

Spring/Summer 2017



PERKIOMEN NEWSLETTER *Township*

Dear Perkiomen Township Residents,

This is the Spring and Summer Edition of the Perkiomen Township Newsletter. The Board hopes everyone finds the information in this newsletter to be valuable and useful. Below is the contact information and meeting schedule for Perkiomen Township.

Township Contact Information

Office Hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

1 Trappe Road, Collegeville, PA 19426 • Phone No: 610-489-4034 • Fax No: 610-489-4918

Web Site: www.perkiomentownship.org

Township Manager: Cecile M. Daniel



MEETING SCHEDULE

Board of Supervisors

First Tuesday of Each Month at 7:00 p.m.

Planning Commission

Third Tuesday of Each Month at 7:00 p.m.

Zoning Hearing Board

Public Hearings held when necessary

Municipal Authority

Second Tuesday of Each Month at 6:00 p.m.

Joint Meeting

(Held between Board & Planning Commission)
If Necessary, Fourth Tuesday of Each Month at 7:00 p.m.

NO BURNING REGULATIONS

On August 3, 2010, the Perkiomen Township Board of Supervisors enacted Ordinance No. 207, an amended Recycling Ordinance. The amended Recycling Ordinance was a requirement of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources. One of the significant changes was the ban on burning. The Recycling Ordinance states that “No resident or person shall burn any recyclable material, leaf waste or municipal waste.” Anyone having any questions should contact John Moran Jr. at 610-489-4034 ext.120



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Attention Residents of Perkiomen Township/Perkiomen Valley School District

As a resident of the Perkiomen Valley School District and Perkiomen Township, you are subject to an Earned Income Tax (EIT) rate of 1.525% which is split by the 2 entities as follows:

- Perkiomen Valley School District - 9/10th of 1% (.009)
- Perkiomen Township - .625/10th of 1% (.00625)

With the implementation of ACT 32, which took effect January 1st 2012, employers who are located within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania are required to withhold the tax at the higher of your resident EIT tax rate or the non-resident tax rate in place where you reside. (Most non-resident rates are 1%). So if you are employed in Pennsylvania the tax should be being withheld from your pay.

If you are self employed and/or employed outside the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or by a federal agency that does not withhold the tax, and have taxable income of greater than \$12,000 annually, you are required to file and pay the tax

due on a quarterly basis.

Also note that, even if the tax was withheld in full, or you self-paid the amounts due, you are required to file an Annual Return.

Berkheimer will send out notifications informing you that must file your Annual Final Return. This notification will either be sent as a paper return or a postcard (used where Berkheimer's return is not used). For those that file with Berkheimer on-line, there will be two reminder e-mails (one in January and another around April 1 if no filing was received to date) to the address used to file the return from the prior year.

The Earned Income Tax administrator for Montgomery County is Berkheimer Tax Administrator. If you have questions on the tax or its requirements, they can be reached at 1-866-701-7205 or by e-mail at www.hab-inc.com. Berkheimer also maintains an office in Bridgeport PA at 63 W. 4th Street, which is open to assist taxpayers Monday thru Friday between the hours of 9:00 to 12:30 and 1:30 to 4:00 daily.

TAX COLLECTOR

Dear Property Owner,

This year your Real Estate Tax Bill includes a new revenue stream for the Montgomery County Community College (MCCC) through a dedicated Real Estate Tax (RET) millage rate of 0.39 mills. The MCCC millage rate is only on the Montgomery County portion of the 2017 real estate tax bill (not the entire bill). To help you understand the change, the bill shows both the RET millage for the County's General Fund Operations and the MCCC, as shown below:

COUNTY REAL ESTATE TAX MILLAGE RATES:

COUNTY MILLS	3.459
MCCC (CTY) MILLS	0.390

(Example of new 2017 County RET Millage Rates as shown on your RET bill)

By charter, Montgomery County, along with the Commonwealth and student tuition, has supported the Montgomery County Community College through tax revenue funding since 1936. The 2017 County Budget creates a dedicated revenue stream to support the work of the College and is similar to the amount of Commonwealth funding. This is an excellent investment for the County as research has shown that state and county governments see a 7.2% rate of return on their support of community colleges, which is in line with private sector rates of return on similar long-term investments¹.

Any questions regarding the Montgomery County Community College tax millage should be directed to the Montgomery County Finance Department at 610.278.3436.

Additional information about the budget can be found at www.montcopa.org/2017budgetbackground.

PERKIOMEN TOWNSHIP TAX COLLECTOR HOURS

Please contact Dawn Johnston, Tax Collector at 267-354-1955 with questions regarding payment of your 2017 Real Estate Tax bill.

