are commonly used on residential lots.

Why is it important to maintain your infiltration pit? An unmaintained infiltration pit may:

- Cause flooding on other areas of your property if the stormwater is not able to flow into the infiltration pit
- Require complete replacement of the system, which can be very expensive



Recommended Maintenance Checklist

- ☐ *Remove Leaves and Debris from Gutters* (April through November)
 - ✓ Inspect your gutters after storms to make sure stormwater drains properly to infiltration pit
 - ✓ Remove leaves and tree debris from flow paths and roof gutters
- ☐ *Maintain Pipes and Gutters* (as needed)
 - ✓ Place gutter guards or screens on top of roof downspouts to filter out leaves and sediment before the stormwater reaches the infiltration pit
 - ✓ Repair damage to gutters or downspouts from snow or ice
- ☐ *Check Gutters for Ice Damage* (during winter months)

Avoid:

- ✗ Inform contractors or others working on your property as to the location of your infiltration pit to prevent accidental damage to it
- ✗ Don't let the infiltration pit overflow toward your building foundation
- ✗ Don't mow over the observation cap
- ✗ Don't let children play near the infiltration pit

Certificates of Occupancy

Do you have a Certificate of Use and/or Occupancy for all the structures or buildings on your property? If not, the building permit for the project may not have been final inspected and properly closed out which means the building or structure can't be legally occupied or used.

If you don't have a Certificate of Occupancy for your project or you're not sure if one was issued, please contact the Township office to obtain the proper documentation.

Stop for Buses

Schools are back in session, and children will be running to catch the bus.

You **MUST STOP** when you meet or overtake a stopped school bus with red signal lights flashing and stop arm extended, including at an intersection.



Stop at least 10 feet away from the bus.

Wait until the red lights have stopped flashing, the stop arm has been withdrawn, and all children have reached a place of safety.

Source: Pennsylvania Department of Motor Vehicles

Become a Firefighter

For nearly three centuries, communities across Pennsylvania have relied on volunteer fire companies to protect property and save lives. Today, this volunteer model is in jeopardy.

Across the state, local fire companies are struggling. Volunteers are dwindling and costs are soaring. Training requirements have intensified. With donations and volunteers harder to come by, the future of the local fire company looks grim. Without real, viable solutions to address this volunteer shortage, many local stations may be forced to close.

That means one thing: Pennsylvania is on the verge of a public safety crisis.

Local lawmakers are imploring the legislature to act now and give this crisis the attention it deserves but we need your help. Consider these sobering facts:

- Volunteers at fire companies across Pennsylvania have dropped from 300,000 strong in the 1960s and '70s to below 50,000 today.
- At least 75% of fire companies are struggling with manpower at a time when the state's population is aging. The average age of a firefighter is 50-something.
- Communities would have to raise taxes almost \$10 billion a year to switch to a paid model for fire service.

Whether it's helping at the scene of an overdose or putting out a house fire, volunteer fire and EMS responders keep the Commonwealth's communities safe. PSATS (Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors) and its members are urging the state legislature to immediately enact real and feasible solutions, such as allowing variable training standards for rural, suburban, and urban areas; granting a tax incentive for employers who permit employees to respond to calls while at work; and providing a fix for out-of-control insurance rates at the State Workers Insurance Fund (SWIF).

If Pennsylvania doesn't find real remedies soon, the day is not far away when someone calls 911 for help, and no fire company responds.

We must make sure that never happens. Our volunteer fire companies are simply too important to lose.

Support your local fire and EMS departments by volunteering, giving financially or by sending them a word of encouragement. **To learn more or sign up to volunteer, visit www.becomeafirefighter.org.**

Credits: PSATS Township Today Quarterly Newsletter. For more information visit: www.psats.org.



Put out the fire
IGNITE
the passion
to protect
Lancaster County

LOOKING TO MAKE A REAL
DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY?

Volunteer with a Lancaster County Fire Company!

YOU can save lives and property, bring calm to chaotic fire and accident scenes, or lend your talents back at the fire station.

You bring the desire to help others. We provide the free training and the apparatus and equipment you'll need.

To learn more about volunteer opportunities or to fill out a volunteer application:

Visit www.BecomeaFirefighter.org

Call 888-914-JOIN

Want to receive the newsletter via email? Email your name, address and phone number to secretary@pennwplanco.org so you can be up-to-date on important Township news.

Burn Permits

Burn Permits are required for all fires within the Township and are available free of charge at the Township office.

The burning of trash, household garbage, rubbish, rags, old clothes, leather, rubber, carpets, furniture, crockery, masonry, construction materials, Styrofoam, aerosol cans, by products of manufacturing and processing operations, etc. are strictly prohibited.

Many items are recyclable and the burning of recyclable items is prohibited.

