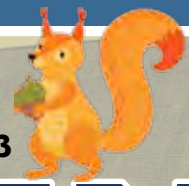


# PERKIOMEN

## NEWSLETTER

### *Township*

Fall/Winter 2023



Dear Perkiomen Township Residents,

*This is the Fall and Winter 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

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# PERKIOMEN TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CONTACT INFORMATION

## GOVERNMENT NUMBERS

### MUNICIPAL

#### Perkiomen Township Tax Collector

David W. 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 – 610-489-2831  
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  
Freedom Valley Medical Rescue – 215-513-1880  
(Non-Emergencies) Otherwise call 911

**District Justice County 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 (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  
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### 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  
Norriton: 750 E. Johnson Highway, 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

## TAX COLLECTOR IN TOWNSHIP BUILDING

OCTOBER 13th 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm  
DECEMBER 15th 1:00 – 4:00 pm

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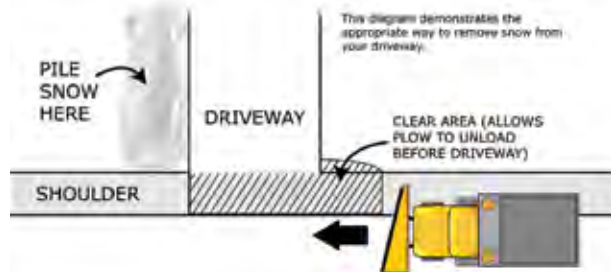
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## WINTER ROAD MAINTENANCE AND PREPARATIONS

The township is preparing for the snow removal season and has contracts in place for the purchase of road salt and cinders for the treatment of township roads. Each of you can help with the maintenance of the roads this winter by following these winter reminders:

- Remove vehicles from the street during any snow event that requires plowing or the application of salt or cinders. There is reduced visibility for the drivers during a snowstorm. Having to maneuver through parked traffic makes their jobs much more difficult.
- Mailboxes and posts are often broken from the weight of the plowed snow or simply pushed over by snow. Please check posts for deterioration to reduce the possibility of breakage. Also, install mailboxes as far from the edge of the roadway as permitted by your postal delivery personnel. Installations of any items (e.g. fences, basketball nets, mailboxes, etc.) in the right-of-way are placed there at the owner's risk.
- Cul-de-sacs are difficult to clear to everyone's satisfaction. Snowplows do not have the ability to lift and carry snow from one area to another. The plow pushes the snow. The driver pushes the snow to an area most suitable to expedite the plowing and to open the road.
- Do not shovel snow into the road or have your driveway plowed into the road. This creates a safety hazard. If possible, wait until the road has been plowed before cleaning out the end of your driveway and your sidewalk. There is no practical way to plow the road without depositing snow into your driveway. Township snow removal crews do not clear private driveways, driveway entrances, and sidewalks of accumulated snow.

See example below.



### Perkiomen Township Fire Company

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

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

### 2023 Calendar of Events

- |                 |           |   |
|-----------------|-----------|---|
| <b>October</b>  | <b>9</b>  | <b>Fire Prevention Week</b>                     |
| <b>November</b> | <b>4</b>  | <b>Comedy Show</b>                              |
|                 | <b>23</b> | <b>Thanksgiving Breakfast Buffet/Fundraiser</b> |
| <b>December</b> | <b>16</b> | <b>Santa Visits Township</b>                    |



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## REIMBURSEMENT FOR DAMAGE TO MAILBOX & POST

Perkiomen Township has adopted a policy regarding the reimbursement for damage to any mailbox and/or post caused by the Township's snowplows. This includes damage caused by Township employees, agents, and contractors that plow snow or salt and cinder the roads in Perkiomen Township. Any mailbox owner that claims a Township plow has damaged his/her mailbox and/or post shall report the damage to Shawn Motsavage, Township Road Master, within five (5) business days. Upon receipt of the claim, Mr. Motsavage will investigate the complaint. The Township shall only be responsible for damage to the mailbox and/or post that it strikes with its vehicles or its plows and shall not be responsible for damage caused by plowed snow, salt, or cinders. The owner of the mailbox shall either repair or replace the mailbox and/or post, then submit a receipt to the Township for the cost. Said receipt shall be submitted with a request for reimbursement within thirty (30) days after Mr. Motsavage has investigated the claim. If the receipt for repair or replacement of the mailbox and/or post is less than \$95.00, the Township will reimburse the owner for the amount set forth on the receipt. If said cost exceeds \$95.00, the Township's financial responsibility shall be capped at \$95.00. The Township's responsibility shall be limited to the cost of the repair or replacement of the mailbox and/or post only. Any other items (e.g. fences, plantings, basketball nets) situated in the right-of-way or the edge of the roadway are placed there at the owner's risk and are not eligible for reimbursement by the Township should they be damaged by the Township's employees, agents or contractors.