The following are the dates when the Tax Collector will be in the Perkiomen Township Administration Building:

- April 17th, 18th, 19th from 9:00-11:00 a.m.
- April 20th and 21st from 12:30 – 3:00 p.m.
- April 27th and 28th from 8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. & 1:00 – 4:30 p.m.
- June 26th and 30th from 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.
- June 29th from 8:30 – 11:00 a.m. & 1:00 – 4:30 p.m.
- August 18th, 21st, 25th, 28th from 8:30-10:30 a.m.
- August 30th and 31st from 11:30 – 4:30 p.m.

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Perkiomen Township COMMUNITY CONTACT INFORMATION

GOVERNMENT NUMBERS:

MUNICIPAL:

Perkiomen Township Tax Collector:

Dawn Johnston – 267-354-1955
P. O. BOX 26095, COLLEGEVILLE, PA 19426
E-MAIL ADDRESS: PERKIOMENTWPTAXCOL@GMAIL.COM
FAX#: 267-347-1755

Perkiomen Valley School District - 610-489-8506

Municipal Authorities:

Collegeville-Trappe Municipal Authority – 610-489-2831
Perkiomen Township Municipal Authority – 610-489-2315
Schwenksville Borough Authority – 610-287-7772

Perkiomen Township Fire Company:

610 489-0911 (Non-Emergencies) Otherwise call 911
610-489-7707 (Fire Company Business & Hall Rental)

AMBULANCES:

Plymouth Community Ambulance –

610-277-2776 (Non-Emergencies) Otherwise call 911

Trappe Fire Company and Ambulance –

610-489-2700 (Non-Emergencies) Otherwise call 911

District Justice County 31-38-1-24 – Albert Augustine –

610-584-4732

PA State Police – 610-584-1250 (Non-Emergencies)

Otherwise call 911

Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy – 610-287-9383

PENNSYLVANIA STATE DEPARTMENTS:

Pennsylvania Department of Transportation –

Montgomery County – Penn Dot Maintenance Section –

610-275-2368

Penn Dot – District 6 – 610-205-6700

POT HOLE REPAIR STATE ROADS – Contact the

PENNDOT Maintenance Hotline at 1-800-FIX ROAD

Pennsylvania Environmental Protection –

484-250-5900 (24 hours/day)

Pennsylvania Senator Bob Mensch –

Local Office: 215-541-2388

Pennsylvania Representative Tom Quigley –

Local Office: 610-792-1280

MONTGOMERY COUNTY:

Montgomery County Court House –

610-278-3000 (General Number)

Montgomery County Board of Health –

Pottstown 610-970-5040

Norristown 610- 278-5117

Montgomery County Board of Assessment –

Montgomery County sets the assess value of your home. For questions on your assess value please contact the Board of Assessment at 610-278-3761

Montgomery County Recorder of Deeds –

All deeds in Montgomery County are recorded in the Recorder of Deed's Office. For questions concerning your deed contact the Recorder of Deeds Office at 610-278-3289

Montgomery County Parks –

Central Perkiomen Park Valley Park – 610-287-6970

Pennypacker Mills – 610-287-9349

Montgomery County Voter Services –

For questions regarding voter services/registration and absentee ballots 610-278-3280

UNITED STATES POST OFFICES

Collegeville – 610-409-0572

Schwenksville – 610-287-3551

LIBRARIES

Montgomery County Library – Norristown: 610-278-5100

Perkiomen Valley Library – 610-287-8360

BERKHEIMER ASSOCIATES –

(Earned Income Tax Questions)

610-599-3138 or 1-866-701-7205

S.P.C.A.

Montgomery County S.P.C.A (Main Office) –

Conshohocken: 610-825-0111

Perkiomenville: 610-754-7822

PRIVATE WATER COMPANIES

Pennsylvania America Water Company – 1-800-717-7292

Aqua of Pennsylvania – 1-877-987-2782

PECO EMERGENCIES – 1-800-841-4141



Perkiomen Township Fire Company

485 Gravel Pike (Route 29), Collegeville, PA 19426

Emergency: 911 • Business Line: 610-489-7707 • Fax: 610-489-6788

2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



May	13	Car Wash and Flower Sale/Fundraiser	November	4	Comedy Show/Fundraiser
	14	Flower Sale/Fundraiser/Make A Wish Convoy		23	Thanksgiving Breakfast Buffet/Fundraiser
June	3	Community Day		25	Christmas Tree Sales Start/Fundraiser
August	27	Annual Al Laskey Memorial Car Show/Fundraiser	December	16	Santa Visits Township
October	7	Chicken Bar B Que/Fundraiser			

PERMIT REMINDERS!

