



# PERKIOMEN

## NEWSLETTER

### *Township*

*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.*

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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.

##### **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.*

##### **Zoning Hearing Board**

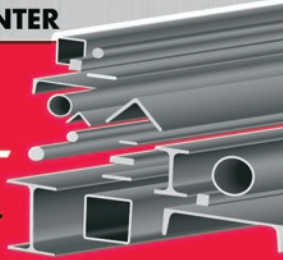
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# PERKIOMEN TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CONTACT INFORMATION

## GOVERNMENT NUMBERS

### MUNICIPAL

#### Perkiomen Township Tax Collector

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FAX#: 484-971-4029

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

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### Pennsylvania Environmental Protection

484-250-5900 (24 hours/day)

### Pennsylvania Senator Bob Mensch

Local Office: 215-541-2388

### Pennsylvania Representative Joseph Ciresi

Local Office: 484-200-8265

## 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

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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

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  
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Montgomery County Library – Norristown: 610-278-5100  
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### 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

## 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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## 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:



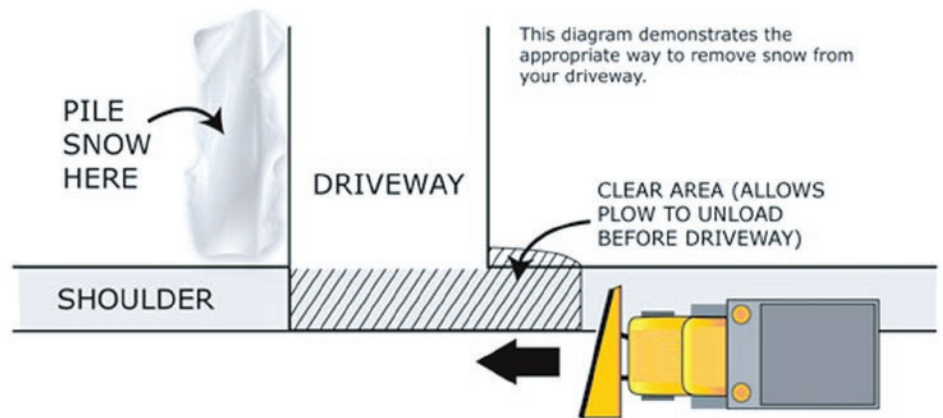
Remove vehicles from the street during any snow event that requires plowing or the application of salt or cinders. There is reduced visibility for the drivers during a snowstorm. Having to maneuver through parked traffic makes their jobs much more difficult.

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

### 2022 EVENT CALENDAR

October	9	Fire Prevention Week
November	5	Comedy Show/Fundraiser
December	17	Santa Visits Township



## 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.

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# LEAF CURB SIDE PICK UP

Perkiomen Township will be picking up leaves on the following dates  
**NOVEMBER 2022**

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

## 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.



## 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.

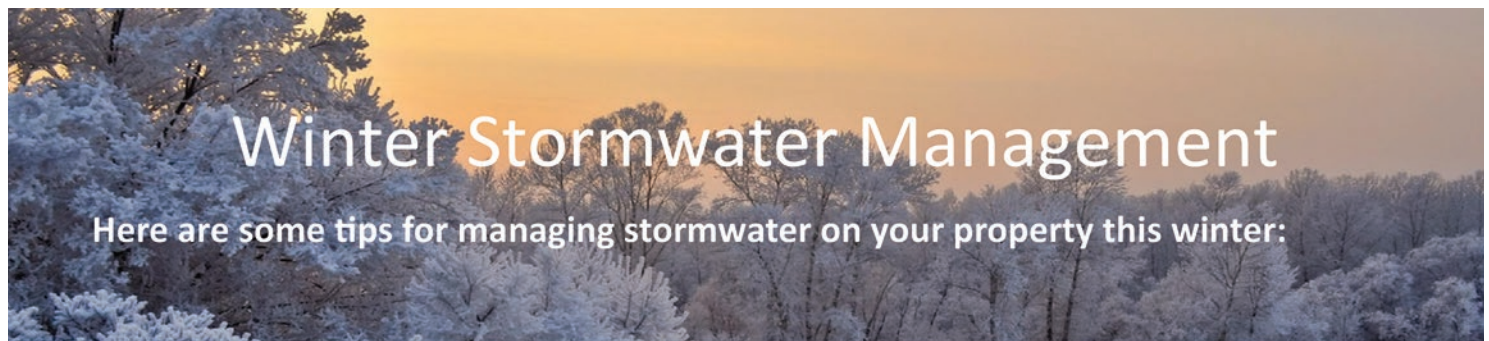




# Fall Stormwater Management

Here are some tips for managing stormwater on your property this fall:

- 1) **Dispose of leaf litter and yard waste in an appropriate manner, never in the street or stream.** Shred yard and leaf waste to use as mulch or fertilizer for your yard and garden.
- 2) **Clear leaves and debris from gutters and storm drains.** This will prevent flooding and keep debris out of our local waterways.
- 3) **Fertilize your lawn only if needed.** To save yourself time and money, have your soil tested to determine the amount of fertilizer required. Standard soil test kits can be purchased from county offices of Penn State Extension.
- 4) **Plant native trees and shrubs!** Fall is the best time of year to plant. Trees and shrubs provide habitat for wildlife and help rainwater soak into the ground.



# Winter Stormwater Management

Here are some tips for managing stormwater on your property this winter:

- 1) **Dispose of shoveled snow in vegetated areas.** This will allow the snow to infiltrate instead of becoming runoff.
- 2) **Use de-icing chemicals and salt sparingly.** Focus on making your walkways and driveways safe, but avoid overusing or spreading in vegetated areas or near waterways.
- 3) **Start shoveling early!** The more snow you remove, the less salt you will need.
- 4) **Make sure your nearest storm drains are clear.** Do not pile snow on storm drains and make sure your neighborhood plow is not piling snow over the drain.

Check out our website to learn more:  
[www.perkiomenwatershed.org](http://www.perkiomenwatershed.org)



# HIGHLAND/HUBER PARK MASTER PLAN

## Plan Purpose

Highland/Huber Park is a 34-acre tract of land acquired by Perkiomen, through a combination of gift and purchase. The Park is a naturalized area with woodlands, meadows, and shrublands. In undertaking this master plan, the Township wished to explore the development of primarily passive recreational facilities within the Park.

This public master plan process informed the Township on how the public might use this park and what improvements would best facilitate park use.

## Plan Goals

The plan goals were discussed at the first committee and public meetings and refined throughout the master plan process. Everyone involved understood that the site is a unique and special place with the potential to be enhanced and serve the public for generations. The plan goals are as follows:

Develop a master site plan that provides for public activities and facilities that are married with the enhancement of site ecology.

Create a safe, passive park space that is accessible to all, while maintaining reasonable buffers to adjacent neighbors.

## Public Participation

The community was a critical stakeholder in this master plan. The consultants worked with the Township to tailor public participation to the project. The 7-month process provided the team with extensive access to citizens' observations, needs, and ideas for the Park and critical feedback on park concepts and plans.

The public participation process included four (4) public meetings, four (4) project committee meetings, ten (10) key person interviews, one (1) Board of Supervisors meeting, and an on-line opinion survey.

## Community Needs and Uses

Highland/ Huber Park will function as a neighborhood park for Perkiomen Township. When the public was asked what is desired for Highland/ Huber Park, it became apparent that the offerings of the Park need to meet the needs of this community, while maintaining the integrity of this natural setting. Three major community needs were identified:

### *Hiking Trails & Universal Access*

Walking and jogging trails were the number one facility requested for the Park in the public survey. People noted the importance of being able to walk or run along a trail and experience all the areas of the Park. The Park master plan improvements ensure access to all of the Park, while providing areas for steeper hiking trails to explore the Park's woodlands.

### *Range of Community Spaces in a Passive Setting*

The master plan strives to create spaces in the new park for community interaction. New park facilities will offer a variety of spaces to facilitate these activities. Also, the public survey indicated that restrooms are a desired necessity.

