

SPRING/SUMMER 2024

# 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 Number – 610-489-4034 | Fax Number – 610-489-4918

Web Site: [www.perkiomentownship.org](http://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.

**Environmental Advisory Council**

Third Thursday of Each Month at 6:30 p.m.

**Municipal Authority:**

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

**Park & Recreation**

Second Thursday Every Other Month except July & August at 6:30 p.m.

**Zoning Hearing Board**

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# PERKIOMEN TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CONTACT INFORMATION

## GOVERNMENT NUMBERS

### MUNICIPAL

#### Perkiomen Township Tax Collector

David Runyan - 610-547-5532  
P. O. BOX 26681, COLLEGEVILLE, PA 19426  
E-MAIL ADDRESS: Perktcdrunyan@gmail.com

**Perkiomen Valley School District** - 610-489-8506

#### Municipal Authorities:

Collegeville-Trappe Municipal Authority – 610-489-7552  
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  
Skippack Emergency Medical Services – 610-454-9665  
(Non-Emergencies) Otherwise call 911

**District Justice County 38-1-24 Adam Katzman**  
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 (Norristown) – Penn Dot  
Maintenance Section – 610-275-2368  
Penn Dot (King of Prussia) – 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 Tracy Pennycuik

Senator Pennycuik's office locations are: Red Hill  
Office: 56 West 4th Street, Floor 2, Red Hill, PA 18076,  
Phone: 215-541-2388, M-F, 9AM-4:30PM

Harrisburg Office: Senate Box 203024, 16 East Wing,  
Harrisburg, PA 17120, Phone: 717-787-3110  
M-F 9AM-4:30PM

Senator Pennycuik's website is [www.senatorpennycuick.com](http://www.senatorpennycuick.com)

### Pennsylvania Representative Matt Bradford

Representative Bradford's offices are open from 9:00 AM  
to 5:00 PM Monday to Friday, if you need assistance:  
Worcester (Local Office): 2000 Bustard Road, Suite 6,  
Cedars, PA, Phone: 610-222-3490  
240 West Germantown Pike, First Floor, Norristown, PA,  
Phone: 610-270-1150  
Capitol: Room 512 E, Main Capitol, Harrisburg, PA,  
Phone: 717-783-1540.  
Representative Bradford's website is [pahouse.com/Bradford](http://pahouse.com/Bradford) and email is [RepBradford@pahouse.net](mailto:RepBradford@pahouse.net).

## 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 assessed 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**  
Norristown (Main Office) – 610-278-3555  
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  
or 1-800-565-7292  
Aqua of Pennsylvania – 1-877-987-2782

**PECO EMERGENCIES** – 1-800-841-4141



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# Recycling Day <sup>TM</sup>

## Anything with a Plug

**Saturday, September 7, 2024**

**Perkiomen Township**  
**1 Trappe Rd. Collegetown**  
**9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

### Perkiomen Township

is proud to offer its residents the opportunity to responsibly recycle obsolete electronics on Saturday, September 7, 2024.

This service is available to Perkiomen residents and small businesses with fewer than 50 employees.

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

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



#### ACCEPTED ITEMS INCLUDE:

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

**\$30 per CRT, LCD, LED TV or computer monitor \$10 per air conditioner, dehumidifier, microwave, dorm-size refrigerator \$100 per wooden console or rear-projection TV**

**All Data Media Will Be Destroyed or Wiped!**



### PERKIOMEN TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY RECYCLING EVENTS

#### PAPER SHREDDING EVENT

**September 7, 2024**

10:00 A.M. to 12:00 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



# PERKIOMEN TOWNSHIP MAKES A CHANGE TO PRIMARY EMS COVERAGE

At the beginning of 2024, Perkiomen Township was notified that Freedom Valley Medical Rescue would be closing their Collegeville Station on April 1, 2024. When this notice was received, the Township began to investigate options to cover the primary coverage area that was previously handled by Freedom Valley Medical Rescue. Township personnel met with other EMS agencies within the area to work out a plan to get reliable EMS coverage for the residents and businesses.