Before you start your home projects, be advised permits may be required. Perkiomen Township issues Construction, Zoning, Plumbing, and Highway Occupancy Permits. Construction Permits are required for New Dwellings, Decks, Patios with Footers, Swimming Pools (both seasonal & permanent), Additions, and Structural Alterations. Zoning Permits are required for Sheds, Barns, Detached Garages, Gazebos, Fences, Home Occupations, No Impact Home Based Business, & In-law Quarters. Plumbing Permits are required for any plumbing work in which a Construction Permit is required. Highway Occupancy Permits are required for any new or altered driveway regardless of the material used. Although Perkiomen Township does not specifically require Electrical Permits, we recommend any electrical work be inspected by a Certified Electrical Inspection Agency for insurance purposes. Electrical work in which a Construction Permit is obtained is required to have the electrical work inspected as part of the Construction Permit.



In regards to Commercial Work, permits are required for any alteration or addition of space, even if the work is not structural, replacement of any equipment, i.e. electrical, mechanical, plumbing, or fire protection systems. Zoning Permits are also required for Signs.

If you have any questions regarding permits, you may contact John Moran, Jr. in the Code Enforcement Department at 610-489-4034, Extension 120.

PVSD Community Education

With summertime right around the corner, the Perkiomen Valley School District Community Education Department wants to remind you that it is offering a variety of camps and activities to keep kids busy during their time away from the school. Here are a few of the options we have available this year:

- Summer Fun Camp
- Choir Camp
- Bricks 4 Kidz Lego Camps
- Scratch (Computer Coding) and Robotics Camps

- Musical Theater Camp
- Music Explorers Camp

Young people are not the only ones who will have opportunities for engagement this summer – Community Ed also offers a variety of workshops and classes for adults. Stay in shape with yoga, learn how to speak Chinese, or figure out how to manage your finances better by taking one of our classes.

For more information about our many options, please visit our website at www.pvpsd.org. Click on the “Departments” tab and then select “Community Education” to view our brochure and related flyers.

SWIMMING POOL GUIDELINES

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
SOUTHEAST REGIONAL OFFICE • 2 EAST MAIN STREET • NORRISTOWN, PA 19401

The discharge of any sewage or industrial waste, including swimming pool water to a water of Commonwealth without a permit is a violation of the Clean Streams Law, the Act of June 22, 1937 P.L. 1987, as amended.

It has been the Department's policy not to require permits for discharges from single residence pools provided the guidelines outlined below are followed. Local municipalities should be contacted concerning local ordinances.

These guidelines shall not be construed so as to waive or impair any rights of the Department of Environmental Protection to prosecute the property (pool) owner and/or pool company for any stream damage that occurs as a result of the discharge. Penalties would be assessed under the provisions of the Clean Streams Law.

POOL GUIDELINES:

A. Disposal of Water To Sanitary Sewer

If the municipal authority grants permission, discharging of pool backwash water, neutralized pool cleaning wastewater and standing water to the sanitary sewer system is the best environmental alternative. Care should be taken in making sure the discharge is to a sanitary sewer and NOT a storm sewer which would discharge to a stream. If sanitary sewers are not in the immediate area, the water should be hauled off-site for disposal at an approved treatment facility.

B. Discharge of Water

The following guidelines must be followed if water is not pumped or hauled to a sanitary sewer. Water should be pumped over a grassy area to allow absorption, filtration and aeration of

water. The discharge should be at a rate which prevents erosion and optimizes infiltration. In no event shall pool waters be directly discharged to waters of the Commonwealth.

Standing water or accumulated rain and/or pool water from the previous season should be pumped from the top so as not to disturb settled solids. Solids on the pool bottom should not be discharged. Following pump down of water, solids should be cleaned out manually. The discharge should not raise instream temperatures by more than 2 degrees F in a one hour period or a total of 5 degrees F, pH should be between 6 and 9 standard units and total chlorine residual should be 0.0mg/l.

Cleaning wastewaters containing muriatic acid or chlorine that is used in cleaning pool surfaces needs to be treated prior to discharge. Muriatic acid wastewater should be neutralized to pH between 6 and 9 standard units. Chlorine rinses should stand for a period of days to allow chlorine degradation prior to discharge. Total chlorine residual of the wastewater discharge should be less than 0.5mg/l. Temperature should be monitored as above (standing water), Chlorine rinse water pH should be between 6 and 9 standard units.

