

PERKIOMEN

NEWSLETTER

Township

SPRING/SUMMER 2025



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

Township Manager: *Cecile M. Daniel*



MEETING SCHEDULE

Board of Supervisors

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

Planning Commission

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

Environmental Advisory Council

Third Thursday of Each Month at 6:30 p.m.

Municipal Authority:

Second Tuesday of Each Month at 6:00 p.m.

Park & Recreation

Second Thursday Every Other Month except July & August at 6:30 p.m.

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PERKIOMEN TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CONTACT INFORMATION

GOVERNMENT NUMBERS

MUNICIPAL

Perkiomen Township Tax Collector

David Runyan - 610-547-5532
P. O. BOX 26681, COLLEGEVILLE, PA 19426
E-MAIL ADDRESS: Perktcdrunyan@gmail.com

Perkiomen Valley School District - 610-489-8506

Municipal Authorities:

Collegeville-Trappe Municipal Authority - 610-489-7552
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 is 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 is 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)
610-599-3138 or 1-866-701-7205

S.P.C.A.

Montgomery County S.P.C.A (Main Office)
Conshohocken: 610-825-0111
Perkiomenville - 610-754-7822

PRIVATE WATER COMPANIES

Pennsylvania America Water Company - 1-800-717-7292
or 1-800-565-7292
Aqua of Pennsylvania - 1-877-987-2782

PECO EMERGENCIES - 1-800-841-4141



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PERKIOMEN TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY RECYCLING EVENTS

Recycling Day TM

Anything with a Plug



Saturday, September 6, 2025

Perkiomen Township
1 Trappe Rd. Collegetown
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Perkiomen Township

is proud to offer its residents the opportunity to responsibly recycle obsolete electronics on Saturday, **September 6, 2025.**

This service is available to Perkiomen residents and small businesses 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, NO SMOKE DETECTORS OR LARGE APPLIANCES will be accepted.



ACCEPTED ITEMS INCLUDE:

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

All Data Media Will Be Destroyed or Wiped!

\$30 per CRT, LCD, LED TV or computer monitor \$10 per air conditioner, dehumidifier, microwave, dorm-size refrigerator \$100 per wooden console or rear-projection TV



PAPER SHREDDING EVENT

SEPTEMBER 6, 2025

10:00 A.M. TO 12:00 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

PERKIOMEN TOWNSHIP ENVIROMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (EAC)

The Perkiomen Township 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.



The EAC was busy in 2024! Here are just a few of our activities and projects!

- Hosted a Rain Garden Workshop and a Rain Barrel Workshop by Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy
- Became a Bird Town
- Met a lot of great residents at our Community Day table
- Hosted a presentation about native birds, plants, and pollinators
- Started collaborating with local organizations like PV Woods
- Removed some non-native plants at the township building and planted about 65 native perennials that are great for birds and pollinator
- Helped initiate projects to add native shade trees and other native plants to local playgrounds and parks

Most recently, we partnered with Pack 105 Cub Scouts to build blue bird and wren houses, providing the troop the materials and some educational information on the importance of supporting out local native bird population. Scouts were given the opportunity to work towards badges through the project by using a variety of tools. The houses will be installed near the Lodal Creek Park and along PV Woods trails.



If you are interested in staying up to date with our programs or would like to help, reach out to us at peac@perktwp.org



Perkiomen Township Fire Company

485 Gravel Pike (Route 29), Collegetville, PA 19426
Emergency: 911 • Business Line: 610-489-7707 Fax: 610-489-6788

2025 Calendar of Events

May	31	Community Day
August	24	Annual Car Show
December	20	Santa Visits Township



LEAF WASTE & SMALL BRANCH DROP-OFF

Residents of Perkiomen Township may drop-off leaf waste (which does not include grass clippings, yard waste, stumps, or roots) but would include leaves, shrubbery and tree trimmings at the Township building on MONDAYS and FRIDAYS ONLY from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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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?

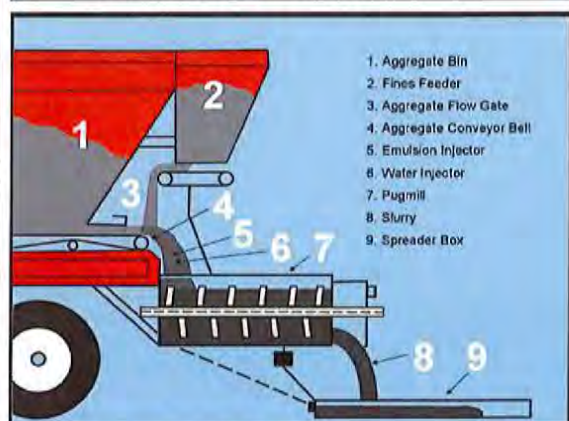
The Microsurfacing mixture is made by a specialized machine and placed on a continuous basis by mixing the materials simultaneously in a pug mill. The figure to the right shows the process in the microsurfacing machine, which results in a free-flowing composite material spread on the underlying pavement 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=Vymdas2oYt0>