## UNATTENDED SPORTS EQUIPMENT

From November 1st to March 31st, Unattended Sports Equipment being left on or in close proximity of a township street is a violation of Perkiomen Township Ordinance No. 225.

Perkiomen Township requests owners of sports equipment to move the equipment far enough back from the curb or streets edge and outside of the street right-of-way during this timeframe to prevent damage from any township equipment performing winter maintenance and or spring cleanup of the streets. Damage can not only occur to the sports equipment, but to township and/or subcontractor equipment due to these objects being located either in the street or too close to the street.

The Township has the right to remove the unattended sports equipment without notice and without responsibility or liability for any damage caused thereto if left in a position in violation of the ordinance.

Anyone with questions regarding unattended sports equipment can contact the Township Code Enforcement Officer, John Moran Jr. or the Township Road Master, Shawn Motsavage at 610-489-4034.

## 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.

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# LEAF CURB SIDE PICK UP

NOVEMBER 2023

Perkiomen Township will be picking up leaves on the following dates

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3 LEAF CURB SIDE PICK UP	4
5	6 LEAF CURB SIDE PICK UP	7	8	9	10 LEAF CURB SIDE PICK UP	11
12	13 LEAF CURB SIDE PICK UP	14	15	16	17 LEAF CURB SIDE PICK UP	18
19	20 LEAF CURB SIDE PICK UP	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 LEAF CURB SIDE PICK UP	28	29	30		

## CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

Christmas tree recycling begins December 26th thru January 31st trees can be dropped off at the stone lot below the Township Administration Building. Please no plastic bags! There will be no curbside pickup.

## 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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# Stormwater Pollution Prevention Tips



WINTER 2022 - 2023

## Melting Snow Is Stormwater Too!

Stormwater runoff can come in many forms, including snow melt! When the ground is frozen, melting snow can't infiltrate into the soil the way a light or moderate rain would be able to. This means that even a small amount of snow can cause flooding issues on your property.

When snow melts, it picks up all kinds of debris and pollutants that will make their way to nearby streams and creeks.

*Check out some steps that you can take to prevent stormwater pollution this winter:*

- **Start shoveling early!** The more snow you remove, the less salt and sand you'll need.
- **Pile snow in locations with the most opportunity for it to infiltrate into the ground.**
- **Use deicing salt sparingly.** Follow product instructions and give it time to work. Sweep up any remaining material.
- **Clear away any snow that may have been thrown onto the storm drains.**
- **Salt is not effective once temperatures hit 15 degrees Fahrenheit or below.** Consider using traction materials that contain acetate, potassium chloride, magnesium chloride, or cracked cornmeal.



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[www.perkiomenwatershed.org](http://www.perkiomenwatershed.org)



**Homeowners using wells, springs or cisterns as their water supply should consider having their water tested routinely.**

## Seven Reasons to Test Your Drinking Water

More than one million homes are served by private water supplies (wells, springs, or cisterns) in Pennsylvania. Homeowners using this type of water supply should consider having it tested for the following reasons:



*Certified water testing labs are available throughout the state to provide accurate water quality results for homeowners.*

1. Unlike public water systems, private water supply testing is the voluntary responsibility of the homeowner. There are no government agencies or programs that routinely test private water systems for homeowners.
2. Surveys indicate that about half of the private water supplies have never been tested.
3. Additional studies have found that about 50 percent of private water systems fail at least one drinking water standard.
4. Many pollutants found in private water systems have no obvious symptoms and can only be detected through laboratory testing.
5. Water testing is generally economical and convenient with many testing laboratories located throughout the state.
6. Water testing provides vital information to document the quality of your drinking water. Data from previous tests may be necessary if you ever need to prove in court that a nearby land use has damaged your drinking water quality.
7. The only way homeowners can be certain that their water is safe to drink is to have the water tested periodically.

## Tests to Have Done Routinely

While it is possible to have a water supply tested for many things, such a test is very expensive and unnecessary. Instead, homeowners should focus testing on a few standard parameters along with additional tests related to nearby land uses.