Beginning April 1, 2024 primary EMS coverage will be provided by Skippack Emergency Medical Services for that area previously covered by Freedom Valley Medical Rescue. In anticipating of this change being made, the Board of Supervisors adopted a Resolution at their meeting on March 5, 2024 confirming this. A copy of the Resolution was sent to Montgomery County Communications Center making them aware of this as this will affect any 911 calls made to Skippack Emergency Medical Services coverage area.

If the Township's Primary ambulance provider is on another call, you may see other EMS providers in the Township. When the 911 dispatch system receives calls, the 911 center will dispatch the closest available ambulance.

Skippack Emergency Medical Services has sent a membership mailing to all residents within their coverage area. If you have not received their mailing, contact Skippack emergency Medical Services at 610-454-9665. The memberships for Freedom Valley Medical Rescue will expire March 31, 2024.

Plymouth ambulance will still be the primary provider for EMS services in the area of the Township not covered by Skippack Emergency Medical Services.



## Perkiomen Township Fire Company

485 Gravel Pike (Route 29), Collegeville, PA 19426  
 Emergency: 911 • Business Line: 610-489-7707 Fax: 610-489-6788

### 2024 Calendar of Events

June	1	Community Day
August	25	Annual Car Show
October	6	Fire Prevention Week
November	28	Thanksgiving Breakfast Buffet/Fundraiser
December	21	Santa Visits Township



## LEAF WASTE & SMALL BRANCH DROP-OFF

Residents of Perkiomen Township may drop-off leaf waste (which does not include grass clippings, yard waste, stumps, or roots) but would include leaves, shrubbery and tree trimmings at the Township building on MONDAYS and FRIDAYS ONLY from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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# 2024 ANNUAL ROAD PROGRAM

## 2024 ROAD PROJECTS

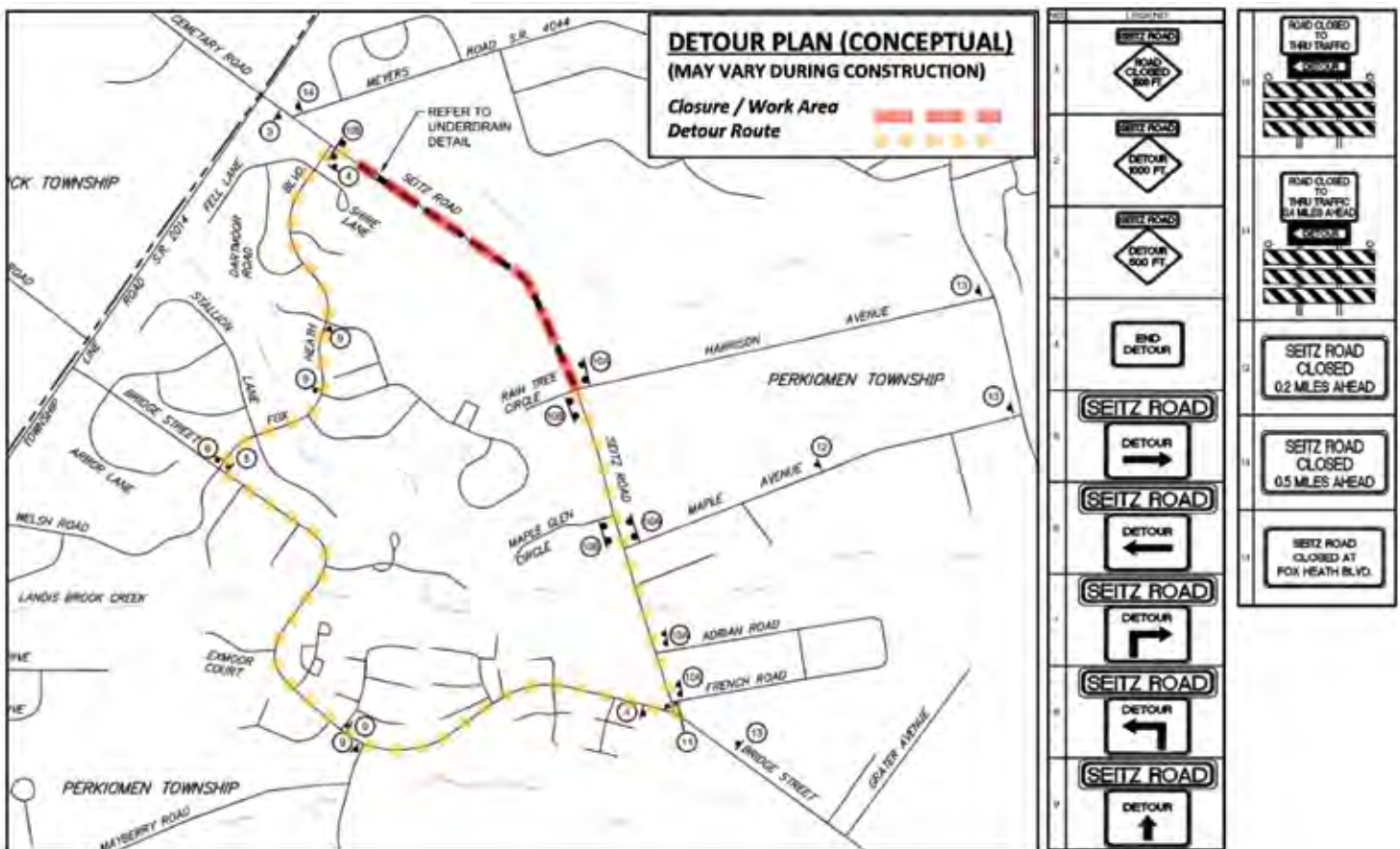
**Perkiomen Township** has selected to implement improvements on portions of Fell Lane, Dartmoor Road, and Seitz Road as part of our 2024 Road Project. The awarded Contractor for the project is Highway Materials, Inc.

