

PERKIOMEN

NEWSLETTER

Township

SPRING/SUMMER 2026

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

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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 Thursday of February, May, September and December at 4:30 p.m.

Park & Recreation

Second Thursday Every Other Month except no meeting in July & August at 6:30 p.m.

Zoning Hearing Board

Public Hearings held when necessary

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GOVERNMENT NUMBERS

MUNICIPAL

Perkiomen Township Tax Collector

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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: www.senatorpennycuik.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 110, Main Capitol, Harrisburg, PA, Phone:
717-772-2572.
Representative Bradford's website: pahouse.com/Bradford
and email is 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)
www.hab-inc.com 610-599-3136 or 1-866-701-7206

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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Perkiomen Township Community Day

May 30, 2026

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, May 30, 2026. 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 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 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 May 30, 2026
THERE IS NO RAIN DATE**

PERKIOMEN TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY RECYCLING EVENTS

PAPER SHREDDING EVENT

SEPTEMBER 12, 2026
9:00 A.M. TO 11:00 A.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

Saturday, June 13
9:00am - 12:00pm



ONE STOP DROP! DONATION COLLECTION EVENT

Bring your clothes, shoes, sports equipment, household items, small furniture, and more!

We are also accepting **ELECTRONICS** in any condition **FREE OF CHARGE!**

To host a Donation Drive and/or Electronics Recycling Collection Event, contact Antonio Kakaleles akakaleles@yourgoodwill.org

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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?

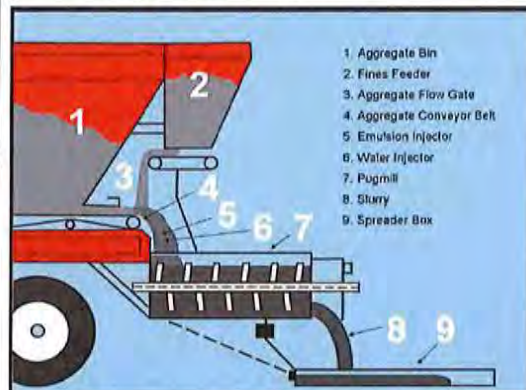
The Microsurfacing mixture is made by a specialized machine and placed on a continuous basis by mixing the materials simultaneously in a pug mill. The figure to the right shows the process in the microsurfacing machine, which results in a free-flowing composite material spread on the underlying pavement 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.



Learn More / Watch Video Here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vymdas2oY1Q>

LEAF WASTE & SMALL BRANCH DROP-OFF

Residents of Perkiomen Township may drop-off leaf waste (which does not include grass clippings, 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.



2026 ROAD PROJECTS

Perkiomen Township has selected to implement improvements on Brookside Road, Keely Lane, Wismer Road, Bauman Road, Markley Road, Eagleview Lane, and Eaglet Lane as part of our 2026 Road Projects.

Brookside Road will be comprised of a 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. As part of this project, the Township Road Crew will also be replacing deteriorated Inlet tops.

Keely Lane, Wismer Road, Bauman Road, Markley Road, Eagleview Lane & Eaglet Lane: will be comprised of a 2-inch select base repair in deteriorated areas. This means the top 2-inches of asphalt will be removed and replaced with a new wearing course in locations of potholes or in select areas of poor pavement. A total of fourteen (14) Concrete Curb Ramp upgrades will be made to existing curb ramps along these roadways. Upon completion of the concrete and paving work, these roadways will be Microsurfaced.

The 2026 Road Projects was collectively awarded in three separate Contracts as follows:

- 2026 Curb Ramp Projects: Drumheller Construction Co., Inc. of Pottstown, PA
- 2026 Road Projects (i.e., Paving): Land-Tech Enterprises, Inc. of Warrington, PA
- 2026 Microsurfacing Projects: Asphalt Paving Systems, Inc. of Hammonton, NJ

