

EAST LAMPETER TOWNSHIP

Newsletter



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Issue/Election Signs

With the fall election coming up, there will be a new crop of issue/election signs being displayed. There are rules for posting election signs in residential & commercial areas which include the following:

- The signs are NOT to be posted in the road right-of-way.
- Signs may NOT be attached to utility poles, traffic signals standards, trees or fences.
- Maximum sign size for residential is 8 square feet & for commercial 32 square feet.
- Maximum height size for residential is 6 feet above the ground to the top of the sign and 10 feet above the ground to the top of the sign for commercial.

The candidates or their representatives must obtain the land owner's permission to place signs on the property. Signs placed on your property without your permission can be removed at your discretion.

Stormwater Coordinator Appointed

In July, East Lampeter Township welcomed Ms. Charity Kadwill as the Township's Stormwater Coordinator.

Ms. Kadwill's main responsibilities will include administration and enforcement of the township stormwater ordinance, compliance with the township municipal separate storm sewer (MS4) permit, site inspections and education and outreach.

You may contact her at (717) 393-1567 ext. 3528 for inquiries related to stormwater management.



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Leaves & Yard Waste

Please remember that in East Lampeter Township leaves and other yard waste are considered to be recyclable and therefore **CANNOT BE BURNED**. A citation can be issued for not obeying this ordinance.

So what can you do with all the leaves and other yard waste?

1. Contact your trash hauler. They are required to pick up yard waste. They usually will provide you with a yard waste tag or bag for a small fee.
2. Take your yard waste to the Manheim Township Compost Park located at 2775 Oregon Pike. They accept garden residues, shrubbery and tree pruning, sod, leaves and grass clippings. They are open September 1st to October 31st every day 7:00 am to 7:00 pm excluding holidays, November 1st to December 20th every day 8:00 am to 5:00 pm excluding holidays and December 21st to March 31st open Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays only from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm excluding holidays.

The current yard waste disposal fees are:

Bagged material: \$1.00 per 30-gallon container or biodegradable bag.
 Loose material: Passenger cars/SUV's/station wagons: Full load - \$6.00 Half full - \$4.00
 Pickup truck/trailer load rates: Full load - \$10.00 Half full - \$6.00
 Dump or Box Truck/1-ton pickups w/sideboards: \$15.00 per vehicle/per load

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Meets 1st and 3rd Monday of each month
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 September and November when
 they only meet on the 2nd Monday
 All regular meetings begin at 7:30 pm

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Meets 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm

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Meets 2nd Wednesday of each month except for
 November when they meet on the 1st Wednesday
 All regular meetings begin at 4 pm

PARK BOARD

Meets 4th Wednesday of each month at 7 pm
 (NO MEETINGS in November and December)

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Meets 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm
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 November and December)

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Fall Yard Waste:

Preventing Negative Impacts on Local Stormwater Systems

It is almost that time of the year again; fall. Every year we dread the task of raking leaves and preparing the yard for winter, as it often consumes more than one of those coveted fall weekends. What many homeowners are not aware of is how important timely and proper leaf cleanup is to the functionality of their local stormwater systems.

Water pollution from leaf litter happens when leaves are not cleaned up, or they are haphazardly dumped into a swale or waterway. Leaves left to decompose in your yard are susceptible to being carried into local waterways. Leaf litter disposed of in swales and channels are traveling directly into local waterways. Decomposing of leaf litter releases excess phosphorus into the water system which means more algae blooms in waterways resulting in less oxygen for fish and other wildlife.



Figure 1:
Trash & Leaf
Litter on Inlet

Flooding and drainage issues are another concern associated with fall leaf movement. Failure to cleanup leaves on your property often results in them being blown onto storm drains and impeding the flow of water into stormwater systems. Additionally, if the inlet is clogged with leaf litter this allows trash and other debris to collect, contributing further to the degradation of local systems. (See photo above)

There are many options you can do to keep the stormwater clean and flowing:

Make the most of your sweat equity; rake your leaves, bag them in bags available from your trash hauler or local hardware store, and get them out to your curb for pickup or haul to a local composting facility.