**Fell Lane & Dartmoor Road** will be comprised of an 1.5-inch asphalt mill and overlay project with select base repair areas. This means the top 1.5-inches of asphalt will be removed, areas of base pavement failure will be repaired, and then a new 1.5-inch depth wearing course (i.e., also commonly called a top coat) will be installed.

**Seitz Road** requires a full reconstruction, which is a much more intensive roadway repair. Based on roadway cores taken, the total asphalt depth in majority of the road is only 5-inches and the bottom 3-inches of material is beginning to degrade. In order to correct this, the road will be excavated to a 6-inch depth until we hit the stone subbase. 5-inches of base asphalt material, and 2-inches of wearing course material will then be installed and compacted. In order to reduce the road elevation increase from impacting adjacent driveway, a crown in the roadway will be established. This is also known as roadway slope or pitch from the centerline to the road to the roadway edge. This results in a 2-inch increase at the center of the road, and only a 1-inch increase near the roadway edge. Affected driveways along Seitz Rd will be adjusted to ensure they contain smooth transitions.

A **Road Closure and Detour** will be implemented for the work of Seitz Road. We anticipate this will last roughly two weeks, but such detour is necessary for this type of construction based on the narrowness of Seitz Road. To minimize disruption to our Residents, we plan to implement this project between late June and late August, in an attempt to avoid the Perkiomen Valley School District (PVSD) school session.

We have provided a sample of the proposed detour for your consideration. We will be posting updates with regard to the detour on the Township Website and via Montgomery County READYMONTCO.



### STAY UPDATED!

**Perkiomen Township** uses READYMONTCO to keep its residents informed. If you are a Resident, we encourage you to sign up for Township alerts which can come to you via a text or email. Signing up is free and it allows the Township to provide you updates with regard to Township activities. Website: [www.montgomerycountypa.gov/3311/ReadyMontco](http://www.montgomerycountypa.gov/3311/ReadyMontco)



# FIREWORKS ORDINANCE

On October 8, 2023, Perkiomen Township Ordinance No. 242 regulating the Use of Display & Consumer Fireworks within Perkiomen Township took effect. Pennsylvania Act 74 of 2022 was adopted by the General Assembly on July 6, 2022, and was signed by Governor Wolf on July 11, 2022. That Act amended Title 3 Pa. C. S. Chapter 11 ("Fireworks Law") and became effective on September 9, 2022. The Fireworks Law authorizes the adoption of rules and regulations by municipalities. The Perkiomen Township Board of Supervisors determined that the full authority provided by the Fireworks Law should be exercised in the interests of public safety and decided to regulate the use of Display and Consumer Fireworks within the limits as set forth withing Act 74. Where required, residents of Perkiomen Township must obtain permits for such use.



