



# PERKIOMEN

## NEWSLETTER

### Summer 2021

# Township

Dear Perkiomen Township Residents,

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

#### **TOWNSHIP CONTACT INFORMATION**

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

1 Trappe Road, Collegeville, PA 19426

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

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

Township Manager: Cecile M. Daniel



#### **MEETING SCHEDULE**

##### **Board of Supervisors**

First Tuesday of Each Month at 7:00 p.m.

##### **Planning Commission**

Third Tuesday of Each Month at 7:00 p.m.

##### **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

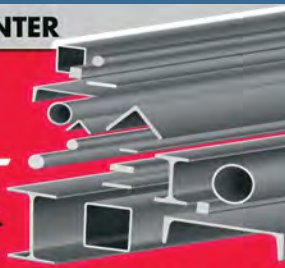


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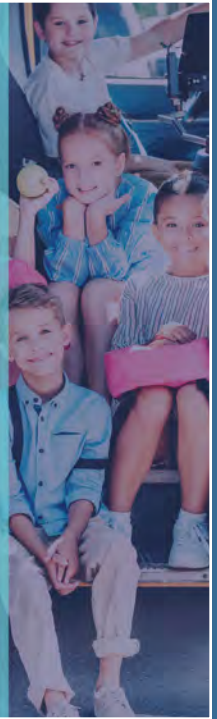
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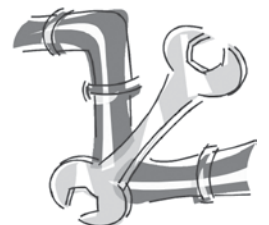
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# PERKIOMEN TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CONTACT INFORMATION

## 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: perktdrunyan@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 – 1-800-841-414

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### Important News From The . . .

## PERKIOMEN TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

Infiltration is groundwater and or rain water that enters the sanitary sewer collection system through defects in the system. These defects include cracked or broken pipes, deteriorated manholes, faulty laterals or lateral connections, etc.

Inflow is groundwater or rain water that enters the sanitary sewer collection system through direct connections to the system. These connections include floor or foundation drains, sump pumps, rain leaders, low lying vents for laterals, faulty manhole covers and frames, etc.

Perkiomen Township Municipal Authority has a Representative Metering Agreement with the **LPVRS**. Under this agreement, LPVRS installed two meters in the connections that the PTMA has in the Perkiomen Interceptor. The purpose of these meters is to determine the amount of infiltration/inflow the PTMA Sewer System is sending to the Oaks Wastewater Treatment Plant through the Perkiomen Interceptor. Infiltration/inflow is a major issue for both the sewer system and a treatment plant; therefore; PTMA must deal with this issue or face financial penalties under the Representative Metering Agreement.



The PTMA has annually been putting money into the maintenance of the sewer collection system that is over 36 miles of sanitary sewer main as well as over 800 sanitary sewer manholes. In an effort to identify and reduce the infiltration/inflow and thus minimize any increase in the sewer user charges, the repairs to the system have been insignificant in comparison to the amount of infiltration/inflow still being experienced. The result is the need to increase the amount of money the PTMA is putting into maintaining and operating the sewer collection system or face the financial penalties under the Representative Metering Agreement.

The control of infiltration/inflow is not limited to the sanitary sewer collection system owned by the PTMA. Infiltration/inflow can be coming from individual properties in the form of floor drains, sump pumps, rain leaders, low lying sewer vents, etc. **These should not be connected to the sanitary sewer system** as they could be adding to the infiltration/inflow problem. If you have any of these connections on your property they must be disconnected immediately. Hopefully by working together, any future increases in the sewer user charges can be kept at a minimum.

## 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.**





# STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

## STORMWATER BASIC INFORMATION

### Stormwater Program

#### OVERVIEW

Stormwater runoff is generated when precipitation from rain and snowmelt events flows over land or impervious surfaces and does not percolate into the ground. As the runoff flows over the land or impervious surfaces (paved streets, parking lots, and building rooftops), it accumulates debris, chemicals, sediment or other pollutants that could adversely affect water quality if the runoff is discharged untreated. The primary method to control stormwater discharges is the use of best management practices (BMPs). In addition, most stormwater discharges are considered point sources and require coverage under an NPDES permit. For more information about the Stormwater program, visit EPA's web site for the Stormwater Basic Information page.

