



# PERKIOMEN NEWSLETTER *Township*

*Dear Perkiomen Township Residents,*

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

### TOWNSHIP CONTACT INFORMATION

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

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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**

Public Hearings held when necessary



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# PERKIOMEN TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CONTACT INFORMATION

## GOVERNMENT NUMBERS

### MUNICIPAL

#### Perkiomen Township Tax Collector

David W. Runyan - 610-547-5532

FAX: 484-971-4029

P. O. BOX 26681, COLLEGEVILLE, PA 19426

E-MAIL ADDRESS: perktcdrunyan@gmail.com

Web Site: www.taxcollectordave.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

Trappe Fire Company and Ambulance –

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

### District Justice County 31-38-1-24

Albert Augustine – 610-584-4732

### PA State Police

610-584-1250 (Non-Emergencies) Otherwise call 911

**Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy** – 610-287-9383

## PENNSYLVANIA STATE DEPARTMENTS

### Pennsylvania Department of Transportation

Montgomery County –

Penn Dot Maintenance Section – 610-275-2368

Penn Dot – District 6 – 610-205-6700

### POT HOLE REPAIR STATE ROADS

Contact the PENNDOT Maintenance

Hotline at **1-800-FIX ROAD**

### Pennsylvania Environmental Protection

484-250-5900 (24 hours/day)

### Pennsylvania Senator Bob Mensch

Local Office: 215-541-2388

### Pennsylvania Representative 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

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

### Montgomery County Recorder of Deeds

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

### Montgomery County Parks

Central Perkiomen Park Valley Park – 610-287-6970

Pennypacker Mills – 610- 287- 9349

### Montgomery County Voter Services

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

## UNITED STATES POST OFFICES

Collegeville – 610-409-0572

Schwenksville – 610-287-3551

## LIBRARIES

Montgomery County Library – Norristown: 610-278-5100

Perkiomen Valley Library – 610-287-8360

### Berkheimer Associates

**(Earned Income Tax Questions)**

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

### S.P.C.A.

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

Conshohocken: 610-825-0111

Perkiomenville – 610-754-7822

## PRIVATE WATER COMPANIES

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

Aqua of Pennsylvania – 1-877-987-2782

**PECO EMERGENCIES** – 1-800-841-4141

## NO BURNING REGULATIONS

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



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## 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

<b>April</b>	<b>9</b>	Perky 5k
<b>June</b>	<b>4</b>	Community Day
<b>August</b>	<b>28</b>	Annual Car Show
<b>October</b>	<b>9</b>	Fire Prevention Week
<b>November</b>	<b>5</b>	Comedy Show
	<b>24</b>	Thanksgiving Breakfast Buffet/Fundraiser
<b>December</b>	<b>17</b>	*Santa Visits Township



## PERMIT REMINDERS!

Before you start your home projects, be advised permits may be required. Perkiomen Township issues Construction, Zoning, Plumbing, and Highway Occupancy Permits. Construction Permits are required for New Dwellings, Decks, Patios with Footers, Swimming Pools (both seasonal & permanent), Additions, and Structural Alterations. Zoning Permits are required for Sheds, Barns, Detached Garages, Gazebos, Fences, Home Occupations, No Impact Home Based Business, & In-law Quarters. Plumbing Permits are required for any plumbing work in which a Construction Permit is required. Highway Occupancy Permits are required for any new or altered driveway regardless of the material



used. Although Perkiomen Township does not specifically require Electrical Permits, we recommend any electrical work be inspected by a Certified Electrical Inspection Agency for insurance purposes. Electrical work in which a Construction Permit is obtained is required to have the electrical work inspected as part of the Construction Permit.

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

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

## 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.

# Perkiomen Township Community Recycling Events

## PAPER SHREDDING EVENT

SEPTEMBER 10, 2022 • 11:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.

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

# Recycling Day

## Anything with a Plug™



**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2022**  
Perkiomen Township, 1 Trappe Road, Collegeville  
9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

### Perkiomen Township

is proud to offer its **residents** the opportunity to responsibly recycling obsolete electronics on **Saturday, September 10, 2022**.