To apply for a permit for Fireworks, either Consumer or Display, a Fire Permit application can be found on the Perkiomen Township website. Applications shall be submitted to Perkiomen Township a minimum of two (2) weeks prior to the use of Consumer Fireworks and a minimum of three (3) weeks prior to the use of Display Fireworks. Prior to the issuance of a Fire Permit for Fireworks use, Perkiomen Township will gather information from the applicant to ensure that compliance with Act 74 of 2022 and Ordinance 242 will be complied with.

Failure to obtain a permit may result in enforcement proceedings against a property owner and/or the person(s) responsible for the use of the fireworks. The use of Consumer Fireworks in violation of the Fireworks Law and Township Ordinance is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00 for the first offense and \$1,000.00 for a second offense within three (3) years of the first offense. The use of Display Fireworks in violation of the Fireworks Law is punishable by a fine of not less than \$10,000.00. Perkiomen Township does have the right to give verbal or written warnings at the staff's discretion.

Any questions regarding this Ordinance or Permits should be directed to Perkiomen Township Fire Marshal, John Moran, Jr., at 610-489-4034, extension 120. Those who wish to file a complaint regarding the use of fireworks are required to do so in writing on the Township's Citizen Complaint Form and submit the complaint to Perkiomen Township within five (5) days of the alleged violation.



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### DATES:

**Saturday, June 1**

**Temple University–Ambler Campus**

Enter at 1431 E. Butler Pike, Ambler

**Saturday, June 15**

**Abington Middle School**

Enter at 2056 Susquehanna Road, Abington

**Saturday, June 22**

**Norristown Area High School**

1900 Eagle Drive, Norristown

**Saturday, September 21**

**Spring-Ford 9th Grade Center**

400 South Lewis Road, Royersford

**SUNDAY, October 13**

**Lower Merion Transfer Station**

1300 N. Woodbine Avenue, Penn Valley

Free residential collection events are held outdoors. There are no permanent drop off locations, only these collection events. Montco residents may also attend any Household Hazardous Waste event held by [Bucks](#), [Chester](#), [Delaware](#), or [Philadelphia](#) Counties.

Please do not contact the host sites, as they are not affiliated with the events.

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## ACCEPTABLE HOUSEHOLD MATERIALS

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Paint Thinners	Weed Killers	Fuel Additives	Rug Cleaners	Flammables
Strippers & Removers	Septic Tank Degreasers	Carburetor Cleaners	Wood & Metal Cleaners	Oxidizers, Reactives
Oil-Based Paints	Asphalt Sealers	Transmission/Brake Fluid	Mothballs/Flakes	Lead
Stains, Varnish	Caulking Compounds	Antifreeze	Adhesives/Solvents	Aerosols
Shellac	Joint Compound	Car(lead-acid), Truck, Motorcycle, Marine, Batteries	Rechargeable Batteries, Lithium, Ni-Cad, Button, Lead Acid	Mercury (Thermostats & Thermometers)
Other Solvent-Based Paint Products	Roof Cements	Gas, Oil, Gas Oil Mixture	Spot Removers, Dry Cleaning Fluid	Fluorescent Tubes and CFLs
Wallpaper Cement	MINI Propane Tanks, No BBQ Tanks	Road Flares, No Marine Flares	Fire Extinguishers	Ballast (must be removed from light fixture)
Spray Paint	Pesticide		Kerosene	Electric Oil-filled Heaters

## UNACCEPTABLE MATERIALS

Explosives & Ammunition	Electronics/Televisions	Asbestos	Appliances/White Goods
Infectious or Medical Waste, Prescription Drugs	BBQ-Sized Propane Tanks (leave at local exchange sites)	Radioactive Waste	Freon/Refrigerants
Tires	Helium Tanks	Unidentified Waste	25- or 50-Gallon Drums
Latex Paint* (Water-Based)	Gas Cylinders	Alkaline Batteries (Trash)	Smoke Detectors

\* Take off lid, dry out paint, discard can without lid; or pour paint into plastic bag with absorbent material (clay based kitty litter, saw dust, rags) place bag and can without lid, in trash. Paint hardener can also be purchased at hardware stores.