### *Spaces for Nature Viewing /Education*

Most participants in the master plan process indicated a desire to maintain the natural setting of the site in the new park as a way to view and learn about the natural world.

## Probable Costs

Probable costs for development of Highland/Huber Park were established based on unit costs from construction projects of similar scope and scale and reflect prevailing wage rates that are required for publicly bid construction projects. The probable cost of development for the capital Improvements at Highland/Huber Park

is estimated at \$2,818,600. Included in the total estimated cost are design and engineering fees of \$260,000 (estimated at 12% of the total site improvements); and a construction contingency of \$216,800 (estimated at 10% of the total site improvements).

Improvements to Highland/Huber Park will be implemented in phases as funding is obtained. Discussions with the Township on project priorities resulted in a phasing plan which is a strategic approach toward implementation; however, if funding opportunities for specific projects become available before others, the phasing plan can be revised to accommodate specific funding opportunities.

- Potential funding sources include:
- Pennsylvania Department of Conservation & Natural Resources (PA DCNR)
- Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (PA DCED)
- Montgomery County 2040 Implementation Grant
- Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)
- PennVEST (Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority)
- Legislative Funding
- Private Donations
- Schools and Local Organizations

## Highland/Huber Park Master Plan

The plan has four principle components: Primary path, additional paths and trails, East side of the park, and West side of the park.

**The Primary Path** is 1.0-mile long and connects the east and west areas of the park. Two (2) small pedestrian bridges traverse drainageways. The primary path is accessible from Salem Road and the Township Line Road parking lots. Five small seating areas with interpretive signage are located near the pedestrian bridges.

Additional Paths and Trails include steep, single track hiking paths, and a boardwalk through the site's wetlands. There is planned access from Highland Manor Retirement Home and Schwenksville Elementary School. The hiking trails total 0.71-miles and weave through the park, with closer views of the Branch of the Perkiomen Creek and intermittent streams. A boardwalk throughout the largest wetland provides visitors a safe way to view this sensitive environmental resource.

**The East Side of Park**, with close proximity to Maple Hill Development, Highland Manor, and Schwenksville Elementary School, hosts most all of the community-focused amenities. These include pavilions, restroom, dog park, nature-based play area and community garden. The driveway from Salem Road will provide the main access to the park and two parking lots. Various stormwater management facilities/Best Management Practices (BMPs) will help manage stormwater and mitigate erosion.

**The West Side of Park** incorporates improvements intended to enhance natural resources and encourage quiet use while buffering adjacent neighbors. The existing meadow and turf area will be reforested and incorporate native plants to create a "food forest" – a permaculture installation of food producing woodland plants. Directly west of the primary path loop and food forest is a small proposed parking area with access from Township Line Road.







# HIGHLAND/HUBER PARK MASTER PLAN MAP

# PROPERTY OWNER'S MAINTENANCE FOR STORMWATER BMPS

BMP stands for Best Management Practice and includes such things as above ground basins, rain gardens, and non-engineered methods. The intent of BMPs is to reduce the impact of stormwater



runoff, caused by the increase of impervious area associated with development, on downstream areas. Development can range from a single-family home to a large commercial/industrial site. The general goal is to minimize, slow down, infiltrate, and/or filter stormwater runoff so that pollution to our waterways is decreased. Many BMPs will include incorporating vegetation because it has the ability to absorb water, put stormwater runoff back into the atmosphere through evapotranspiration, or help it infiltrate into the ground. Some BMPs are above ground and landscaped and while others are buried underground. Native plants are the best choice for landscaped BMPs.

When development of a project occurs and a BMP is located on private property, the long-term BMP operation and maintenance responsibilities becomes that of the Property Owner, or a separate party like an HOA. If a property was constructed after 2010, it is likely the property was developed with some type of BMP. Maintenance of the BMP is a requirement that runs with the land, in perpetuity. BMP responsibilities include: keeping the BMP free of debris (trash or natural) and dirt pile ups, ensuring pipes remain free and clear, maintaining the plants and/or materials of the BMP. Any maintenance performed on the BMP should be clearly documented (i.e., date, type of maintenance, and by whom).