MICROSURFACING

EXAMPLES



FIREWORKS ORDINANCE



On October 8, 2023, Perkiomen Township Ordinance No. 242 regulating the Use of Display & Consumer Fireworks within Perkiomen Township took effect. Pennsylvania Act 74 of 2022 was adopted by the General Assembly on July 6, 2022, and was signed by Governor Shapiro on July 11, 2022. That Act amended Title 3 Pa. C. S. Chapter 11 ("Fireworks Law") and became effective on September 9, 2022. The Fireworks Law authorizes the adoption of rules and regulations by municipalities. The Perkiomen Township Board of Supervisors determined that the full authority provided by the Fireworks Law should be exercised in the interests of public safety and decided to regulate the use of Display and Consumer Fireworks within the limits as set forth withing Act 74. Where and/or when required, residents of Perkiomen Township must obtain permits for such use.

To apply for a permit for Fireworks, either Consumer or Display, a Fire Permit application can be found on the Perkiomen Township website. Applications shall be submitted to Perkiomen Township a minimum of two (2) weeks prior to the use of Consumer Fireworks and a minimum of three (3) weeks prior to the use of Display Fireworks. Prior to the issuance of a Fire Permit for Fireworks use, Perkiomen Township will gather information from the applicant to ensure that compliance with Act 74 of 2022 and Ordinance 242 will be complied with.

Failure to obtain a permit may result in enforcement proceedings against a property owner and/or the person(s) responsible for the use of the fireworks. The use of Consumer Fireworks in violation of the Fireworks Law and Township Ordinance is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00 for the first offense and \$1,000.00 for a second offense within three (3) years of the first offense. The use of Display Fireworks in violation of the Fireworks Law is punishable by a fine of not less than \$10,000.00. Perkiomen Township does have the right to give verbal or written warnings at the staff's discretion.

Any questions regarding this Ordinance or Permits should be directed to Perkiomen Township Fire Marshal, John Moran, Jr., at 610-489-4034, extension 120. Those who wish to file a complaint regarding the use of fireworks are required to do so in writing on the Township's Citizen Complaint Form and submit the complaint to Perkiomen Township within five (5) days of the alleged violation.

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By Appointment Only. Preregistration is Required.

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DATES:

Saturday, June 7

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

Saturday, June 21

Norristown Area High School
1900 Eagle Drive, Norristown

Saturday, June 28

Abington Middle School
Enter at 2056 Susquehanna Road, Abington

Saturday, September 20

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

SUNDAY, October 12

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.

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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

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

- 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.

SWIMMING POOL GUIDELINES

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

The discharge of any sewage of 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



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.

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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. These pools can be purchased at almost every big box retail store around.

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 one-time building permit is required and compliance with the ISPSC shall always be maintained while the pool has water in it and upon a property in Perkiomen Township.

Although a permit will not be required every season for the pool, the barrier shall still meet the adopted code requirements. These Barrier Requirements are intended to provide protection against potential drowning's and near-drowning's by restricting access to the swimming pools.

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 code enforcement officer, John Moran, Jr. He can be reached at 610-489-4034, extension 120.



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Perkiomen Township Community Day

May 31, 2025

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 31, 2025. 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 also 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 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 May 31, 2025, THERE IS NO RAIN DATE

STAY UPDATED!

Perkiomen Township uses READYMONTCO to keep its residents informed. If you are a Resident, we encourage you to sign up for Township alerts which can come to you via a text or email. Signing up is free and it allows the Township to provide you updates with regard to Township activities. Website: www.montgomerycountypa.gov/3311/ReadyMontco



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STORMWATER NEWS

Spring Addition: Managing Spring Stormwater

Preventing Stormwater Pollution

Warmer weather is on the horizon! Increasing temperatures mean longer days, budding leaves, blooming flowers and spring rain. While rain showers are important for the environment, they also have the ability to lead to harmful stormwater pollution. Below are some tips for preventing pollution this spring:

- **Only rain belongs in the drain!** As you're cleaning up your yard this spring, remember that storm drains are not garbage disposals. Never dump anything, including leaves and grass clippings, into a storm drain.
- **Use lawn chemicals sparingly.** Always follow the application instructions and never use before it rains. Switch to organic fertilizers where possible or mulch leaves and grass clippings into your yard to add nutrients back into your soil.
- **Replace turf grass with natives!** Lawns have little to no environmental benefits and turf grass requires lots of maintenance to stay green. Swap your lawn for native perennials by adding more garden space in your yard! Not only do natives require less maintenance than turf grass, they are vital for the health of our environment and the survival of pollinators, birds and other wildlife.