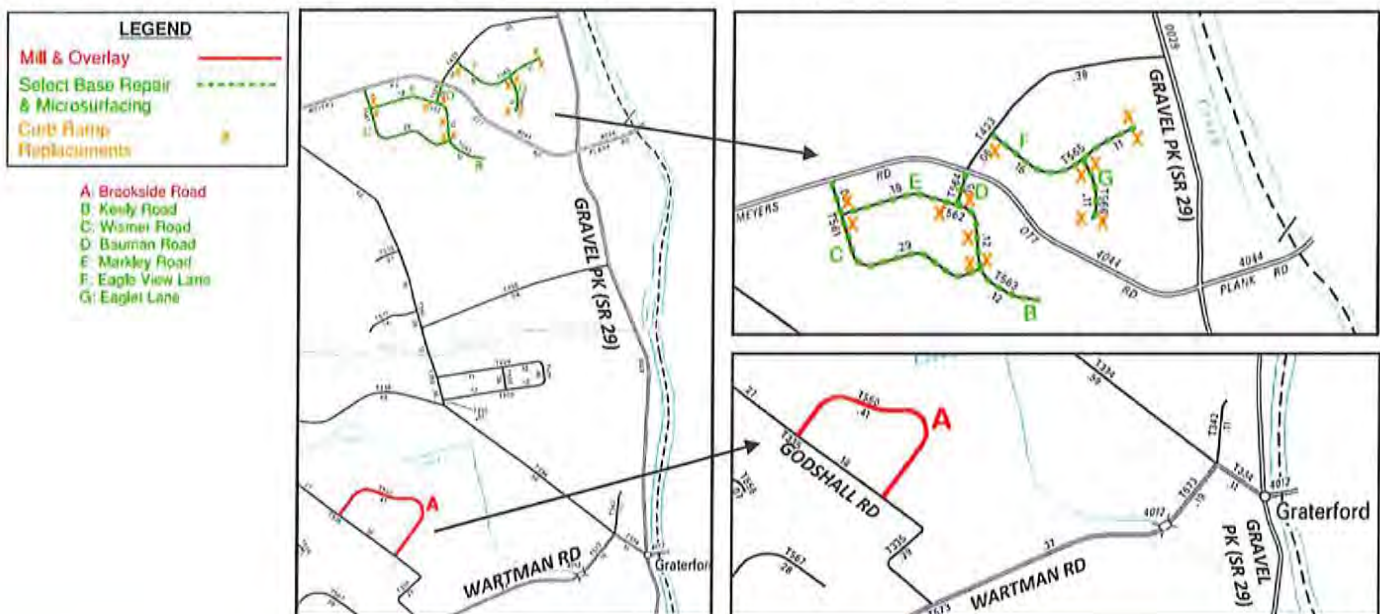
Residents who live along these roads are encouraged to perform any driveway, driveway apron, curb, or sidewalk improvements prior to May of 2026. Curb ramp improvements are anticipated to begin as early as April of 2026 and will be completed in May. Paving is anticipated to potentially occur between May-July. Microsurfacing is anticipated to occur between July and October. The noted dates are subject to change based upon contractor availability.

You should receive a notice from the various contractors associated with the 2026 Road Projects regarding temporary traffic control measures and or parking / driving restrictions closer to when construction of these projects commences.

Per the Township's Driveway Ordinance (Chapter 140), property owners are required to maintain their private driveways which includes: depressed concrete curbing, transitioning curb to vertical curbing, concrete apron, stormwater infrastructure (i.e., pipes), and/or paving material.

Per the Township's Highway Occupancy Permit (HOP) Ordinance, once a roadway is repaved, there is a 5-year period in which penalties are imposed for any work that impacts a recently paved roadway. We encourage residents to plan ahead to avoid such penalties if considering future driveway improvements which may impact the roadways.

If you are proposing to construct driveway improvements, please submit a Perkiomen Township Highway Occupancy Permit Application, which is available on the Township's website. It is noted that Highway Occupancy Permit Application permit fees for roadways considered for the 2026 Road Projects have been waived by the Board of Supervisors in an effort to encourage residents to repair their driveways prior to the Township implementing our 2026 Road Projects.





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Household Hazardous Waste

2026 Residential Event Dates

By Appointment Only. Preregistration is Required.

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.

In case of severe weather, call 610.278.3618, option 6 for event status.