If you have a composting mower, your job just got even easier. Mow over your leaves to shred them and rake or

empty the mower bags into your compost pile. (See photo below) If you cover the compost pile with a tarp and turn the pile every few weeks, you will have an excellent leaf compost for your spring planting beds. Pound for pound, the leaves of most trees contain twice as many minerals as manure.



Figure 2:
Shredded Leaf
Compost Pile

Finally, the option likely to get you the least sweaty this fall, walk to the end of your driveway and locate your nearest storm inlet. If it's clogged with leaf debris, take a rake and clear it off. Simple solution, big impact.

If you have any questions about leaf litter or need more information please feel free to contact me, Charity Kadwill, via email at Ckadwill@eastlampetertownship.org or by phone at 717-393-1567 ext. 3528

Keep PA Beautiful: Mill Stream Cleanup Event

East & West Lampeter Township
 Meeting Area: Flory Park
 Across from Heritage Rd on Strasburg Pike
 Saturday, October 22, 2016 8 am to 12 noon



All Lancaster County Properties are to be reassessed effective January 1, 2018. Property owners should reference the following website for the Taxpayers Guide to the 2018 Reassessment if more information is desired.

<http://www.co.lancaster.pa.us/DocumentCenter/View/5901>

Do Your Part, Be SepticSmart:

The Do's and Don'ts of Your Septic System

Learn these simple steps to protect your home, health, environment and property value:

Protect It and Inspect It:

Do:

- Have your system inspected (in general) every three years by a licensed contractor and have the tank pumped, when necessary, generally every three to five years.

Think at the Sink:

Don't:

- Pour cooking grease or oil down the sink or toilet.
- Rinse coffee grounds into the sink.
- Pour household chemicals down the sink or flush them.

Do:

- Eliminate or limit the use of a garbage disposal.
- Properly dispose of coffee grounds & food.
- Put grease in a container to harden before discarding in the trash.

Don't Overload the Commode:

Don't:

- Flush non-degradable products or chemicals, such as feminine hygiene products, condoms, dental floss, diapers, cigarette butts, cat litter, paper towels, pharmaceuticals.

Do:

- Dispose of these items in the trash can!

Shield Your Field:

Don't:

- Park or drive on your drainfield. The weight can damage the drain lines.
- Plant trees or shrubs too close to your drainfield, roots can grow into your system and clog it.

Do:

- Consult a septic service professional to advise you of the proper distance for planting trees and shrubs, depending on your septic tank location.

Don't Strain Your Drain:

Don't

- Concentrate your water use by using your dishwasher, shower, washing machine, and toilet at the same time. All that extra water can really strain your septic system.

Do:

- Stagger the use of water-generating appliances. This can be helpful especially if your system has not been pumped in a long time.
- Become more water efficient by fixing plumbing leaks and consider installing bathroom and kitchen faucet aerators and water-efficient products.

For more SepticSmart tips, visit: www.epa.gov/septicmart



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Permitted Trash Haulers for Township Residents

East Lampeter Township requires that every homeowner have a permitted trash hauler to collect their waste and recyclables. Landlords are required to provide their tenants with proper collection also. The following trash haulers are permitted to operate in East Lampeter Township.

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Quarryville, PA 17566
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Econ Refuse Service LLC

PO Box 124
Kirkwood, PA 17536
(717) 529-1292
<http://econrefuse.com>

Eagle Disposal of PA Inc

PO Box 288
East Earl, PA 17519
(717) 355-9560
<http://www.eagledisposalofpa.com>

Good's Disposal Services Inc

4361 Oregon Pike
Ephrata, PA 17522
(717) 336-6385 or (717) 859-1879
or (717) 626-1055
<http://www.goodsdisposal-service.com>

Lebanon Farms Disposal Inc

PO Box 380
Schaefferstown, PA 17088
(717) 949-2363
<http://lebanonfarmsdisposal.com>

Take Away Refuse

PO Box 39
Silver Spring, PA 17575
(717) 490-9258
<http://takeawayrefuge.com>

Waste Management of Greater Lancaster

230 Wohlson Way
Lancaster, PA 17603
(717) 394-8641
<https://www.wm.com>



And...Don't Forget to Change Your Batteries!