## DROP OFF GUIDELINES

- Montgomery County events are following state guidelines and public health restrictions.
- Leave items at home that are not for the event so that they are not removed accidentally.
- If you need your gas can or container returned, please tape a note to it stating that you want to keep it.
- You may arrive any time within your registered appointment window.
- Please print out your ticket or write your name and appointment time on a piece of paper.
- If you cannot attend the event, please cancel your appointment through your Eventbrite ticket or by emailing [Recycling@MontgomeryCountyPA.gov](mailto:Recycling@MontgomeryCountyPA.gov), as others may be waiting for an opening.
- NO TVs, electronics, or appliances will be accepted.
- Event workers will unload your materials so please remain in your vehicle.
- **BUSINESSES AND CONTRACTORS WILL BE TURNED AWAY**, no commercial/industrial waste accepted.
- Bring all substances in original containers with labels. Items must be identifiable. Do not mix materials.
- Tighten lids on all containers. If containers are leaking, pack in larger container with newspaper to soak up leaks.
- **NO 25- OR 50-GALLON DRUMS ALLOWED.** Five-gallon buckets are the largest acceptable container. Maximum amount accepted per vehicle is 25 gallons or 220 pounds.
- There are no permanent drop off locations in the region for household hazardous waste, only the listed collections.



# POLLUTANT REDUCTION PLANNING

## PROJECT SUMMARY: MS4 PRP - Stream Restoration Project

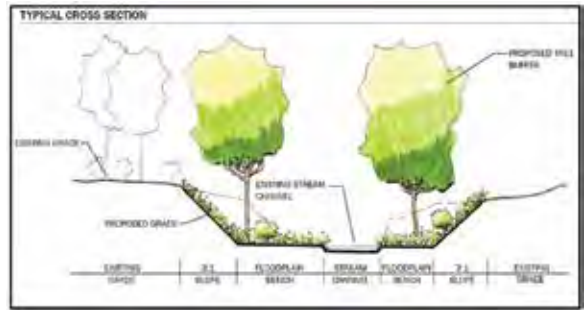
The PA Department of Environmental Protection (PA DEP) mandated that municipalities, including Perkiomen Township, maintain a **Municipal Separate Storm Sewers System (MS4)** permit which encourages municipalities to invest in, and promote, water quality within our PA Streams. Some municipalities are required to have a **Pollutant Reduction Plan (PRP)** which requires defined water quality improvements over a 5-year cycle within our streams through the construction of green infrastructure such as: stream restorations, basin retrofits, bioswales, rain gardens, underground infiltration beds, etc.

To meet MS4 and PRP requirements, Perkiomen Township has constructed a 1,300 linear foot **Stream Restoration Project**, located off of Bridge Street (i.e., between Birchwood and Fox Heath HOA's) in order to comply with our PRP. The \$454,665 restoration was designed by LandStudies and Spotts, Stevens and McCoy and was constructed by Flyway Construction, Inc. and completed in the Winter of 2023. The project is estimated to reduce sediment from our streams by 54,395 lbs/yr and achieves more than 100% of our MS4 required sediment reduction.

The project was funded by a \$200,000 grant from **Montgomery County** via the **MontCo 2040 Program**, and by funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

Streams with cliff like embankments and exposed sediment walls are major contributors to sediment within our streams. Stream Restoration projects improve these conditions by reducing the severity of the steep embankments and stabilizing these areas with natural vegetation. These water quality improvements benefit the streams ecology, fish, and wildlife.

Now that the project is completed, the Township is required to investigate, maintain, and annually report on the health and growth of the stream restoration for the next 5 years. Periodically, Township hired consultants and contractors may spray herbicide treatments on invasive plant species, and supplement plantings, as needed.