Yard Care for Water Quality

Autumn leaves are beautiful but they can also cause problems if they aren't collected and properly disposed of. When leaves and yard clippings are raked into the street or ditches, the vegetative debris can clog storm drains. During heavy rains, blocked storm drains and ditches can cause flooding. Leaves and grass clippings that make their way to local streams and rivers release nutrients that contribute to the accelerated growth of algae. This can be harmful to fish and other aquatic wildlife. By taking the following steps we can reduce the threat of flooding and nutrient loading to local waterbodies.

Autumn Leaves

Mulch: An easy and beneficial way to deal with leaves is by mulching them back onto your lawn. Simply mow the leaves and leave them on the lawn. The mower will chop the leaves into small pieces that will decompose and provide valuable nutrients to the soil.

Compost: Add autumn leaves to a compost pile or place them in planting beds or gardens to provide an inexpensive and nutrient rich fertilizer for your garden. Composting is nature's truest form of recycling.

Rake: At this time, Penn Township does not collect leaves and brush. Check with your contracted waste hauler to find out if a leaf collection service is available. Leaves should never be placed in the storm drain, gutter or street.

****Penn Township does not have a yard waste disposal site, however there one property owner within the Township that accept leaves. Property owner does not accept woody waste. PLEASE BE RESPECTFUL. DO NOT BRING TRASH OR ITEMS NOT REQUESTED TO THE PROPERTY (see below) AND CALL PRIOR TO DELIVERY.*

Leaves only (no bags)
Daniel Lapp, 246 Fairview Rd, Lititz, PA
Ph. 717-572-1686

Woody waste may be taken to the Manheim Township Compost Park at 2775 Oregon Pike, Lititz, PA for a fee. For more information visit www.manheimtownship.org/1009/compostpark.

Fertilizer & Lawn Tips

Fall is often the time homeowners seed and fertilize their lawn. Fertilizers are among the many common stormwater pollutants that can degrade water quality. Though fertilizers contain chemicals that are good for lawns and plants when used properly, excessive amounts applied to lawns and gardens wash off and pollute streams.

Fertilizers are made of nutrients, such as nitrogen and phosphorus. When it rains, these nutrients are carried by stormwater into the nearest stream, river, or other water body. Too many nutrients in water can cause algae to grow, which uses up the oxygen in the water. Low levels of oxygen in water can hurt aquatic wildlife and even lead to fish kills.

- ◆ If you've been in the habit of fertilizing more than once, consider cutting back and fertilizing just in September.
- ◆ For the greatest benefit to your lawn, be sure to use a "slow release" fertilizer. This long-lasting type of nutrient also is more likely to stay in the root zone rather than washing off the lawn and into the street and down the storm drain during the next rainstorm.
- ◆ More is not better! Use only the amount directed. When use is necessary, use these chemicals in the recommended amounts. Read the label. More application does not mean a greener lawn – it means more watering and mowing.
- ◆ Check the weather forecast. Never apply fertilizers if a heavy rain is anticipated.
- ◆ Clean up any spills by sweeping the product back onto the lawn. Never sweep or hose fertilizer toward a paved surface or a storm drain.
- ◆ Water the lawn with about 1/4-inch to 1/2-inch of water after a fertilizer application. This helps move the fertilizer into the soil and reduces the potential of being lost in stormwater runoff.
- ◆ Mow only when grass is dry to get a clean cut and minimize the spread of diseases.
- ◆ Mow grass to a height of not less than 3 inches. Longer grass blades allow it to out-compete weeds, reducing the need for herbicides.



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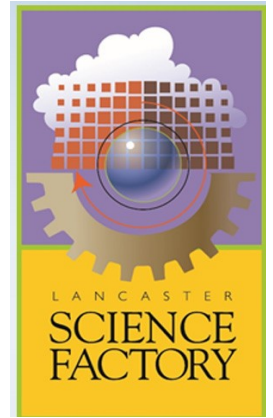


RICHARD SCARRY CHARACTER VISIT November 16

*Don't miss Lowly and Cat as we celebrate
Picture Book Month!*

LANCASTER SCIENCE FACTORY October 23 at 6:30 PM

"Thinking Like an Engineer" STEM workshop



FULL STEAM AHEAD

Begins September 22 from Noon to 2 PM

New monthly STEM+Art program for teens.

Details on website and Facebook.



**FALL BOOK
SALE**
November 7-10
at MCL

THE **EXTRA** ORDINARY **GIVE**™



November 16



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COMMUNITY
LIBRARY**



December 1 and 2

*Join us at the Manheim Railroad Station as we
welcome the holiday season as part of the Christmas in Manheim celebration.*

COOKIES, CRAFTS, AND COCOA | November 30 3-5 PM

Kick off Holiday Crossing weekend with a special family event at MCL.