Filter backwash water during normal pool operation must be at a sufficiently low volume that all water infiltrates to the ground. Backwash water discharged to a stream or storm sewer is not permitted.

Questions concerning pool guidelines should be directed to Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, Southeast Regional Office, Bureau of Water Management, and Telephone: 484-250-5970



SWIMMING POOL PERMITS

As summer is rapidly approaching and temperatures and humidity start to soar, people are looking for ways to keep cool. One way people are dealing with the heat is the purchase of these relatively inexpensive portable/storable on-ground pools that are seen on this page. These pools can be purchased at almost every big box retail store around.

The Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code (UCC) and International Residential Code (IRC) define a Swimming Pool as a structure intended for swimming or recreational bathing that contains water over 24 inches deep. This includes in-ground, above-ground, and on-ground swimming pools.

Although they are portable and can be taken down at the end of the season, these pools are regulated by the UCC, and

enforced by Perkiomen Township. A one-time building permit is required and compliance with the Barrier Requirements (Section AG105) of IRC must be achieved.

Although a permit will not be required every season for the pool, the barrier shall still meet the adopted code requirements. These Barrier Requirements are intended to provide protection against potential drowning's and near-drowning's by restricting access to the swimming pools.

Property owners who fail to obtain a permit for these pools may face a fine of up to \$1000.00.

Any questions regarding swimming pools should be directed to the township code enforcement officer, John Moran, Jr. He can be reached at 610-489-4034, extension 120.



HOME PLAYGROUND SAFETY CHECKLIST

Use this simple checklist to help make sure your home playground is a safe place to play.

1. Install and maintain a shock-absorbing surface around the play equipment. Use at least 9 inches of wood chips, mulch, or shredded rubber for play equipment up to 7 feet high. If sand or pea gravel is used, install at least a 9-inch layer for play equipment up to 5 feet high. Or, use surfacing mats made of safety-tested rubber or rubber-like materials.
2. Install protective surfacing at least 6 feet in all directions from play equipment. For swings, be sure surfacing extends, in back and front, twice the height of the suspending bar.
3. Never attach—or allow children to attach—ropes, jump ropes, clotheslines, or pet leashes to play equipment; children can strangle on these.
4. Check for hardware, like open “S” hooks or protruding bolt ends, which can be hazardous.

5. Check for spaces that could trap children, such as openings in guardrails or between ladder rungs; these spaces should measure less than 3.5 inches or more than 9 inches.

6. Make sure platforms and ramps have guardrails to prevent falls.

7. Check for sharp points or edges in equipment.

8. Remove tripping hazards, like exposed concrete footings, tree stumps, and rocks.

9. Regularly check play equipment and surfacing to make sure both are in good condition.

10. Carefully supervise children on play equipment to make sure they are safe.



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FIREWORKS SAFETY



1. Find out if fireworks are legal where you live.
2. Read and follow all warnings and instructions.
3. Never allow children to play with or ignite fireworks.
4. Make sure other people are out of range before lighting fireworks.
5. Only light fireworks on a smooth, flat surface away from the house and flammable materials.
6. Keep a bucket of water handy in case of a malfunction or fire.

If your fireworks fizzle and don't go off, consider them duds and douse them with water. Don't relight a dud!

CELEBRATE Safely!



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Perkiomen Township Community Day

June 3, 2017

Greetings to all Perkiomen Township Residents:

The Perkiomen Township Board of Supervisors and Park & Recreation Committee invite you to attend our Annual Community Day on Saturday, June 3, 2017. The event will be held 10:30 A.M. to 3 P.M. on Township property at 1 Trappe Road. Parking for the event will be at the stone parking lot located between the Township Building and pavilion.

Activities for this year will include a moonwalk, face painting, a magician, character portraits and balloon sculptures. This year there will also be a petting zoo. There will be train rides at the Live Steamers across from the Township Pavilion. Music will be provided by Red Hill Jazz Band from 11 AM to 12:30 PM and Perkiomen Valley High School Jazz Band from 1:45 PM to 3 PM. Food & beverage will be provided. At 1:00 p.m., the Township will be recognizing Robert Albright, a longtime resident of Perkiomen Township. Mr. Albright was a WWII veteran and a POW. As a hobby, Mr. Albright built model Buildings of structures located in Perkiomen Valley. Some of these models are on display in the Community Room which is located downstairs in the Township Building.