#### SMALL MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEMS (MS4)

Federal regulations that were issued by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) established permit requirements within the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) for discharge to surface water from certain MS4s. The intent of these regulations is to improve water quality of the waterways in the United States. The permit requirement applies to small MS4s that have been designated by Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PEDEP). Perkiomen Township has been designated by the PADEP as one of these small MS4s. Perkiomen Township's NPDES Permit Number is 130069. The following is a link to EPA's web site for an overview of Stormwater Discharges From Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s) – <http://cfpub.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater/munic.cfm>

## INFORMATION FOR HOMEOWNERS, RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES

#### WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP

As stormwater flows over driveways, lawns, and sidewalks, it picks up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants. Stormwater can flow into a storm sewer system or directly to a lake, stream, river, wetland, or coastal water. Anything that enters a storm sewer system is discharged untreated into the waterbodies we use for swimming, fishing, and providing drinking water. Polluted runoff is the nation's greatest threat to clean water. By practicing healthy household habits, homeowners can keep common pollutants like pesticides, pet waste, grass clippings, and automotive fluids off the ground and out of stormwater. Adopt these healthy household habits and help protect lakes, streams, rivers, wetlands, and coastal waters. Remember to share the habits with your neighbors!

#### HOME REPAIR AND IMPROVEMENT

- **Before beginning an outdoor project**, locate the nearest storm drains and protect them from debris and other materials.
- **Sweep up and properly dispose** of construction debris such as concrete and mortar.
- **Use hazardous substances like paints, solvents, and cleaners in the smallest amounts possible**, and follow the directions on the label. Clean up spills immediately, and dispose of the waste safely. Store substances properly to avoid leaks and spills.
- **Purchase and use** nontoxic, biodegradable, recycled, and recyclable products whenever possible.
- **Clean paint brushes in a sink, not outdoors**. Filter and reuse paint thinner when using oil-based paints. Properly dispose of excess paints through a household hazardous waste collection program, or donate unused paint to local organizations.
- **Reduce the amount of paved area and increase the amount of vegetated area** in your yard. Use native plants in your landscaping to reduce the need for watering during dry periods. Consider directing downspouts away from paved surfaces onto lawns and other measures to increase infiltration and reduce polluted runoff.



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## STORMWATER MANAGEMENT continued

### PET CARE

When walking your pet, remember to pick up the waste and dispose of it properly. Flushing pet waste is the best disposal method. Leaving pet waste on the ground increases public health risks by allowing harmful bacteria and nutrients to wash into the storm drain and eventually into local waterbodies.



### SEPTIC SYSTEM USE AND MAINTENANCE



- **Have your septic system inspected** by a professional at least every 3 years, and have the septic tank pumped as necessary (usually every 3 to 5 years).
- **Care for the septic system drainfield** by not driving or parking vehicles on it. Plant only grass over and near the drainfield to avoid damage from roots.
- **Flush responsibly.** Flushing household chemicals like paint, pesticides, oil, and antifreeze can destroy the biological treatment taking place in the system. Other items, such as diapers, paper towels, and cat litter, can clog the septic system and potentially damage components.

## INFORMATION FOR BUSINESS STORMWATER DISCHARGES FROM COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES

### VEHICLE, BUSES, AUTOMOBILE FACILITIES AND GARAGE

- **Use a commercial car wash or wash your car on a lawn or other unpaved surface** to minimize the amount of dirty, soapy water flowing into the storm drain and eventually into your local waterbody.
- **Clean up spilled fluids immediately** and properly dispose of clean up/absorbent material. Do not rinse the spills into a nearby storm drain. Remember to properly dispose of the absorbent material.
- **Recycle used oil and other automotive fluids** at participating service stations. Don't dump these chemicals down the storm drain or dispose of them in your trash.
- **Properly maintain fleet vehicles** to prevent oil, gas, and other discharges from being washed into the storm drain.
- **Dirt, oil, and debris** that collect in parking lots and paved areas can be washed into the storm sewer system.
- **Sweep up litter and debris** from sidewalks, driveways and parking lots, especially around storm drains.
- **Cover grease storage and dumpsters** and keep them clean to avoid leaks.



## FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – <http://www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater>

PA Department of Environmental Protection – [www.dep.state.pa.us](http://www.dep.state.pa.us)

PA Department of Environmental Protection – Southeast Regional Office, 2 E. Main Street, Norristown, PA 19401-4915

In case of environmental emergency, please call 484-250-5900 (24 hours)

# PERKIOMEN TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY DAY

August 7, 2021

## 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, August 7, 2021. 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 August 7, 2021 . . . THERE IS NO RAIN DATE**

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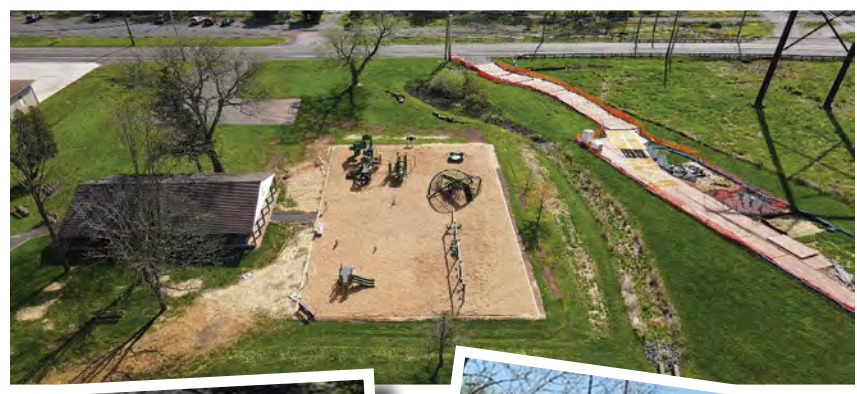
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# PERKIOMEN TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

## CAUSES OF SEWER BACK-UPS

The Perkiomen Township Municipal Authority spent time televising the sanitary sewer mains in certain areas of the Township in 2015. While completing this televising, the Township/Municipal Authority found grease build-up and tree roots in some of the sewer laterals. The Municipal Authority has the responsibility for the maintenance of the sanitary sewer mains. The responsibility to maintain the sewer laterals from the home or building to the sewer main belongs to the property owner.

One of the main causes of sewer blockages is grease in the sewer laterals and sewer mains. Do not pour grease down your sink. As the grease cools it attaches itself to the walls of the sewer laterals. As time goes on and more grease is poured down the sink, the grease will continue to build-up until you could be faced with a blockage in your sewer lateral or in the sewer main. Using hot water to wash the grease down the drain only causes the grease to build up farther into the sewer lateral or into the sewer main. Grease should be collected in a metal container and allowed to cool and solidify prior to throwing away in the normal trash. The photograph on the left is of a lateral that is beginning to have a grease build up that could eventually lead to a blockage in the homeowners lateral.



*above: grease buildup in lateral*

Root intrusion causes slow drainage and can eventually lead to a blockage in the sewer lateral. Sewer laterals are usually made up of either vitrified clay, cast iron, or PVC pipe. Roots will generally grow into pipes where there is already a defect in the pipe. Over time, the tree roots can push their way into any cracks or the joints in the pipe. As the tree or shrubs grow, so do their roots. As the roots grow, they can move toward a source of water which can be your sewer lateral. When considering where to plant trees or shrubs try to plant them away from your sewer laterals. The further the distance of the tree or shrub, the better chance that you may not encounter this problem. The following are examples of root intrusion in homeowner laterals.

*at right:  
root intrusion  
in homeowner  
laterals*



Also, please keep in mind that objects such as toys, paper towels, disposable diapers, baby wipes, and cleaning wipes can also become clogged in your sewer lateral. Please do not flush these items down your toilet as they can become trapped in your lateral and, over time create a buildup that will clog the lateral resulting in a sewer back-up.

# HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE 2021 MONTGOMERY COUNTY PA RESIDENTIAL EVENTS

By appointment only, preregistration required.

## DATES:

**Saturday, June 19**

**Abington Junior High School**

Enter at 2056 Susquehanna Road, Abington

**Saturday, September 25**

**Spring-Ford 9th Grade Center**

400 South Lewis Road, Royersford

**Sunday, October 25**

**Lower Merion Transfer Station**


1300 N. Woodbine Avenue, Penn Valley

**REGISTRATION AVAILABLE:** [MontcoPARecycles.org](http://MontcoPARecycles.org)

Free residential collection events are held outdoors. 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**  
**recycling@montcopa.org**  
**610.278.3618**

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## MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Valerie A. Arkoosh, MD, MPH, Chair • Kenneth E. Lawrence, Jr., Vice Chair • Joseph C. Gale, Commissioner

## COVID-19 SAFETY GUIDELINE

- Montgomery County events are following state guidelines and public health restrictions.
- Events may be cancelled based on the status of the pandemic as per state requirements.
- Materials must be in the trunk of the car or bed of the truck or SUV. Leave items at home that are not for the event.
- If you need your gas can or container returned, please tape a note to it stating that you want to keep it.
- You must stay in your car and wear a mask while in the event site.
- You may arrive any time within your registered appointment window.
- Please print out your ticket if possible (or write your name and appointment time on a piece of paper) and place it on your dashboard.
- If you cannot attend the event, please cancel your appointment through Eventbrite or by contacting Montco Recycling, as others may be waiting for an opening.