Private water supplies should be tested every year for total

coliform bacteria and E. coli bacteria. Coliform bacteria includes a large group of many types of bacteria that occur throughout the environment. They are common in soil and surface water and may even occur on your skin. Large numbers of certain kinds of coliform bacteria can also be found in waste from humans and animals. Most types of coliform bacteria are harmless to humans, but some can cause mild illnesses, and a few can lead to serious waterborne diseases.

If coliform bacteria are found in a water supply, a follow-up test can be done by the laboratory to look for E. coli --a type of coliform bacteria found only in human or animal wastes. A positive E. coli result is much more serious than coliform bacteria alone because it indicates that human or animal waste is entering the water supply.

Drinking water should be tested for pH and total dissolved solids (TDS) every three years. These tests are similar to a doctor taking your temperature--they are general tests that provide an index to the quality of your drinking water.

Water with a pH lower than 6.5 or greater than 8.5 can cause corrosion of lead and copper from household plumbing or bad tastes. The total dissolved solids content of drinking water should be below 500 milligrams per liter (mg/L), and the value should not change much from one test to the next. Increases in the TDS of water could indicate pollution has occurred, warranting further, more detailed testing.

## Added Tests Related to Local Land Uses

Every three years, additional testing should be done related to land uses occurring or expected to occur within sight of the home. Pollutants related to various common land use activities in Pennsylvania are given in Table 1 below. Keep in mind that not all laboratories will be able to run all of these tests.

## Added Tests Related to Obvious Symptoms

Sometimes, obvious stains, tastes, or odors in water prompt a homeowner to seek water testing. Many pollutants that cause obvious aesthetic problems occur naturally in groundwater, but some can come from land uses, especially mining. While the presence of these pollutants is apparent from their symptoms, testing through a certified laboratory is valuable to confirm the pollutant and to provide valuable information about the form and concentration of these pollutants that is helpful when determining the best options for treatment. Some common drinking water symptoms and their associated pollutants are given in Table 2.

Land Use	Pollutants to Test For
Mining	Iron, Manganese, Sulfate, Aluminum
Gas or Oil Well Drilling	Chloride, Barium
Industry	Organic Scans
Gas Stations	Petroleum Products
Road Deicing	Sodium, Chloride
Homes with Septic	Nitrate, Bacteria
Agriculture	Nitrate, Pesticide Scans

*Table 1. Pollutants associated with various land uses that may be located near private water supplies in Pennsylvania.*

Symptom	Pollutants to Test For
Orange-brown stains, metallic taste	Iron, Manganese
Black flecks or stains	Manganese, Iron
White/gray film, increased soap use, damaged hot water heater	Hardness
Salty taste	Chloride
Blue-green stains, metallic taste, especially early in the morning, small leaks in metal plumbing	pH, Corrosivity Index, Copper, Lead

*Table 2. Pollutants that should be tested when various symptoms are noticed in drinking water.*



## Where to Get Drinking Water Tested

It is important that all water tests be performed by a certified water testing laboratory. Be cautious of water test results from any uncertified lab or from water treatment salespeople. The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has a current listing of accredited drinking water testing laboratories. You can search for environmental laboratories or find a quick-reference specifically for drinking water labs on their website.

Water testing on private water supplies is also available through the Penn State Agricultural Analytical Laboratory. Drinking water test kits are now available at participating county extension offices or directly from the Agricultural Analytical Services lab.

## Who Should Collect Water Samples?

In most cases, homeowners can collect water samples themselves, after obtaining proper sanitized containers and instructions from the laboratory. Some rare, specialized tests, such as radon, Giardia, Cryptosporidium, and hydrogen sulfide, usually require that a lab employee visit your home to collect the sample.

In special circumstances where legal action could follow, it is best to have samples collected by an unbiased professional. For example, samples collected prior to mining, gas well drilling, or other land use disturbances meant to document existing drinking water quality should be collected by a disinterested third party. This adds to the cost of water testing but will be vital to the admissibility of the results in any legal action related to pollution of a private water supply.

## Collecting a Water Sample

Most water samples are collected at the kitchen faucet since this is where most water is used for drinking and cooking. If you already have treatment equipment installed in your home, keep in mind that collecting a water sample from a kitchen or bathroom faucet will often be influenced by the treatment equipment. If you are interested in determining the raw water quality from your well (as it emerges from the ground), you may wish to collect a sample at the spigot on the pressure tank before the water enters any water treatment equipment or the home plumbing.