The Township Fire Company and Township Public Works will have their equipment on display and personnel present to explain the operation of the equipment. EMS units will be present to display their equipment and to do blood pressure testing. State Police will be doing Finger Printing for the children. Montgomery County Sheriff's Department will have their Bomb Disposal equipment and other equipment on display and will have personnel available to explain their duties.

All residents of the Township are invited to attend this event. It is a great time to meet your neighbors and other residents of the Township. No pets are allowed.

If you have any questions, please contact the Township Office at 610-489-4034 during regular business hours.

Hope to see you on June 3, 2017

THERE IS NO RAIN DATE



MEMORIAL GARDEN

Perkiomen Township Board of Supervisors is working to establish a Memorial Garden in the space adjacent to the Township Administration Building. This garden will commemorate the military service of all Perkiomen Township residents. Anyone knowing of such a resident should contact Perkiomen Township, 1 Trappe Road, Collegeville, PA 19426.

Recycling Day™

Anything with a Plug

Perkiomen Township is proud to offer its residents the opportunity to recycle obsolete electronics on Saturday, June 3, 2017.

Electronics will be recycled by eForce Compliance Philadelphia's first Certified Responsible Recycler.

We will accept all electronic devices with a plug except NO SMOKE DETECTORS OR LARGE APPLIANCES will be accepted.

All Data Media Will Be Destroyed or Wiped!

ACCEPTED ITEMS INCLUDE:

- TVs
- Laptops
- Peripherals
- Typewriters
- Telephones
- Microwaves
- Cameras
- Cell Phones
- Calculators
- Computer Monitors
- Dehumidifiers
- Computers
- Mice
- Small Appliances
- Fax Machines
- Keyboards
- Printers

Saturday, June 3, 2017

Perkiomen Township, 1 Trappe Rd., Collegeville

9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.



**THERE WILL BE A CHARGE TO RECYCLE CERTAIN ELECTRONICS.
THE CHARGE FOR THOSE ELECTRONICS IS AS FOLLOWS:**

\$30 per CRT, LCD, LED TV or computer monitor

\$10 per air conditioner or Dehumidifier

\$100 per wooden console or rear-projection TV

PERKIOMEN TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY RECYCLING EVENTS



PAPER SHREDDING EVENT

June 3, 2017

11:00 P.M. to 1:00 P.M.

The Township is sponsoring a Community wide paper shredding event FOR TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS ONLY. Richter Mobile Shredding will provide bins for residents to drop-off items to be shredded. PLEASE NO BUSINESSES.



TIRE COLLECTIONS

2017 MONTGOMERY COUNTY RESIDENTIAL EVENTS

9:00 am - Noon (rain or shine)

WHEN:

WHERE:

Saturday, June 10

Montgomery County Community College
340 DeKalb Pike, Blue Bell, PA 19422

Saturday, June 17

Western Montgomery Career and Technology Center
77 Graterford Road, Limerick, PA 19468

Saturday, June 1

Western Montgomery Career and Technology Center
2056 Susquehanna Road, Abington, PA 19001

The Montgomery County Commissioners authorize these **FREE** events to prevent tires from being improperly disposed of and to reduce breeding grounds for disease carrying mosquitoes. The tires that are collected will be shredded and repurposed by a local business into products such as road surface material, highway sound barrier wall material, and playground material.

- Montgomery County residents only
- No businesses
- Free of charge
- 8 tires per vehicle maximum
- Rims accepted
- No off road tires
- Rain or shine



For additional information and in case of severe weather: Please visit MontgomeryCountyRecycles.org or call the recycling line at 610-278-3618. Please do not contact the host sites, as they are not affiliated with the events.

DOCUMENT SHREDDING

2017 MONTGOMERY COUNTY RESIDENTIAL EVENTS

9:00 am - Noon (rain or shine)

WHEN:

WHERE:

Saturday, October 14

Abington Junior High School
2056 Susquehanna Road, Abington, PA 19001

Saturday, October 29

Lower Merion Transfer Station
1300 North Woodbine Avenue, Penn Valley, PA 19072

The Montgomery County Commissioners, in conjunction with Shred One Security Corp., sponsor these **FREE** community paper shredding events.

- No batteries, cardboard, plastic, or metal, other than staples and paper clips, should be included in the documents.
- Bring documents in boxes or paper bags, no plastic bags.

- 2 boxes or paper bags per vehicle limit in consideration of other attendees.
- Volunteers will assist with removing documents from vehicles.
- This event is open to residents of Montgomery County as a community service. No businesses.
- Capacity is limited and the event must close when trucks are full.