## 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
Oil-Based Paints	Asphalt Sealers	Transmission/Brake Fluid	Mothballs/Flakes	Reactives
Stains, Varnish	Caulking Compounds	Antifreeze	Adhesives/Solvents	Lead
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, Ballast, and CFLs
Wallpaper Cement	MINI Propane Tanks	Flares	Fire Extinguishers	Aerosols
Spray Paint	Pesticide		Kerosene	Electric Oil-filled Heaters

## UNACCEPTABLE MATERIALS

Explosives & Ammunition	Electronics	Asbestos	Appliances/White Goods
Infectious or Medical Waste	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

- NO TV's, electronics, or appliances will be accepted
- Event workers will unload your materials so please remain in your vehicle with your windows up.
- **BUSINESSES AND CONTRACTORS WILL BE TURNED AWAY**, commercial/industrial generated hazardous waste will not be accepted.
- Bring all substances in original containers with labels. Items must be identifiable. Do not mix materials.
- Gas containers returned upon request.
- 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. A five-gallon bucket is the largest acceptable container.
- Event workers will unload your materials so please remain in your vehicle.
- There are no permanent drop off locations in the region for household hazardous waste, only the listed collections.



# Recycling Day

## Anything with a Plug™



### 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

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 7, 2021**

Perkiomen Township, 1 Trappe Road, Collegetown  
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, August 7, 2021**.

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.

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**THERE WILL BE A CHARGE TO RECYCLE CERTAIN ELECTRONICS.  
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- **\$30** per CRT, LCD, LED TV, (TVs unless otherwise specified) or computer monitor
- **\$10** per air conditioner or Dehumidifier
- **\$100** per wooden console or rear-projection TV

### Perkiomen Township Community Recycling Events

#### **PAPER SHREDDING EVENT**

**August 7, 2021**

**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.**

# MANAGING SPRING/SUMMER STORMWATER

## Tips For Reducing Stormwater Pollution On Your Property This Spring/Summer

- 1) **Plant native trees, shrubs and perennials!** Native plants have deep root systems which help them to absorb more rain water than non-natives. They also require less maintenance than non-native plants.



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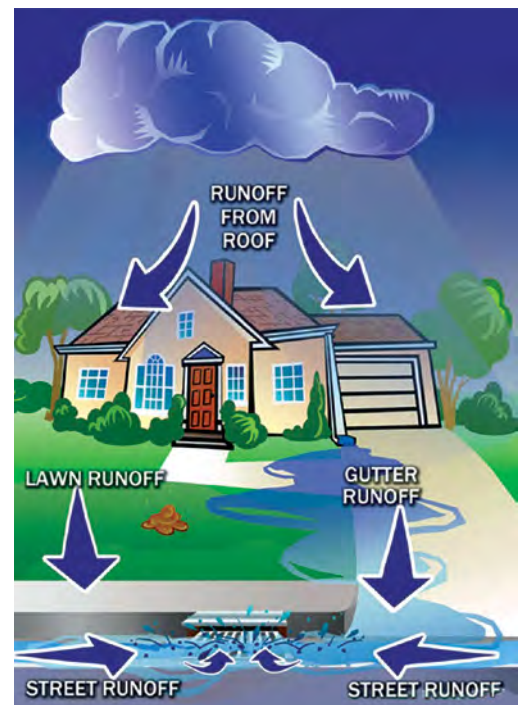
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- 2) **Install a rain barrel.** Rain barrels capture water from your roof before it can become polluted storm water runoff. It is also a great source of free water that can be used to water plants or top off swimming pool.
- 3) **Reduce chemical use and never use before it rains.** Fertilizers and weed killers can be washed off your property and into nearby waterways when it rains.
- 4) **Consider alternatives to traditional pavement.** There are many convenient previous pavement options that reduce stormwater runoff.