Contact us at:

Recycling@MontgomeryCountyPA.gov



Dates

Saturday, June 6

Temple University–Ambler
Campus
Enter at 1431 E. Butler Pike
Ambler

Saturday, June 20

Norristown Area High School
1900 Eagle Drive
Norristown

Saturday, June 27

Abington Middle School
Enter at
2056 Susquehanna Road
Abington

Saturday, September 26

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

SUNDAY, October 11

Lower Merion Transfer Station
1300 N. Woodbine Avenue
Penn Valley

Acceptable Household Materials

paint products	outdoor products	automotive products	household products	household other
Turpentine	Swimming Pool Chemicals	Grease & Rust Solvents	Drain Openers	Acids, Caustics, Solvents
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	Aerosols
Stains, Varnish	Caulking Compounds	Antifreeze	Adhesives/Solvents	Mercury (Thermostats & Thermometers)
Shellac	Joint Compound	Car(lead-acid), Truck, Motorcycle, Marine, Batteries	Rechargeable Batteries, Lithium, Ni-Cad, Button, Lead Acid	Fluorescent Tubes and CFLs
Other Solvent-Based Paint Products	Roof Cements	Gas, Oil, Gas Oil Mixture	Spot Removers, Dry Cleaning Fluid	Ballast (must be removed from light fixture)
Wallpaper Cement	MINI Propane Tanks, No BBQ Tanks	Road Flares, No Marine Flares	Fire Extinguishers	Electric Oil-filled Heaters
Spray Paint	Pesticide		Kerosene	

Unacceptable Materials

25- or 50-Gallon Drums (5 Gallon Bucket Maximum)	Alkaline Batteries (Trash)	Appliances/White Goods	Asbestos
BBQ-Sized Propane Tanks (leave at local exchange sites)	Electronics/Televisions	Explosives & Ammunition	Freon/Refrigerants
Gas Cylinders	Helium Tanks	Latex Paint* (Water-Based)	Radioactive Waste
Sharps, Infectious or Medical Waste, Prescription Drugs	Smoke Detectors	Tires	Unidentified Waste

* 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.

For a list of where to recycle unacceptable materials, please visit the Recycling Guide: Recycling Items from A - Z at <https://www.montgomerycountypa.gov/1923/A-Z-RECYCLING-WHAT-TO-DO-WHEN-YOURE-DONE>

Drop off guidelines

- 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, and place it on your dashboard where it is visible to event staff.
- If you cannot attend the event, please cancel your appointment through your Eventbrite ticket or by emailing 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.

BIRD TOWN PENNSYLVANIA

Small Spaces + Native Plants = **Big Benefits!**

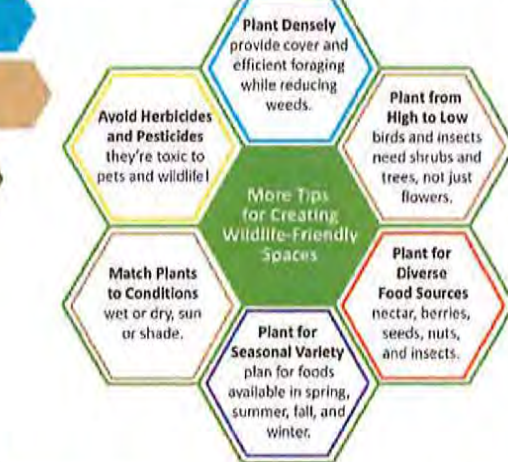
Bring birds, butterflies, and other wildlife to your space by following one simple guideline: plant native plants that create a healthy habitat.

Plant Natives that help wildlife thrive, not ornamentals from other continents.

You can make a big difference with a small yard, a border along a fence, a corner by a garage, or a cluster of containers. Planting with natives ensures a plentiful supply of the food sources and types of shelter that our native birds, butterflies, and other wildlife need to thrive.

The native plants featured here are among those with the highest wildlife value, but the more diversity you can add to your garden, the better! Many more species suitable for small spaces can be found at native plant nurseries.

A garden is a work in progress. Some maintenance will be needed, and conditions will change as your plants mature.



DID YOU KNOW?

Birds can become disoriented by bright artificial lights at night.