Shred One regularly participates in community shredding events which are sponsored by organizations and governmental agencies. This offers residents the opportunity to destroy their confidential documents and avoid the pitfalls of identity theft. Mobile shredding trucks perform all of the paper shredding on site. All shredded paper is recycled. Shred One is currently recycling paper at a rate which saves over 70,000 trees annually!



For additional information and in case of severe weather: Please visit MontgomeryCountyRecycles.org or call the recycling line at 610-278-3618. Please do not contact the host sites, as they are not affiliated with the events.



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

2017 MONTGOMERY COUNTY RESIDENTIAL EVENTS

9:00 am - 3:00 pm (rain or shine)

Saturday, May 13

Lockheed Martin
(enter on Goddard Boulevard)
230 Mall Boulevard
King of Prussia, PA 19406

Saturday, May 20

Temple University- Ambler Campus
(enter at 1431 East Butler Avenue)
Ambler, PA 19002

Saturday, June 24

Abington Junior High School
2056 Susquehanna Road
Abington, PA 19001

Saturday, September 23

Spring-Ford 9th Grade Center
400 South Lewis Road
Royersford, PA 19468

SUNDAY, October 22

Lower Merion Transfer Station
1300 North Woodbine Avenue
Penn Valley, PA 19072



For additional information and in case of severe weather: Please visit MontgomeryCountyRecycles.org or call the recycling line at 610-278-3618. Please do not contact the host sites, as they are not affiliated with the events.

COLLECTION INFORMATION:

FREE residential collection events are held outdoors from 9am-3pm, rain or shine. Residents may attend any Household Hazardous Waste event held by Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, or Philadelphia Counties.

There are no permanent drop off locations.

Event workers will unload your materials so please

REMAIN IN YOUR VEHICLE.

Toxic and flammable household chemicals are collected for proper disposal.

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS include gasoline, oil, kerosene, turpentine, paint thinner, oil paint, stains, varnish, pool chemicals, herbicides, pesticides, antifreeze, caustic cleaners and solvents, mercury, thermometers, flares, fire extinguishers, lead acid batteries, rechargeable batteries, fluorescent tube light bulbs and ballast, CFL bulbs, mini propane canisters, and electric oil filled heaters. Containers returned upon request.

The maximum amount accepted is 25 gallons or 220 pounds. No 25- or 50-gallon drums.

Do Not Bring electronics, appliances, asbestos, explosives, ammunition, medical waste, radioactive waste, smoke detectors, items containing Freon, tires, or the following:

- Latex or Water-Based Paint is not hazardous and can be placed in the trash once it is dry. Air dry latex paint or add absorbent material like kitty litter until paint becomes a solid.
- Alkaline Household Batteries are not hazardous and should be thrown in the trash.
- Prescription Medications should be disposed of in the secure drop boxes located in many area police stations, a list of which can be found in the Recycling Guide at MontgomeryCountyRecycles.org.
- Propane Tanks should be taken to locations listed in the Recycling Guide at MontgomeryCountyRecycles.org. Mini propane canisters are accepted at collections.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY ELECTRONICS RECYCLING INFORMATION

Pennsylvania state law requires that televisions, computers and monitors be recycled and prohibits disposal as trash. Some of the curbside trash haulers will pick up TV's for a fee. Check with your trash hauler to see if they are conducting a special electronics collection. You can also contact a haul-out company like 1-800-GOT-JUNK or 1-800-HAUL-OUT to come to your home to pick up your TV for a fee.

Computers must be recycled according to PA State Law. They contain heavy metals which may be toxic if not handled properly. Check with the manufacturer or retail outlet to see if a take-back, drop off, donation or mail-back program is available.

Find a complete list of locations that accept televisions and computers for recycling in our area at <http://www.montcopa.org/2171/Electronic-Equipment>



MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Valerie A. Arkoosh, MD, MPH, Chair • Josh Shapiro, Vice Chair • Joseph C. Gale, Commissioner

You Can Curb Water Pollution by Starting in Your Own Back Yard

The discharge of any sewage or industrial waste, including swimming pool water to a water of Commonwealth without a permit is a violation of the Clean Streams Law, the Act of June 22, 1937 P.L. 1987, as amended.

Stormwater, rain that runs off hard surfaces and eventually into local waterways, is a major and fast growing source of pollution that affects every watershed.

This runoff may carry sediment, nutrients from lawns, waste from farms and pets, oil and litter from streets, and other contaminants into streams or storm drains. To cover the costs of managing stormwater's impact on the environment, some local governments have recently established programs that impose fees on property owners, who play a crucial role in limiting water pollution right in their own yards.