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

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

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

#### ACCEPTED ITEMS INCLUDE:

TV's  
Laptops  
Peripherals  
Typewriters  
Telephones  
Microwaves  
Cameras  
Cell Phones  
Calculators  
Computer Monitors  
Dehumidifiers  
Computers  
Mice  
Small Appliances  
Fax Machines  
Keyboards  
Printers  
Air Conditioners

**All Data Media  
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#### THERE WILL BE A CHARGE TO RECYCLE CERTAIN ELECTRONICS.

#### THE CHARGE FOR THOSE ELECTRONICS IS AS FOLLOWS:

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



**All residents must pre-register on Eventbrite link below:**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/electronics-recycling-day-anything-with-a-plug-tickets-260265429907>



# Spring Stormwater Management

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

1. **Plant native plants!** Native plants provide biodiversity and require less maintenance and water to thrive.
2. **Mulch your grass clippings.** Grass clippings are a source of nitrogen fertilizer. Let them decompose on your lawn and never blow them into the street.
3. **Use chemicals sparingly.** When spreading fertilizer, use it sparingly to ensure the excess does not overflow into runoff when rain comes.
4. **Pick up pet waste.** Pick up, bag, and dispose of pet waste properly to prevent unhealthy bacteria from flowing into local waterways.



# Summer Stormwater Management

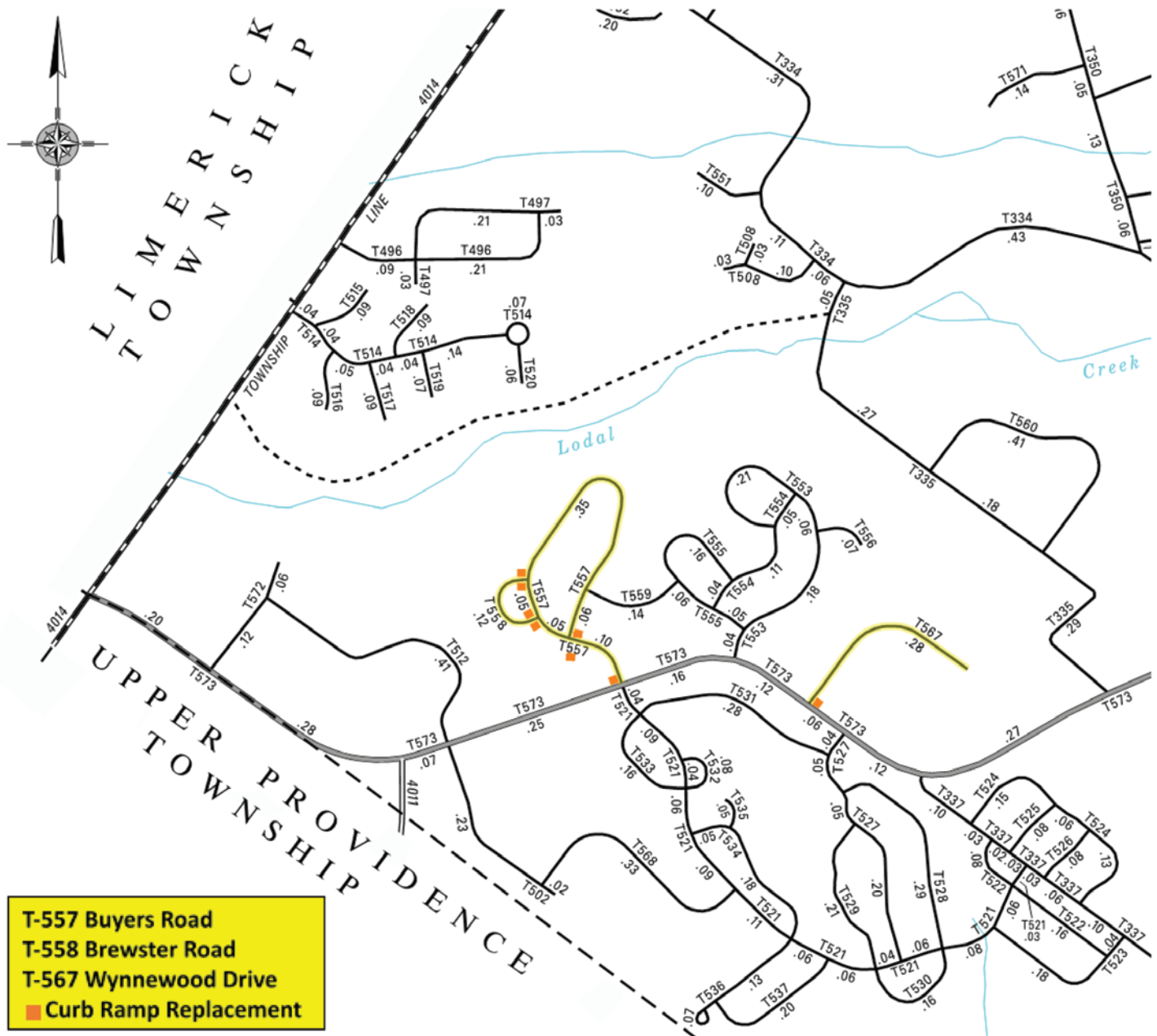
Here are some tips for managing stormwater on your property this spring:

1. **Wash your car at a car wash.** When you wash your car on the driveway or the street, grease, soap, and oil can wash into streams and creeks.
2. **Never dump anything down stormwater drains.** Remember that storm drains empty directly into local waterways without being treated so whatever enters storm drains will flow into streams and creeks.
3. **Direct downspouts over porous, not paved surfaces.** Where possible, direct downspouts into garden beds, your lawn or consider installing a rain barrel.
4. **Raise your mower height.** Raising your mower height to at least 3 inches will slow of the flow of water over your lawn and allow it to absorb more rainwater.

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



# 2022 ROAD PROJECT



## Perkiomen Township is performing the following road work in 2022:

- **BUYERS ROAD** – Entire length. This work will include full width milling, select base repair, overlay and replacement of three curb ramps;
- **BREWSTER ROAD** – Entire length. This work will include full width milling, select base repair, overlay and replacement of four curb ramps;
- **WYNNEWOOD DRIVE** – Entire length. This work will include a 7-ft curb line mill, select base repair, overlay and replacement of a single curb ramp.



# HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

## 2022 MONTGOMERY COUNTY PA RESIDENTIAL EVENTS

### By Appointment Only, Preregistration is Required

Register at [www.MontcoPARecycles.org](http://www.MontcoPARecycles.org)

#### **DATES:**

**Saturday, April 30**

**Boyertown Middle School East**  
2020 Big Road, Gilbertsville

**Saturday, May 7**

**Indian Valley Middle School**  
130 Maple Avenue, Harleysville

**Saturday, May 21**

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

**Saturday, June 18**

**Norristown Area High School**  
1900 Eagle Drive, Norristown

**Saturday, June 25**

**Abington Junior High School**  
Enter at 2056 Susquehanna Road, Abington

**Saturday, September 24**

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

**SUNDAY, October 23**

**Lower Merion Transfer Station**  
1300 N. Woodbine Avenue, Penn Valley

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

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

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

Contact us at:

[MontcoPARecycles.org](http://MontcoPARecycles.org)  
[recycling@montcopa.org](mailto:recycling@montcopa.org) 610.278.3618



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

## UNACCEPTABLE MATERIALS

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

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

## DROP OFF GUIDELINES

- Montgomery County events are following state guidelines and public health restrictions.
- Leave items at home that are not for the event so that they are not removed accidentally.
- If you need your gas can or container returned, please tape a note to it stating that you want to keep it.
- You may arrive any time within your registered appointment window.
- Please print out your ticket or write your name and appointment time on a piece of paper.
- If you cannot attend the event, please cancel your appointment through your Eventbrite ticket or by emailing recycling@montcopa.org, 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.
- Maximum amount accepted is 25 gallons or 220 pounds. No 25- or 50-gallon drums.
- There are no permanent drop off locations in the region for household hazardous waste, only the listed collections.



# 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.



## 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** 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 ehabilitation method.

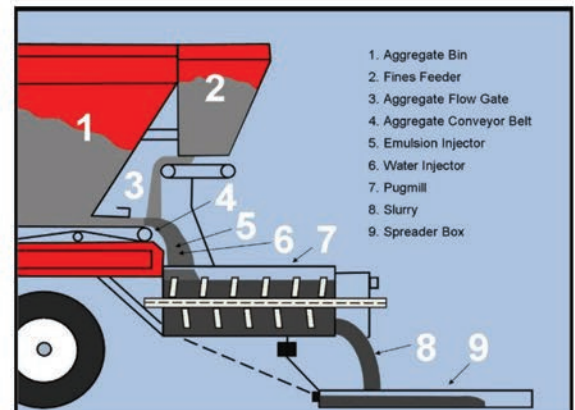
Example projects in the past 5 years include: Belgian Rd, Equestrian Ln, Stallion Ln, Cranberry Blvd., Elizabeth Ct, King Rd, Northridge Rd, Queen Rd, and Stewart Rd.