Under the Township's Stormwater Management Ordinance, all new development which relies upon a BMP require Property Owners to enter into a Stormwater Operation and Maintenance Agreement which requires such owners to maintain their BMPs and stormwater conveyance measures such as pipes, inlets, and yard drains. This agreement also permits the Township to conduct inspections of the BMPs to determine if they are functioning as intended. If it is determined that a BMP is not being properly maintained or functioning as designed, Perkiomen Township will issue a resident notification to the effected property owner as to what maintenance needs to be implemented.

If a Property Owner refuses to maintain a BMP at the Townships direction, the Township can pursue legal action against a property owner to ensure such BMP maintenance is implemented and seek reimbursement for all costs incurred. This is not an ideal scenario, but it is the Township's best course of action to protect downstream waterways and neighbors.

Examples of Some Type of the BMPs in the Township that are commonly owned and maintained by private property owners:

## RAIN GARDENS and SMALL BIORETENTION BASINS

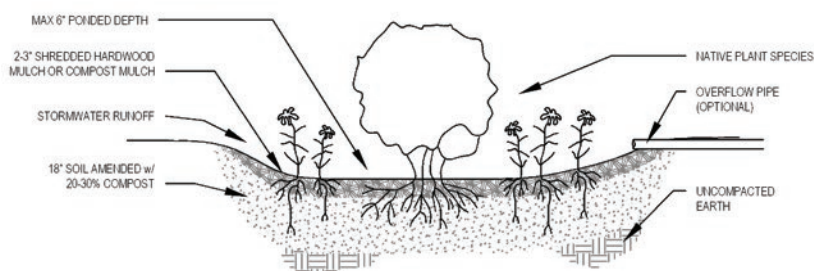
Rain Gardens, also referred to as bioretention basins, are a method of treating relatively small volumes of stormwater by allowing water to pond in a surface depression. Native species are planted within the depression to improve water quality as well as aesthetics. Water quality improvements are achieved through filtration and settling of particles through a layer of mulch and through infiltration into the surrounding soil. Plant life also contributes to pollutant uptake and improvement of water quality. Construction of a rain garden should be performed after all other areas of the site are stabilized to avoid clogging. During construction, compaction of the subgrade soil should be avoided, and construction should be performed with only light machinery.



## TYPICAL RAIN GARDEN CONFIGURATION

### Recommended Maintenance:

- Dead plant material needs to be removed yearly. Perennial plantings may be cut down at the end of the growing season.
- Mulch should be re-spread when erosion is evident and be replenished as needed. Once every 2 to 3 years the entire area may require mulch replacement.



- Rain Gardens should be inspected at least two times per year for sediment buildup, erosion, vegetative conditions, or any other conditions that negatively impact the functionality of the system.
- During periods of extended drought, Rain Gardens may require watering.
- Trees and shrubs should be inspected twice per year to evaluate health.
- Keep all yard drains, domed risers, etc. clean and free of debris.

## DRY WELL

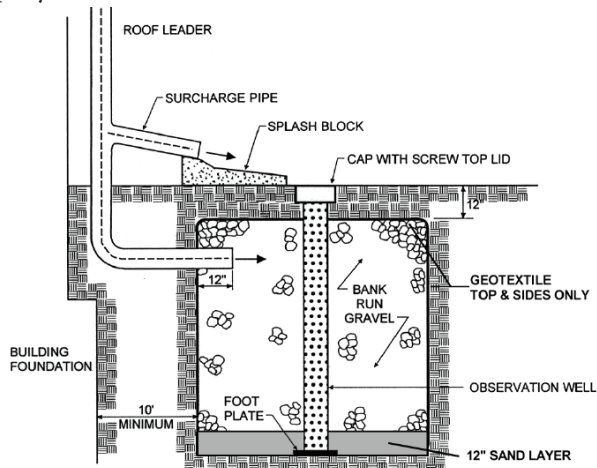
Dry wells are effective methods of infiltrating runoff from roof leaders. The dry well or seepage pit is an underground storage facility so that it can drain slowly into the soil. These facilities should be located a minimum of ten (10) feet from the building foundation to avoid seepage problems. A dry well can be either a structural prefabricated chamber or an excavated pit filled with aggregate. Construction of a dry well should be performed after all other areas of the site are stabilized to avoid clogging. During construction, compaction of the subgrade soil should be avoided, and construction should be performed with only light machinery. Depth of dry wells in excess of three and one half (3 ½) feet should be avoided.