“When you add up the combined efforts of thousands of individual homeowners, the cumulative improvement on stormwater runoff and water quality can be quite substantial,” says Al Todd, Executive Director of the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, “but it can be hard to find the right information to get started.”

The following lawn and garden tips will help property owners partner with their community to manage stormwater and battle water pollution.

Getting a start in your own back yard

A “stormwater-friendly” lawn is one that can absorb rainwater and does not harm local streams due to the over-application of chemicals. Likewise, a “stormwater-friendly” garden is one that uses organic compost as fertilizer to amend soil and minimizes or eliminates the use of chemicals.

Reducing chemical applications and encouraging infiltration will help stabilize local water flows and also maintain natural nutrient levels in streams. Stormwater-friendly lawns and gardens will help you save money on fertilizers and time on upkeep once they become established.

A stormwater-friendly lawn

Following the steps below will not only help protect local streams and rivers but can result in direct and substantial cost savings to you, the homeowner.

Set mower height to 3 inches or higher. Taller grass slows the rate of runoff and produces a deeper, denser root system, which will absorb more water, prevent erosion, and suppress weeds. Deeper roots also have access to more water stored in the ground and can reduce the need for irrigation during droughts.

Retain grass clippings and chopped leaves onsite. A mulch-mower is ideal for retaining and spreading clippings on your lawn. The clippings decompose quickly, provide important nutrients for your lawn, and settle to create an organic layer on the soil that encourages stormwater infiltration. This technique can significantly reduce or eliminate the need for nitrogen fertilizers.

Also, by spreading grass clippings on your lawn, you can reduce the amount of fertilizer needed.

Keep clippings and chopped leaves out of streams, off the street, and out of storm drains. If mulching is not possible, bag the clippings and store them in a compost area where the organic material can be used as a fertilizer later. Blowing them onto a street or into storm drains deposits the clippings directly into local streams, where they decompose and become major pollutants by increasing nitrogen to unsafe levels for fish and other aquatic life.



Home gardens can contribute a considerable amount of nutrients and other pollution to streams and other water bodies if not cared for in a responsible way.



Fertilizers for your lawn...do you need them? If so, what, where, when, and how much? Many lawns do not need fertilizer because they are already fertile or you have carried out the previously discussed practices. Using no fertilizer is ideal for the bay's health, but if your lawn is thin or has bare spots, you should consider fertilizing it.

A dense vegetated cover is the most "stormwater-friendly" lawn so take the following steps to determine if fertilizer is necessary for your property:

- 1) Test your soil or consult a local professional or certified applicator.** There is no "one size fits all" when it comes to fertilizer. Needs vary drastically based on soil texture, pH levels, and nutrient levels. In fact, soil tests can reveal that lawns may be suffering from micronutrient deficiency, and standard chemical fertilizers may not alleviate the problem. Identifying these needs will reduce unnecessary applications, create a healthier lawn faster, and reduce your long-term costs.
- 2) Maximize the slow-release nitrogen in your fertilizer.** Typically called "water insoluble nitrogen," or WIN, on fertilizer bags, slow-release nitrogen limits nutrient runoff and exportation. This should be applied in the spring, not autumn, to provide a steady source of nutrients throughout the growing season.
- 3) Start with low amounts or fewer applications:** Your lawn may achieve its ideal coverage and growth with reduced amounts of fertilizer, saving time and money.
- 4) Apply only during the growing season and check the weather.** Wait until the grass begins growing in March to fertilize and avoid fertilizing after October. Fertilizing during a lawn's dormant season increases the risk of the chemicals running off into streams or leaching into your water table because root systems are less active. Additionally, do not fertilize before it rains since most of it will wash off your lawn.
- 5) Do not fertilize or use pesticides within 15 to 20 feet of a stream and use riparianspecific herbicides, if necessary.** Maintaining this distance will help keep chemicals out of the stream. Also, consider establishing a natural riparian buffer, instead.
- 6) Sweep any granulated chemicals off hard surfaces and back onto your lawn immediately:** Your walkway, driveway, patio, or road is often a quick route to drainage pipes that discharge into local streams so make sure they're kept clean of chemicals.

A stormwater-friendly garden

Turn your grass clippings into compost, an environmentally friendly way to fertilize your garden and lawn.

Home gardens can contribute a considerable amount of nutrients and other pollution to streams and other water bodies if not cared for in a responsible way. This mainly applies to fertilizers and pesticides so here are some options:

Garden fertilizers: Organic alternatives to chemicals include compost or manure. Compost can be created in your own back yard, is free, and contains the many nutrients needed for your vegetables. Also, be sure to apply organic fertilizers before planting to prevent runoff.