With the time change occurring on November 6th, this is always an excellent time to change the batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. Taking a moment to do this could result in saving a life or serious injuries.



Remember to turn your clocks back

Daylight Saving Time ends November 6, 2016. Remember to turn your clocks back one hour on Saturday night before you go to bed.

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Lancaster Tire Collection

Lancaster Farm and Home Center
1383 Arcadia Road, Lancaster 17601
Thursday, November 17, 2016—8 am to 12 pm

Tires provide excellent habitat for mosquitoes, particularly the Asian tiger mosquito, a potential vector of Zika virus. Tires may also provide habitat for a number of other mosquitoes species that may be a nuisance or spread other diseases, such as West Nile virus. In response to this potential hazard the Lancaster County West Nile Virus program is conducting a one-day tire collection to promote mosquito habitat removal. Details below.

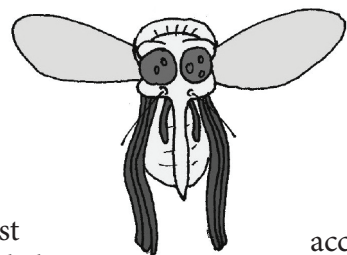
- Open to persons living in Lancaster County. Please bring proof of address—driver's license, phone bill, etc. Out-of-county persons or tire related businesses will not be able to dispose of tires at this event.

- There is NO preregistration for this event.

- 4 regular/auto or 1 large tire can be taken for free from each individual, so long as space is available. Any tire with an inner rim diameter greater than 15 inches is considered large. Any tire with an inner rim diameter of 15 inches or less is considered regular/auto.

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- Tires must be off the rim, drained of water, unburned, and not excessively dirty.

- PLEASE NOTE THAT SPACE IS LIMITED. One trailer will be loaded to capacity with tires. Excess tires will not be accepted.

- Many local entities recycle scrap tires for a fee, including all three facilities operated by Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority (LCSWMA). For more information about LCSWMA's services, call (717) 397-9968 or visit lcswma.org.

West Nile Virus Program

Program Manager: David Schmidt
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 1383 Arcadia Rd, Rm 140
 Lancaster, PA 17601



East Lampeter Township Police Department Re-Accreditation Summary

On June 15 and 16, 2016 the Police Department completed its fourth re-accreditation through the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police.

The Department was first accredited in 2004. The Department goes through the re-accreditation process every three years. The Police Department must meet over 120 standards relating to reporting, facility compliance and professional conduct among others.

Three outside assessors review the department files over a two day period and conduct building inspections and ride along with officers. Upon successful completion East Lampeter Township was recommended and received re-accreditation status for three more years through the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association.

Some benefits of accreditation include uniform reporting standards, reduced liability and proven operational procedures.

East Lampeter Township Police Department is one of a handful of police departments in the county to be accredited through the state.

Officer Lisa Gehr serves as the Department's Accreditation Manager and is to be commended for her preparations and hard work through this last process.

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Trick Or Treat Night for children ages 12 and under

Monday, October 31, 2016—6:00 pm until 8:00 pm

Please mark this on your calendars. East Lampeter Township recommends the following for Trick or Treat safety:

- 🦇 Smaller children should be accompanied by an adult
- 🦇 Wear light colored clothing
- 🦇 Take a flashlight with you
- 🦇 Always use sidewalks where they are available
- 🦇 Always walk facing oncoming traffic
- 🦇 Visit homes with which you are familiar
- 🦇 Report any suspicious behavior to the police immediately

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