### TYPICAL DRY WELL CONFIGURATION

#### Recommended Maintenance:



- Inspect Dry Wells at least four times a year, and after every storm exceeding 1 inch.
- Remove and dispose of sediment, debris/trash, and any other waste materials.
- Evaluate the drain-down time of the Dry Well to ensure the maximum time of 72 hours is not being exceeded. If drain-down times are exceeding the maximum, drain the Dry Well via pumping and clean out perforated piping, if included. If slow drainage persists, the system may need replacing.
- Regularly clean out gutters or install gutter guards to minimize debris from entering the Dry Well to ensure its effectiveness.
- Replace gutter guards and filter screens that intercepts roof runoff as necessary.
- If an intermediate sump box exists, clean it out at least once per year.

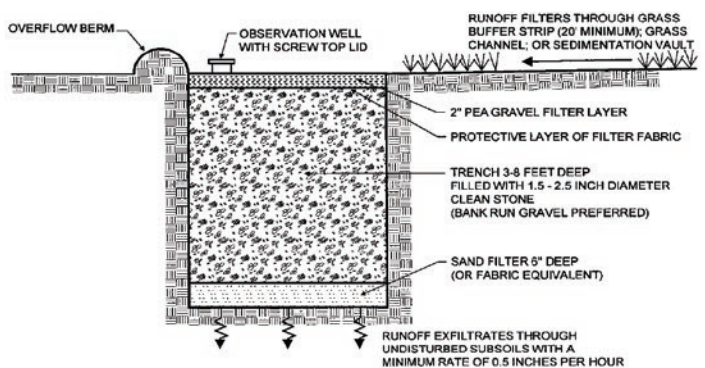


Source: Maryland Stormwater Design Manual

## INFILTRATION TRENCHES

An infiltration trench is a long, narrow, rock-filled trench with no outlet that receives stormwater runoff. Runoff is stored in the void space between the stones and infiltrates through the bottom and into the soil matrix. Infiltration trenches perform well for removal of fine sediment and associated pollutants. Pretreatment using buffer strips, swales, or detention basins is important for limiting amounts of coarse sediment entering the trench which can clog and render the trench ineffective. Construction of an infiltration trench should be performed after all other areas of the site are stabilized to avoid clogging. During construction, compaction of the subgrade soil should be avoided, and construction should be performed with only light machinery.

### TYPICAL INFILTRATION TRENCH CONFIGURATION



Source: Maryland Stormwater Design Manual

#### Recommended Maintenance:

- Filter layer should be inspected and cleaned at least 2 times per year. Once every 2 to 3 years the top rock/gravel filter area may require supplemental rock/gravel installation.
- Ensure overflow berm height is maintained.
- Stabilize area upstream of infiltration trench with grass like vegetation to minimize sediment laden water from entering the dry well.
- Evaluate the drain-down time of the Infiltration Trench to ensure the maximum time of 72 hours is not being exceeded. If drain-down times are exceeding the maximum, drain the Infiltration trench via pumping and clean out perforated piping, if included. If slow drainage persists, the system may need replacing.

#### Additional Stormwater BMP Resources are:

Landscaping with Native Plants: [www.dcnr.state.pa.us/forestry/plants/nativeplants](http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/forestry/plants/nativeplants)

the PA Stormwater Best Practices Manual (2006): <https://www.dovertownship.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/Document-68851.pdf>

Perkiomen Township website: [www.perkiomentownship.org](http://www.perkiomentownship.org) – “MS4 Information” Tab / Stormwater Management Ordinance

# CATAGNUS

## FUNERAL HOME &

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We are proud to announce the opening of our Trappe/Collegeville location. We opened this beautiful facility in May of 2021. Our large, modern chapel is available to serve families that call on us in a very difficult time of need. Our funeral home provides a large parking area for easy access. We are the tri-counties largest provider of funeral and cremation services. We offer services of the most traditional type, to services personalized and very contemporary celebrating a person's life.