## SUMMER WATER CONSERVATION Eco-friendly tips for managing your property this summer

- 1) **Wash your car at a car wash.** Most car washes reuse the wash water before sending it to a treatment plant. If you want to wash your car at home, wash it on gravel or grass.
- 2) **Start composting.** Pre-made compost tumblers are a great option for a small yard. Not only does composting reduce waste, but adding compost to your soil helps with stormwater infiltration.
- 3) **Only rain should go down storm drains.** Make sure not to blow grass clippings into storm drains, and if hosing off your driveway or car, try to send the runoff into a vegetated area.
- 4) **Set sprinklers to minimize runoff.** Make sure sprinkler heads are adjusted to reduce overspray and only water the minimum amount necessary for the plant.



Check Out Our Website to learn more:  
[WWW.PERKIOMENWATERSHED.ORG](http://WWW.PERKIOMENWATERSHED.ORG)





# 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.

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

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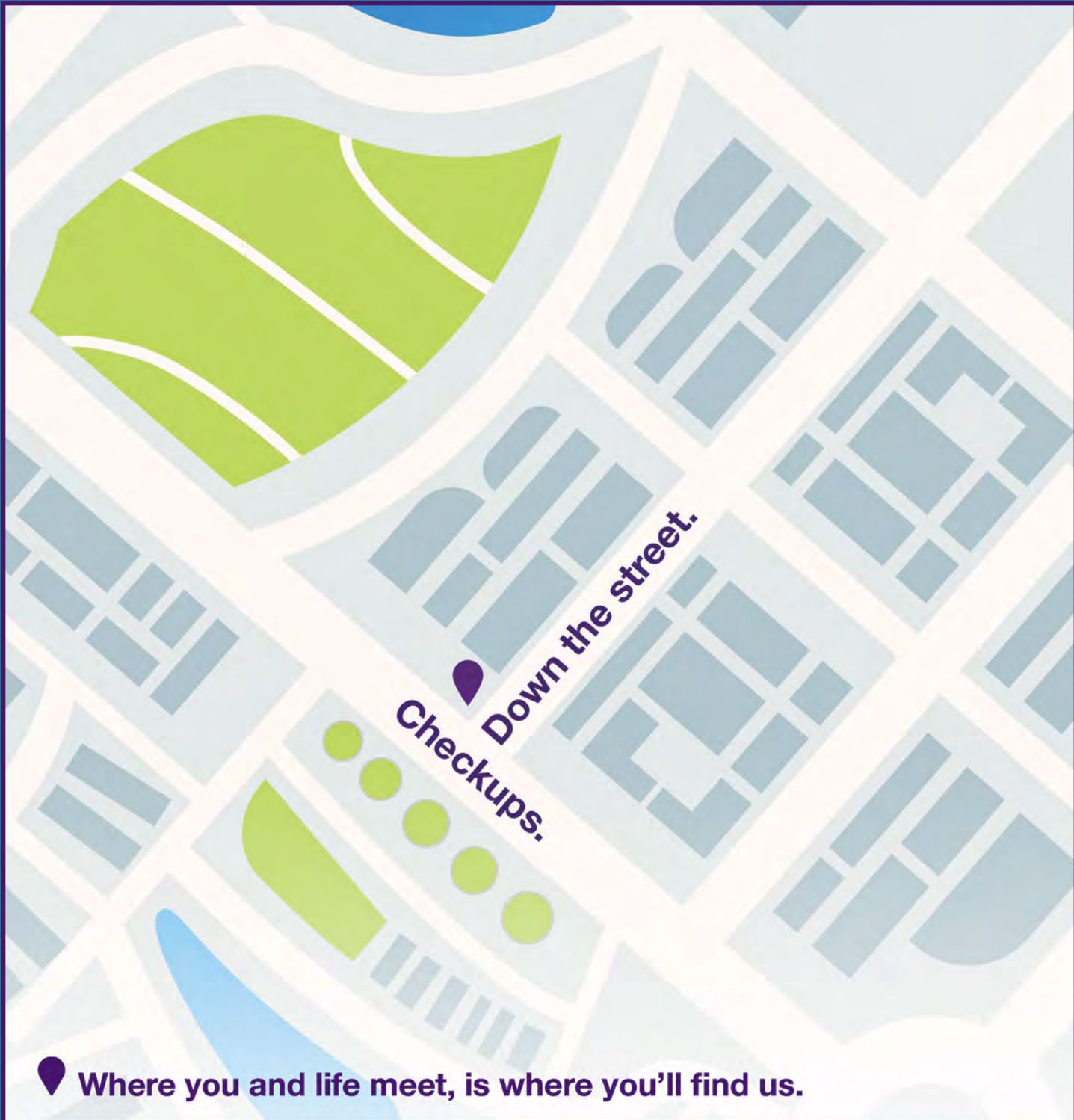
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