Billions of birds migrate through our area in the spring and fall, with the majority flying at night. Lights on at night can confuse the birds and they may waste a lot of energy trying to find their right path.

Ways to Help Your Local Birds:

1. Use exterior light only if it is needed.
2. Down-shield exterior lighting so it is only directed downward.
3. Install automatic motion sensors and controls wherever possible for outdoor lights.
4. Lights should be no brighter than necessary and use warmer color lights when possible.

To learn more or become involved in the township's environmental programs and bird-related events, reach out to the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) and its Bird Town Committee. The EAC is composed of volunteer residents appointed by the Board of Supervisors to help with environmental issues, encourage sustainable design, and protect and preserve natural resources. If you are interested in signing up for our email list, please email us at peac@perktwp.org and follow us on Facebook!



Perkiomen Township
Environmental Advisory
Council (PEAC)



Grasses	Purple Love Grass <i>Eragrostis spectabilis</i>	24"	Ornamental; cover plant
	Side-oats Grama <i>Bouteloua curtipendula</i>	24-36"	Skipper butterfly favorite
	Prairie Dropseed <i>Sporobolus heterolepis</i>	24-48"	Attracts native bees; provides nesting material

Flowers	Blue Woodland Phlox <i>Phlox divaricata</i>	6-12"	Early season blooms; provides bee food
	Butterfly Weed <i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	12-36"	Attracts butterflies and hummingbirds
	Mountain Mint <i>Pycnanthemum spp.</i>	12-36"	Pollinators love it
	Black-eyed Susan <i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>	24-36"	Seeds eaten by finches and sparrows
	Cardinal Flower <i>Labelia cardinalis</i>	24-36"	Hummingbird magnet
	Purple Coneflower <i>Echinacea purpurea</i>	24-36"	Good for butterflies; fall seeds
	Smooth Blue Aster <i>Symphyotrichum laevae</i>	24-36"	Late blooms; fall seeds
	Blazing Star <i>Liatris spicata</i>	24-48"	Provides seeds for birds; attracts hummingbirds, butterflies
	Bee Balm <i>Monarda didyma</i>	36-48"	Loved by hummingbirds and pollinators
Swamp Milkweed <i>Asclepias incarnata</i>	36-60"	Monarch favorite	

Shrubs	Lowbush Blueberry <i>Vaccinium spp.</i>	1-2'	Needs acidic soil
	Sweetpepper Bush <i>Clethra alnifolia</i>	3-8'	Pollinator magnet; provides seeds for birds
	Chokeberry (red or black) <i>Aronia spp.</i>	3-12'	Fruits; nesting habitat for birds
	Viburnum <i>Viburnum spp.</i>	5-12'	Several species to choose from; moist tolerant
	Winterberry Holly <i>Ilex verticillata</i>	6-10'	Need male and female for fruit; loved by birds; dwarf available
Spicebush <i>Lindera benzoin</i>	6-12'	Female plants produce fruit	
Witch Hazel <i>Hamamelis virginiana</i>	10-15'	Provides seeds for birds	

Small Trees	Sweetbay Magnolia <i>Magnolia virginiana</i>	10-35'	Catbird favorite; sweet-smelling blooms
	Fringe Tree <i>Chionanthus virginicus</i>	12-20'	Need male and female for fruit; loved by birds
	Serviceberry <i>Amelanchier spp.</i>	15-25'	Fruit for birds
	Eastern Redbud <i>Cercis canadensis</i>	15-30'	Early nectar source; ornamental; fast growing
	Flowering Dogwood <i>Cornus florida</i>	20-40'	Provides berries; shrubby species available
Eastern Hop-hornbeam <i>Ostrya virginica</i>	25-40'	Provides seeds for birds	

SWIMMING POOL PERMITS

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

The Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code (UCC) and International Swimming Pool and Spa Code (ISPSC) define a Swimming Pool as a pool intended for use, which is accessory to a residential setting, and available to the household and its guests. This includes in-ground, above-ground, and on-ground swimming pools.