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# STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

On July 5, 2022, Perkiomen Township adopted a new Stormwater Management Ordinance (No. 239), known as Perkiomen Township Stormwater Ordinance of 2022. This updated ordinance was required to ensure consistency with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection’s 2022 Model Stormwater Ordinance, in accordance with the Township’s MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System) Program.

The adoption of this Ordinance has revised the required permits in the Township. As of September, a Zoning Permit will now be required for the installation of a patio. In addition, a Stormwater Management Application will need to be completed and submitted to the Township to determine whether a proposed project would be considered exempt, a small project, or other project. Below is a summary of the thresholds for regulated activities that are exempt from the provisions of this Ordinance:



**TABLE 302.1**

**Thresholds for Regulated Activities that are Exempt from the Provisions of this Ordinance**

<b>Ordinance Article/Section</b>	<b>Activities Listed in §247-302.D.</b>	<b>&lt; 1,500 sq. ft. of Proposed Impervious Surfaces AND &lt; 5,000 sq. ft. of Proposed Earth Disturbance</b>	<b>1,500 sq. ft. to 3,000 sq. ft. of Proposed Impervious Surfaces AND &lt; 10,000 sq. ft. of Proposed Earth Disturbance</b>	<b>&gt;3,000 sq. ft of Proposed Impervious Surfaces</b>
Article I	Not Exempt	Not Exempt	Not Exempt	Not Exempt
Article II	Not Exempt	Not Exempt	Not Exempt	Not Exempt
§247-301 and 307 through 309	Not Exempt	Not Exempt	Not Exempt	Not Exempt
§247-303 through 306	Exempt	Exempt	Exempt	Not Exempt
Article IV	Exempt	Exempt	Exempt	Not Exempt
Article V	Exempt	Not Exempt	Not Exempt	Not Exempt
Article VI	Exempt	Not Exempt	Not Exempt	Not Exempt
Article VII	Not Exempt	Not Exempt	Not Exempt	Not Exempt
Article VIII	Not Exempt	Not Exempt	Not Exempt	Not Exempt
Other Erosion, Sediment and Pollution Control Requirements	Must comply with Title 25, Chapter 102 of the PA Code and other applicable State and municipal codes, including the Clean Streams Law.			

For more details please go to the “MS4 Information” tab on the Township’s website at [www.perkiomentownship.org](http://www.perkiomentownship.org) where a copy of this Ordinance and its appendixes can be found.

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# Smoke Alarm Safety at Home



Smoke alarms are an important part of a home fire escape plan. When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast. Working smoke alarms give you early warning so you can get outside quickly.

## SAFETY TIPS

- **INSTALL** smoke alarms inside every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home, including the basement.
- Larger homes may need **ADDITIONAL** smoke alarms to provide enough protection.
- For the best protection, **INTERCONNECT** all smoke alarms so when one sounds, they all sound.
- An **IONIZATION** smoke alarm is generally more responsive

to flaming fires and a **PHOTOELECTRIC** smoke alarm is generally more responsive to smoldering fires. For the best protection, both types of alarms or a combination ionization and photoelectric alarms (also known as dual sensor alarms) are recommended.

- Smoke alarms should be **INSTALLED** away from the kitchen to prevent false alarms. Generally, they should be at least 10 feet (3 meters) from a cooking appliance.
- **REPLACE** all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old.

## FACTS

- ! Roughly **two thirds** of home fire deaths happen in homes with no smoke alarms or working smoke alarms.
- ! Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in **half**.

## AND DON'T FORGET...

All smoke alarms should be tested at least once a month using the test button.



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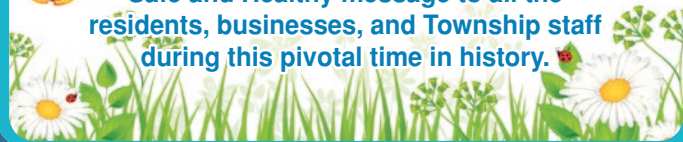
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