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- Keep children away from pool drains, pipes and other openings
- Have a phone close by at all times
- If a child is missing, check the pool first
- Share safety instructions with family, friends and neighbors

### Learn and Practice Water Safety Skills

- Learn to swim
- Know how to perform CPR on children and adults
- Understand the basics of life saving so that you can assist in a pool emergency



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# PERKIOMEN TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY DAY

**JUNE 1, 2024**

June 2024

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 1, 2024. The event will be held from 11 A.M. to 3 P.M. on Township property at 1 Trappe Road.

Activities for this year will include moon bounce, face painting, character portraits, balloon sculptures and also a petting zoo. There will be train rides at the PA Live Steamers across from the Township Pavilion. There will be music throughout the day. Food and beverages will be provided.

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. State Police Community Service Officers will be present with information on safety and educational programs. 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 1, 2024

THERE IS NO RAIN DATE

## 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, Swimming Pools (both seasonal & permanent), Additions, and Structural Alterations. Zoning Permits are required for Sheds, Barns, Detached Garages, Gazebos, Fences, Patios, 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.



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# Stormwater Pollution Prevention Tips

Spring 2024

## CARING FOR YOUR YARD THIS SPRING

Spring is here and with it comes warmer weather, longer days and lots of yard work! Before you head outside to tackle your latest project, remember that what you do on your yard has a direct impact on the environment. This is especially true when it comes to caring for your lawn.

Lawns are notorious for their negative impacts on wildlife as well as local waterways. Luckily there are lots of small steps that you can take as a homeowner to make your yard more eco-friendly!

*Consider these tips to reduce stormwater pollution and create wildlife habitat on your property this spring.*



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**Clean-up:** Collect and dispose of any trash that might have blown into your yard over the winter. Mulch or compost leaves and garden cuttings from the fall so that they don't get washed into local streams.



**Fertilize Carefully:** Look for slow release nitrogen fertilizer which is less likely to harm water quality. Several small fertilizer applications spread out over the growing season is better than one large application. Never apply fertilizer before it rains!



**Plant Natives:** Spring is a great time to plant native trees, shrubs and perennials! Native PA species require less maintenance, are more beneficial for wildlife and absorb more stormwater than non-natives.



**Mow Sharp and High:** A sharp mower blade cuts grass cleanly which improves turf health. Set your mower deck to 2.5" or more to help reduce stormwater runoff. Consider converting a section of your lawn to native garden!



# STORMWATER POLLUTION PREVENTION TIPS

Summer 2024

## SUMMER STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

Summer is here, a time for relaxing vacations, cookouts with family and friends, and lounging at the beach or by the pool! While the summer months provide us with opportunity recharge our batteries, it's important to remember that even though we go on vacation, stormwater pollution does not!



**Water your lawn and garden slowly.** Only water your grass and plants when necessary. When watering, do so slowly to reduce runoff. Consider investing in irrigation hoses or gator bags!

Heavy rains brought on by summer thunderstorms causes runoff to rush into local waterways, picking up litter, chemicals and other pollutants along the way. Additionally, hot pavement leads to an increase in the temperature of stormwater entering creeks and streams which can be detrimental for aquatic life.



**Wash your car at a car wash.** When you wash your car on your driveway or the street, grease, soap and oil can wash into streams and creeks.

Luckily there are some easy steps that you can take to reduce stormwater pollution on your property this summer!



**Never dump anything down storm drains.** Remember that storm drains empty directly into local waterways without being treated. This means that whatever enters a storm drain will flow into streams and creeks.



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**Direct downspouts over porous, not paved surfaces.** Where possible, direct downspouts into garden beds, your lawn or consider installing a rain barrel.



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A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat and fire.



Test smoke alarms at least once a month by pushing the test button.



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Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home, including the basement. Larger homes may need more alarms. For the best protection, make sure all smoke alarms are interconnected. When one sounds, they all sound.



Call the fire department from a cellphone or a neighbor's phone. Stay outside until the fire department says it's safe to go back inside.

For more information about smoke alarms, visit [usfa.fema.gov](http://usfa.fema.gov) and [www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org).





# Stormwater Runoff Pollutes

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