Although they are storable and can be taken down at the end of the season, these pools are regulated by the UCC, and enforced by Perkiomen Township. **A Construction Application, a \$40.00 permit fee, and an Inspection are now required every season when these pools are installed. Compliance with the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code (ISPSC) shall always be maintained while the pool has water in it and is constructed on any property in Perkiomen Township.**



Pools that are **capable** of holding 24 inches or more of water shall be required to obtain a Permit and have a "Barrier". A Barrier is defined as a permanent fence, wall, building wall, or combination thereof, 48 inches minimum in height that completely surrounds and obstructs access to the pool. The term "Permanent" shall mean, not being able to be removed, lifted, or relocated without the use of a tool. These Barrier Requirements are intended to provide protection against potential drownings and near-drownings by restricting access.

Property owners who fail to obtain a permit for these pools may face a fine of up to \$1000.00. Any questions regarding swimming pools should be directed to the Township's Code Enforcement Officer at 610-489-4034, extension 120.

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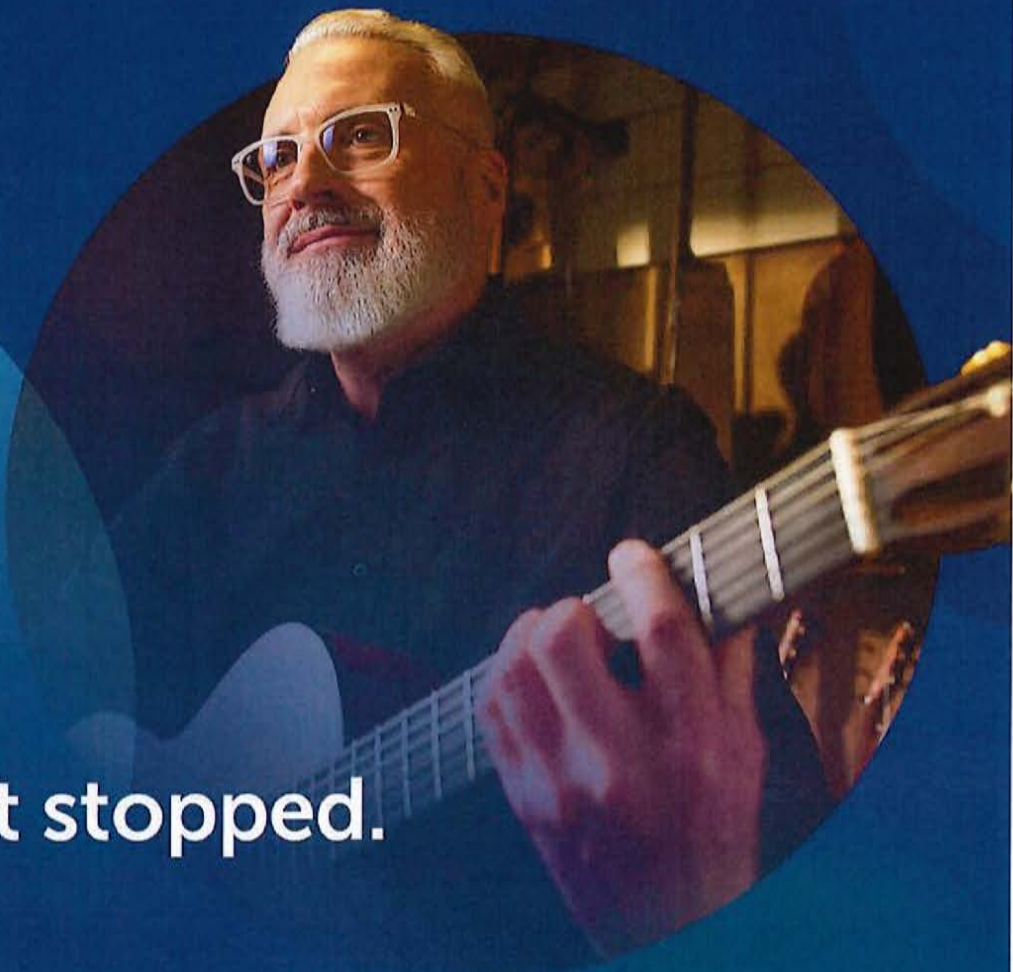
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DISPOSAL OF NEEDLES OR SHARPS

OTHER DISPOSAL OPTIONS



Ask your doctor if he or she will accept your properly "containerized" sharps for safe disposal.