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Helping Wildlife this Spring

Spring means increased activity for wildlife, with many species busy gathering food, building nests and caring for their young. You can take small steps at home to provide important food sources and habitat for our local wildlife during the spring months:

- **Plant for pollinators.** Plant with a variety of native species that flower throughout the year to provide pollinators with vital food sources.
- **Recreate outdoors responsibly.** Spring is a great time to explore the great outdoors! Be respectful of wildlife during your visit by sticking to paths, keeping dogs on leash and taking litter home.
- **Provide food and water for wildlife.** Early in the season, food may be scarce and water sources can still be frozen. Make sure replenish and clean feeders and bird baths regularly.
- **Plant trees and shrubs.** Trees and shrubs have immense benefits for wildlife! Leaves, flowers, bark and branches provide vital resources for a wide variety of species.



Stormwater News

Summer Edition: Protecting Water Resources this Summer



Protecting our Streams and Creeks



Summer has arrived, ushering in longer days and warmer temperatures! Many of us prefer to beat the heat by engaging in activities in and around the water. Whether you enjoy swimming, kayaking, fishing, or simply appreciating the beauty of nature, clean water is essential for recreation and enjoyment. Here are some ways you can help maintain the cleanliness of our waterways this summer:

- Minimize or eliminate the use of fertilizers, herbicides, and pesticides. These lawn chemicals are significant contributors to nitrogen and phosphorus pollution, leading to toxic runoff.
- Opt for native plants in your landscaping. Using native vegetation helps reduce stormwater runoff and requires less watering and fertilization compared to non-native species.
- Install a rain barrel. Positioned at the base of a downspout, a standard rain barrel can capture 55-75 gallons of stormwater runoff from your rooftop, helping to mitigate flooding and erosion.

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Supporting Wildlife this Summer

Summer offers a wonderful opportunity to engage with nature and appreciate the beauty of local wildlife. However, as caretakers of our environment, it's important to take measures to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the wildlife who call our area home.

- Dispose of trash responsibly. Outdoor activities and picnics tend to produce litter, which can pose risks to wildlife if not handled appropriately. Always take your trash with you or utilize designated trash bins.
- Look before you mow. Rabbits often create nests in shallow areas of yards, so inspecting for nests prior to mowing can prevent accidental harm to baby rabbits. Turtles are also frequently run over by mowers. Taking a brief stroll around your yard before mowing can help avoid any mishaps.
- Be aware of water sources. Water is vital for wildlife, particularly during the hot summer months. Ensure bird baths and other water sources are clean and accessible, and refrain from using chemicals or pesticides nearby.





Free Registration Renewal for Veterans

Applies to military veterans who meet the following requirements (license plate fees still apply):

- Purple Heart recipients
- Veterans who lost a limb or eye or who became partially paralyzed while in the service
- Prisoners of war



Great news! The annual income-eligibility threshold for a retired Pennsylvanian to qualify for a reduced vehicle registration fee has been increased, allowing more people to be eligible for this benefit. Additionally, some veterans may now be eligible for free vehicle registration and titling fees.

If your annual income is \$29,906, you are retired, and you are receiving Social Security or other pension payments - you can qualify for the current \$11 reduced rate registration fee.

Eligible veterans are also now exempt from vehicle registration and titling fees. Exemption includes one passenger vehicle or truck owned by military veterans who meet the following requirements:

- A person who has been awarded the Purple Heart.
- A veteran who lost a limb or eye or who became partially paralyzed while serving in the Armed Forces.
- A person who, as a member of the Armed Forces, was captured by the enemy in any armed conflict.
- A person who has been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.

For assistance with this process, please contact State Representative Matt Bradford's office. Call (610) 222-3490 or (610) 270-1150 or stop by from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday to Friday at 240 W. Germantown Pike in East Norriton Township or 2000 Bustard Road in Worcester Township.

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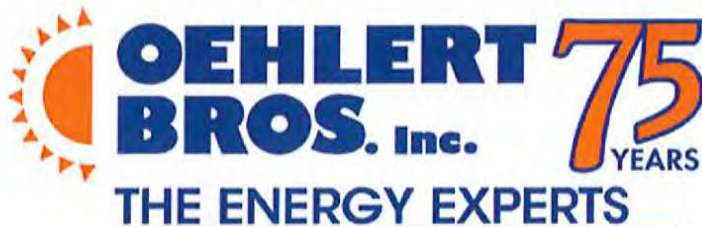


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