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.



Learn More / Watch Video Here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vymdas2oY10>

# SWIMMING POOL GUIDELINES

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

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

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

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

## POOL GUIDELINES:

### A. Disposal of Water To Sanitary Sewer

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



### B. Discharge of Water

The following guidelines must be followed if water is not pumped or hauled to a sanitary sewer. Water should be pumped over a grassy area to allow absorption, filtration and aeration of water. The discharge should be at a rate which prevents erosion and optimizes infiltration. In no event shall pool waters be directly discharged to waters of the Commonwealth.

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

## SWIMMING POOL GUIDELINES:

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

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



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



# Highlands/Huber Park Master Plan Public Meeting #3

Perkiomen Township is currently working on a master plan for Highlands/Huber Park. Please join us to share your ideas and help shape the future of the new Park.



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TO JOIN  
THE MEETING  
VIRTUALLY



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THE SURVEY



**Thursday, May 26th, @ 7:00 - 8:30 PM**

**Perkiomen Township Administration Building Meeting Room  
1 Trappe Road Collegeville, PA 9426**

All attendees, both **in-person and virtual** will have the opportunity to ask questions and provide input at the meeting.

To join virtually, please participate in the meeting by scanning the QR code or through the following link:

<https://tinyurl.com/HHP-PM3>

In conjunction with the Public Meetings there will also be a public survey open February 17, 2022, until approximately May 26, 2022. Please use the link below to access the survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Highland-HuberPark>



**Future Public Meeting Dates:**

**#4 - September 15th, 2022 @ 7PM**



**For additional information, please contact:**

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Peter Simone

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[psimone@simonecollins.com](mailto:psimone@simonecollins.com)

(610) 239-7601  
(610) 239-7601

# PERKIOMEN TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY DAY

## June 4, 2022

### Greetings to all Perkiomen Township Residents:

The Perkiomen Township Board of Supervisors and Park & Recreation Committee invite you to attend our Annual Community Day on Saturday, June 4, 2022. The event will be held 11 A.M. to 3 P.M. on Township property at 1 Trappe Road. Parking for the event will be at the stone parking lot located between the Township Building and pavilion.

Activities for this year will include moonwalks, face painting, a magician, character portraits and balloon sculptures and also a petting zoo. There will be train rides at the Live Steamers across from the Township Pavilion. There will be music throughout the day. Food and beverage 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 and to do blood pressure testing. State Police will be doing Finger Printing for the children. Montgomery County Sheriff's Department will have their Bomb Disposal equipment and other equipment on display and will have personnel available to explain their duties.

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

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

**Hope to see you on June 4, 2022**

**THERE IS NO RAIN DATE**



## Lightning Safety

Thunder and lightning storms happen all the time. Know what to do to keep you and your family safe when storms strike!

**Safety Tips**

### Outdoor Safety

- » If you can hear thunder, you are within striking distance of lightning. Look for shelter inside a home, large building, or a hard-topped vehicle right away.
- » Do not go under trees for shelter. There is no place outside that is safe during a thunderstorm.
- » Wait at least 30 minutes after hearing the last clap of thunder before leaving your shelter.
- » Stay away from windows and doors. Stay off porches.
- » There is no safe place outside. Places with only a roof on sports fields, golf courses, and picnic areas are not safe during a lightning storm. Small sheds should not be used.
- » If a person is struck by lightning, call 9-1-1. Get medical help right away.

### Indoor Safety

Turn off computers. Stay off corded phones, computers, and other things that put you in direct contact with electricity or plumbing. You can use a cell or cordless phone.

Do not wash your hands, bathe, shower, do laundry, or wash dishes.



### FAST FACTS

Lightning may strike as far as 10 miles from any rain.



Your Source for SAFETY Information  
NFPA Public Education Division • 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169

# PERKIOMEN TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY E-PAYMENT SERVICE

Now set  
up automatic  
bill payments

**PAYMENTS ARE WITHDRAWN MONTHLY**

*with a debit or credit card!*



*No fee  
for this  
service!*



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

# 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**.

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