**Do not take water samples to a laboratory that have been collected in used food or drink containers!**

Instead, you should arrange to obtain proper sanitized containers and instructions from the laboratory ahead of time. The sample collection instructions provided by the laboratory must be followed carefully in order to ensure an accurate test result. In general, before taking the water sample, the container should be rinsed two or three times with the water being collected. However, testing labs often supply containers that have a fixing compound, which will prevent the loss or breakdown of a certain chemical. In this case, if the bottle is rinsed or allowed to overflow, the fixing agent will be removed. For this reason, sampling instructions must be read and followed carefully.

## Special Instructions for Bacteria Samples

For bacteria testing, a sterile container must be used and all chlorine must be cleared from the water system. Containers supplied by water testing labs will have a chemical present to remove any chlorine in the sample. Many labs recommend removing the aerator from the faucet and sterilizing the end of the faucet with a flame or rubbing alcohol before collecting the water sample. Allow the water to run for a few minutes before collecting the water in the sample bottle. Remove the cap from the bottle but take care to avoid contaminating the cap or the bottle. Do not set the cap down on anything and do not touch the inside of the cap or the bottle with your hands. Run water into the bottle, carefully secure the lid, keep the sample cool, and deliver it to the lab within 24 hours. For this specific test, the shorter the time that elapses between collection and analysis, the more reliable the results will be. Make sure you contact the lab to determine how and when the sample should be shipped or dropped off at the lab to ensure accurate results. Because of the time limits necessary for bacteria sampling, most labs will not accept water samples on Fridays or before holidays.

## Special Instructions for Lead and Copper Corrosion Samples

In order to properly test for lead and copper from plumbing corrosion, the water should be allowed to stand in the pipes for at least 12 hours and a “first-draw” sample should be collected. This sample should be taken first thing in the morning before any water has been used. This will collect water that has sat in contact with the pipes for at least 12 hours and will be most likely to accumulate metals like lead and copper from corrosion.

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One of the first things you can do is sign up for our ReadyMontco notification system. This program delivers alerts about severe weather and other important events in Montgomery County to the devices of your choice. Whether you prefer emails, text messages, or even a phone call - you decide the option that works for you.

There is no direct cost to sign up for ReadyMontco. However, there may be charges for certain features (like receiving text messages) so it's best to double check with your service providers.

**This system is administered by the Montgomery County, PA Department of Public Safety**

Perkiomen Township will be changing the provider for resident notification from Blackboard connect to ReadyMontco. If you have not already signed up for ReadyMontco we are asking all residents to sign up and choose to get alerts from Perkiomen Township. If you have already signed up for ReadyMontco make sure to check your profile and make sure you have chosen to get alerts from Perkiomen Township. Go to [www.montgomerycountypa.gov/3311/ReadyMontco](http://www.montgomerycountypa.gov/3311/ReadyMontco) to sign up or click the link on the bottom of our website [www.perkiomenTownship.org](http://www.perkiomenTownship.org).



## ILLICIT DISCHARGE

### WHAT IS AN ILLICIT DISCHARGE?

Any discharge to a storm drain that is not composed entirely of stormwater. An illicit discharge can be the result of:

- Runoff collecting pollutants on the way to storm drains
- Emptying or dumping of non-stormwater substances directly into a storm drain
- An illicit connection (any connection of wastewater, such as from a bathroom or a washing machine) into the stormwater drainage system
- An accidental spill or leak of a harmful substance



### COMMON ILLICIT DISCHARGES:

- Sanitary wastewater
- Vehicle fluids
- Household cleaners & chemicals
- Soapy wash water
- Paints
- Dirt, mulch & grass clippings
- Pesticides, fertilizers & weed killers
- Restaurant grease & cooking oil
- Pet wastes
- Lawn & yard waste/debris

### HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Keep storm drains clear of trash & debris. Wash your car at a car wash.
- Pick-up after your pets.
- Increase your garden area & decrease your lawn area. Plant with native plants!
- Mulch grass clippings & leaves into your yard.
- Limit pesticide use.



# MICROSURFACING



## What is it?

Microsurfacing is a design mixture of polymer-modified emulsified asphalt, mineral aggregate, mineral filler, water, and other additives proportioned, mixed, and uniformly spread over a properly prepared surface. It is used as a pavement preservation and maintenance treatment to improve the functional characteristics of the pavement surface and extend its service life.