Contact your local hospital to see if it will accept sharps that have been properly secured in a container.



Check with your pharmacy. Some sell specially designed containers for use by homeowners in securing health care wastes for disposal in household trash.



If your community is served by a regional household hazardous waste (HHW) collection facility, ask if it will accept your sharps.



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Home health care wastes primarily consist of used "sharps," such as needles, syringes, lancets and other sharp objects, as well as soiled bandages, disposable sheets and medical gloves. You can help prevent injury, illness and pollution by following some simple steps when disposing of these wastes in your household trash.



1. Place all sharps in a puncture-resistant, hard plastic or metal container. An empty detergent bottle with a screw-on cap or an empty coffee can will do.



2. Close the container with its original lid and secure with heavy duty tape.



3. Place the tightly sealed container in a paper bag and discard it with your household trash.



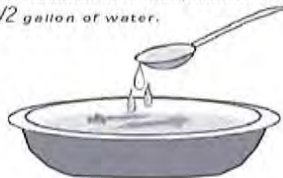
DO NOT PLACE IT WITH YOUR RECYCLABLES.

4. Place non-sharp home health care wastes in a doubled, securely fastened, opaque plastic trash bag before putting them in your garbage can with other wastes.



RECOMMENDED TREATMENT:

Prior to disposal, disinfect your sharps with a solution of 1 teaspoon of bleach in 1/2 gallon of water.



"DOs & DON'Ts"

DO:

- Place sharps in an opaque, puncture-resistant container.
- Seal lids on containers of sharps with heavy-duty tape.
- Seal trash bags with tape or wire/plastic ties.
- Label plastic jug or metal can "DO NOT RECYCLE."
- Keep waste containers out of reach of children and animals.

DON'T:

- Place loose sharps in the trash or toilet.
- Label the containers as medical waste.
- Clip needles with a pair of scissors.
- Place sealed containers in with recyclables.

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SPRING STORMWATER SOLUTIONS



SPRING 2026

In addition to flowers, spring showers can also bring stormwater runoff! As rain flows over lawns, driveways and streets, it carries pollutants like fertilizers, soil, oil and litter into our waterways. See below for simple steps you can take this spring to protect clean water and reduce flooding.

SIMPLE STEPS YOU CAN TAKE AT HOME TO PROTECT LOCAL STREAMS & CREEKS!

SPRING STORMWATER TIPS FOR YOUR PROPERTY

- **Clean Gutters & Downspouts:** Remove leaves and debris so rainwater can flow freely. Direct downspouts to grassy areas or gardens instead of driveways.
- **Plant Natives:** Add native trees, shrubs and perennials to help soak up spring rains. Consider planting a rain garden in low spots of your yard where water naturally collects.
- **Mulch Garden Beds:** Mulch helps to prevent weed growth, reduce erosion, keep soil moist and reduce runoff. Make sure to use un-dyed mulch!
- **Install a Rain Barrel:** Rain barrels are designed to capture stormwater from your roof. You can use the collected water for gardens and landscaping!



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SUMMER STORMWATER SOLUTIONS



SUMMER 2026

Stormwater runoff is rainwater that flows over lawns, driveways and streets, picking up pollutants along the way and carrying them straight into our waterways. This summer you can help to reduce stormwater runoff by following the tips below!

SUMMER STORMWATER TIPS FOR YOUR PROPERTY

- **Water Wisely:** Water lawns early in the morning or late evening to reduce water loss through evaporation. Avoid overwatering which can lead to runoff.
- **Use Fertilizers & Pesticides Sparingly:** Only apply when necessary and follow label instructions. Never apply before rain is expected!
- **Mow Smart:** Keep grass longer (3") to absorb more water. Leave clippings on the lawn as a natural fertilizer - never blow into streets or storm drains!
- **Wash Cars the Right Way:** Take your car to a commercial car wash where water is treated. If washing at home, do it on grass or gravel so water can soak in.
- **Try a Summer-Friendly Project:** Plant native flowers, shrubs or trees that soak up rain. Install a rain barrel to collect and reuse stormwater!

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