Pesticides: When it comes to pesticides, identify the pest and research your options. Many insects are harmless to people and play an important role in maintaining a healthy lawn or garden ecosystem.

If there is a problem, however, identify the exact pest you have. Consult an expert because there are many nonchemical alternatives to controlling pests.

Pesticides can infiltrate the ground water, contaminate drinking supplies, and severely harm downstream ecosystems if applied correctly or unnecessarily.

In the long run, little actions, such as taking a stormwater-friendly approach to your garden and lawn, will have a big impact as all of us work together to protect our water's quality.



PROJECTS

Perkiomen Township is proposing the following projects for the year 2017:

- **BARLEY SHEAF LANE** – Entire length from Haldeman Road to Cul-De-Sac. This work will include select base repair, milling at selected locations along the curb line, and an overlay. We expect this work to begin in mid- April 2017.
- **BRIGHTON ROAD** – Entire length from Cranberry Boulevard to Cranberry Boulevard. This work will include replacement of the concrete handicapped ramps, select base repair and an overlay. We expect this work to begin in mid- April 2017.
- **BETCHER ROAD** – Entire length from Trappe Road to Route 113. This work will involve that portion of Betcher Road situated in Perkiomen Township and the portion of Betcher Road situated in Trappe Borough. That portion of the work to be completed by Perkiomen Township includes: pavement milling, select base repair, guide rail replacement, and overlay. That portion of the work to be completed by Trappe Borough and paid for by the Borough includes: pavement milling, select base repair, guide rail replacement, and overlay. Due to the installation of a water line in a portion of Betcher Road by Colledgeville-Trappe Joint Public Works (We were informed that the water line installation would begin mid-April), the overlay portion of Betcher Road will begin after the beginning of September;
- **TRAPPE ROAD** – Replacement of a portion of concrete sidewalk along the northern side of Trappe Road. We expect this work to begin in late April 2017.
- **CRANBERRY BOULEVARD** – Installation of sidewalk along the northern side of Cranberry Boulevard between Countryside Court and Queen Road. The installation of the sidewalk will include narrowing Cranberry Boulevard in this area. As a result, curb to curb width of Cranberry Boulevard will be 30-feet rather than the present 36-feet. This work may involve lane restrictions in this area as the work is being completed. We expect this work to begin in late April 2017.
- **HALDEMAN ROAD** – Entire length from Route 73 to the Township Border. Installation of new and replacing of certain sections of storm sewer line and inlet boxes, furnish and install guide rail, and overlay. This work will require the temporary closing of Haldeman Road. The road will be closed to through traffic from 7:00 am through 3:00 pm. This contract for this project is one hundred and twenty days (120) from the date the Notice to Proceed is issued. We expect this work to begin in early June 2017.

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

This is an update to PennDOT's Project known as SR 4044. This project will run from Route 73 and Plank Road in Skippack Township along Plank Road into Perkiomen Township to Ott Road and Meyers Road to Seitz Road and Township Line Road. As part of this project, the intersection of Gravel Pike (Route 29), Ott Road and Plank Road will be realigned so that Ott Road will line up with Plank Road, and a permanent traffic signal will be installed at this location. In addition, Meyers Road and Seitz Road will be realigned so that Seitz Road will connect into Meyers Road and Meyers Road will connect directly into Township Line Road. A traffic signal will then be installed at the intersection of Township Line Road, Meyers Road, and Cemetery Road. PennDOT began this project in 2016. Recent information given to the Township indicates that the project schedule will not proceed as original set. The current plan is to begin the Ott Road closure/detour in late April 2017. This detour will extend through December, 2018. The installation of a temporary traffic signal at Bridge Street, Route 29, and the Graterford Bridge is scheduled for April, 2017. Plank Road, from Route 29 to Route 73 is scheduled to be closed in late April 2017. The closing of Plank Road will extend through October, 2017. During the closure of the intersection of Plank Road and Route 29, the temporary traffic signal located in the Ott/Plank/Route 29 intersection will be removed as work includes the installation of the permanent traffic signal at this location. It is not known as this time when Stage 2, which included the realignment of Meyers & Seitz Road and the installation of a traffic signal at Township Line Road/Meyers Road/Cemetery Road, will take place. Anyone having any questions on this project should direct them to PennDOT District 6 located in King of Prussia, PA.



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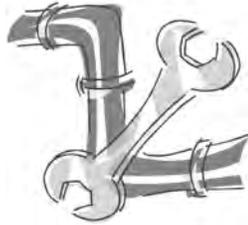
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