**Perkiomen Township** uses **Microsurfacing** as a preventative maintenance tool on roads that are in generally good condition, so they do not deteriorate to a state that requires an expensive rehabilitation method.

Example projects in the past 5 years include: Belgian Rd, Equestrian Ln, Stallion Ln, Cranberry Blvd., Elizabeth Ct, King Rd, Northridge Rd, Queen Rd, and Stewart Rd.



This photo shows a roadway divided by two counties. Both sides of the road were overlaid on the same day. One county performed microsurfacing, after the initial overlay installation in order to maintain and extend the life of the roadway and one county did not. The difference between the two surfaces years later is dramatic!

## How is it installed?

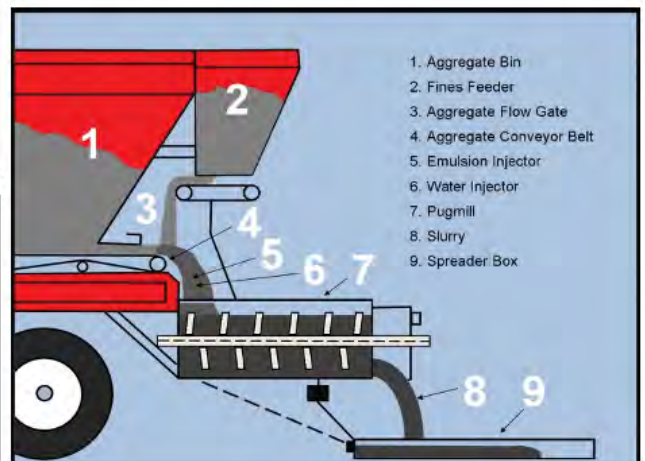
The Microsurfacing mixture is made by a specialized machine and placed on a continuous basis by mixing the materials simultaneously in a pug mill. The figure to the right shows the process in the microsurfacing machine, which results in a free-flowing composite material spread on the underlying pavement using a spreader box. The mixture's consistency permits even spreading over the pavement, forming an adhesive bond to the pavement.

## Pros

- Cost is approximately 1/3 the cost of a traditional resurfacing method.
- Adds 7-8 years or more to pavement life when applied to a road in appropriate condition.
- Reduces life-cycle cost 25-45% and raw material by 35% or more compared to traditional resurfacing methods.
- Reduces greenhouse gases by 44% and energy use by 54% or more compared to traditional resurfacing methods.
- Easy to install and no milling or utility adjustments are necessary.
- Return to traffic within two-four hours.
- PennDOT & FHA Approved Material.

## Cons

- Following installation the road may not feel as smooth as traditional asphalt overlay; however, as traffic drives over it and the sun heats the pavement the material will smooth out.
- Following installation of the new surface small stones will come loose from the surface for the first several weeks or months.
- The initial appearance will not be as uniform or pleasing as a conventional overlay; over time the appearance will improve.



# Perkiomen Township Environmental Advisory Council (PEAC)



Photos: Monarch at Cuddy Park; native planting; stormwater flooding; spotted lanternfly

## About the EAC

The establishment of the Perkiomen Township Environmental Advisory Council (PEAC) was authorized by the Township in January 2022. The purpose of the PEAC is to:

- Advise the Board of Supervisors as to environmental issues as well as the following:
- Encourage sustainable design and the use of renewable energies;
- Protect and preserve natural resources within the Township; and
- Consider possible uses of open land and to create inventories of natural areas with unique features.

## Meeting Schedule

(unless advertised otherwise)

When: 3rd Thursday of Every Month

Where: Perkiomen Township Municipal Bldg  
1 Trappe Road,  
Collegeville PA 19426

Time: 6:30PM - 8:00PM

Our Mission is Connecting, educating, and advocating for residents to provide environmental enhancement and promote community health and wellbeing for generations to come!

Learn more about Perkiomentownship's EAC at [perkiomentownship.org](http://perkiomentownship.org), or about EACs in general at [www.eacnetwork.org](http://www.eacnetwork.org)

# WHO TO CALL | WHERE TO CLICK

## Recycling/Waste Management

- Montgomery County Government — montcopa.org and search for “Recycling Programs” — 610.278.3618 or www.MontcoPARecycles.org A-Z Recycling Guide: What to Do When You’re Done With It. Also, Retriever: <https://retrievr.com/faq-phl/> or 757-703-3824.
- Responsible electronics recycling — the Basel Action Network, a global partnership — e-stewards.org
- Recycling services locator and guide — see “Where to…” and “How to…” links at earth911.com — 1.800.CLEANUP
- Local free stuff exchange — freecycle.org
- General recycling news and information — Northeast Recycling Council — nerc.org/state-information/pennsylvania