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Fruitville Pike, Temperance Hill and Holly Tree Roads Intersection Project Update

Penn Township has obtained four of the nine PennDOT permits needed for the main project. The Township is working on PennDOT responses to the remaining permits. The main project, which would improve the intersections and install the traffic signal equipment, is to be built and paid for by the Holly Tree Farms Apartments developer.

Prior to the intersection improvements, a capped public sewer project is to be installed. A third project, which is a result of Township negotiations, is to install improvements on abutting properties to obtain right-of-way and easements for the first project's improvements.

Construction is expected in the Spring of 2019.



Recycling requirements are different than you may think and we need your help to get it right.

The current China restrictions on certain recycled commodities has brought to light a crisis within the U.S. recycling industry. Contamination is the recycling crisis, which has been occurring for several years. In addition, China has banned mixed paper and mixed plastics and this crisis has necessitated an overhaul to recycling across the country.

Over the last few months, Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority has been on the forefront of working toward a solution for Lancaster County that includes: 1) simplifying the recycling process, 2) standardizing the recycling message, and 3) educating people through a campaign called “Recycle Right!”. To help make recycling sustainable in Lancaster County for the long-term, we need your help. For more information, visit http://www.lcswma.org/lcswma_recycling.cfm.

Items not permitted in the green recycle bin may still be recycled. Mennonite Central Committee’s (MCC) Material Resource Center (MRC) in Ephrata and Lancaster City’s recycle center in Lancaster accept office paper, cardboard, magazines, newspapers, phone books, etc.

For more information visit:

MCC MRC: <https://mcc.org/get-involved/serve/volunteer/material-resources-center-mcc-east-coast>

Lancaster City Recycling Center: <http://www.cityoflanasterpa.com/resident/recycling-center>

What Goes *in the* Bin?

1



**CORRUGATED
CARDBOARD**
Includes packing and shipping boxes with fluted sheet.

2



**PLASTIC BOTTLES
& JUGS**
Includes plastic with a neck.

3



**METAL FOOD &
BEVERAGE CANS**
Includes food and beverage cans made from aluminum or tin.

4



GLASS
Includes clear, green and brown glass bottles and jars.

**TIPS to
RECYCLE
RIGHT**

- ✓ Remove lids
- ✓ NO plastic bags
- ✓ Items must be empty and rinsed out

- ✓ No other materials than listed
- ✓ Flatten cardboard

For more info visit lcswma.org/recycling

IF YOU ARE A PENN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC WATER CUSTOMER, PLEASE COMPLETE & RETURN TO PENN TOWNSHIP

NWLCA/Penn Township Water Customer Information

Name _____

Account Number _____

Water Service Address _____

Home Phone Number _____ Preferred ☐

Cell (Mobile) Phone Number _____ Preferred ☐

Email Address _____ Preferred ☐

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Northwestern Lancaster County Authority and Penn Township will attempt to notify all of our **PUBLIC WATER** customers **by telephone, text or email** in the future event of any water emergency situation that might occur. Public notification is a procedure used by water suppliers to notify their customers in the case of an event that makes the water supply unsafe.

If you are a public water customer of NWLCA/Penn Township, we are asking that you take a moment to fill in the information above and return the completed form to the Penn Township Office. You may choose to mail in the form with your billing statement, fax it to 717-665-4105, scan and email it to finance@penntwplanco.org, or mail it separately to 97 N. Penryn Road, Manheim, PA 17545.

The Northwestern Lancaster County Authority and Penn Township will not furnish any personal information to outside sources. The information herein is solely for the use of the Authority and Emergency Management.

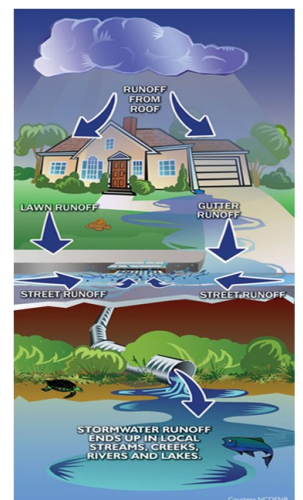
Property owners are required to provide tenant contact information. Thank you, in advance, for your cooperation.



10 THINGS YOU CAN DO TO PREVENT

STORMWATER RUNOFF POLLUTION

1. Use fertilizers sparingly and sweep up driveways, sidewalks and gutters instead of hosing pollutants down storm drains.
2. Never dump anything down storm drains or in streams.
3. Vegetate bare spots in your yard.
4. Compost your yard waste.
5. Use least toxic pesticides, follow labels, and learn how to prevent pest problems.
6. Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces; consider a rain garden or rain barrel to capture water runoff.
7. Take your car to the carwash instead of washing it in the driveway or on the street. Commercial car washes utilize grey water—wastewater recycled on site.
8. Check your car for leaks and recycle motor oil.
9. Pick up after your pet.
10. Have your septic tank pumped and system inspected. In the Township, this must be done every three years.





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