## Pollution

- Stormwater events — Montgomery County Conservation District — montgomeryconservation.org — 610.489.4506
- Pollution discharge — Spills and other emergencies: 484.250.5900. Environmental complaints: 866.255.5158 or submit form via [depgreenport.state.pa.us/EnvironmentalComplaintForm](http://depgreenport.state.pa.us/EnvironmentalComplaintForm). Note: Perkiomen Township is in the Southeast Region.
- Fish kills — PA Fish and Boat Commission — fishandboat.com — 1-855-FISH-KIL
- Litter and illegal dumping — report to local police — 610.287.4434 or Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful — [keeppabeautiful.org](http://keeppabeautiful.org) — 877.772.3673. Active incidents: call 911.
- Health fact sheets by contaminant — [health.pa.gov/topics/envirohealth/Pages/Fact-Sheets.aspx](http://health.pa.gov/topics/envirohealth/Pages/Fact-Sheets.aspx)

## Wildlife

- Nuisance — Call 911 for animal control dispatch OR for self-help: [pgc.pa.gov](http://pgc.pa.gov) (search for “Nuisance Wildlife”).
- Poaching/hunting violations/endangered species info. — PA Game Commission — [pgc.pa.gov](http://pgc.pa.gov) — Southeastern Region: 833-742-4868 or 833-742-9453.
- Injured: AARK Animal Rehab — [aark.org](http://aark.org) — 215.249.1938

## Utilities (Well and Septic)

- Private well information — [water-research.net](http://water-research.net) OR extension. [psu.edu/water/drinking-and-residential-water](http://psu.edu/water/drinking-and-residential-water)
- New wells — <https://www.montcopa.org/533/Individual-Water-Supply-Well-Permitting>
- Private septic information — Montgomery County government — <https://montcopa.org/536/On-Lot-Sewage-Permitting>.
- Energy audits — [energy.gov/energysaver/weatherize/home-energy-audits](http://energy.gov/energysaver/weatherize/home-energy-audits) or [peco.com](http://peco.com).

## Landscaping/Gardening/Home Improvement/Conservation Clearinghouses

- iConserve — Native plant lists, energy-saving improvements, links for outdoor recreation and more — PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources — [iconservepa.org](http://iconservepa.org) — 717.772.9101
- Penn State Cooperative Extension — Multitude of topics including water quality, soil tests, forest management, wildlife issues, and lanternfly control — Penn State College of Ag. Science — [extension.psu.edu](http://extension.psu.edu) Montco Office: 610.489.4315
- Soil science and maps, plants database, resource data — US

- Dept. of Ag — [nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/site/soils/home/](http://nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/site/soils/home/)
- Watershed management, agriculture, tree planting, dirt and gravel roads, mosquito and spotted lanternfly control, and an annual student Envirothon competition — [montgomeryconservation.org](http://montgomeryconservation.org) — 610.489.4506
- Dam removal and river restoration — American Rivers — [americanrivers.org/region/mid-atlantic](http://americanrivers.org/region/mid-atlantic) — 202.347.7550

## Green Building

- US Green Building Council’s local chapter — [greenbuildingunited.org](http://greenbuildingunited.org) — 215.399.5790

## Land Conservation

- Easements — Natural Lands Trust — [natlands.org](http://natlands.org) — 610.353.5587
- Forest management — [extension.psu.edu/forests-and-wildlife/forest-management](http://extension.psu.edu/forests-and-wildlife/forest-management) — Montco office: 610.489.4315
- Farmland preservation — [montcopa.org](http://montcopa.org) and search “Farmland Preservation Program” — 610.278.3727

## Science Reference

- Free information (requires Montgomery County library card) — [mnl.mclinc.org/esources/](http://mnl.mclinc.org/esources/) — scroll to Power Library/Health Sciences/Science Reference (and more) — 610.287.8360

## Involvement

- Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy — [perkiomenwatershed.org](http://perkiomenwatershed.org) — 610.287.9383
- Citizen science-birds — [ebird.org](http://ebird.org) (go to Help and search “getting started”)
- Citizen science-phenology — Nature’s Notebook — [usanpn.org/natures\\_notebook](http://usanpn.org/natures_notebook) or [iNaturalist.org](http://iNaturalist.org)



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