



Residential Brush and Limb Collection

Curbside collection of brush and limbs will begin on Monday, May 1, 2023. All material must be placed curbside on a dedicated Township street or road by this date, **but not before April 15, 2023. If material is placed curbside prior to April 15th, you will be contacted to remove it!** If a resident has too much material to be placed curbside at one time, arrangements must be made with a commercial trimmer to handle the excess. Due to the restricted available space, first priority pick-up will be given to Baltimore Street, York Street, Frederick Street and Carlisle Street. The requirements are:

1. Limbs no larger than 3" in diameter or smaller than 1/2" in diameter.
2. Will not accept lumber, boards, etc.

Township crews will pick up one time per neighborhood.

The Township reserves the right to refuse items that do not meet the requirements and is **NOT** responsible for clean up. For questions please call 717-633-6373.

You can also dispose of this material at H&H General Excavating Co. located at 660 Old Hanover Road in Spring Grove. H&H will accept leaves, brush, limbs and tree trunks only. These products can be delivered to their facility 7 days a week during daylight hours free of charge. Call 717-225-4669 or 717-225-1479 for details.

Residential Food Drive and Shredding Event

The Township has partnered with New Hope Ministries to give the residents the opportunity and convenience to help others in the community by combining a food drive with the Township's shredding event. The event will be held April 22, 2023, from 8:00am till 1:00pm at the Township Recycling Drop-Off Facility located at 1020 Wilson Avenue. Consider this an opportunity to not only clean out your file cabinet but also your pantry (**please check expiration dates**).

New Hope Ministries will accept any non-perishable food items from your pantry. They especially love canned fruits, veggies, soups, peanut butter, tuna, and dry goods, but will take any non-perishable food items. So, fill a bag or box with those items in your pantry that you thought you would use but didn't, and share them with someone in the community who needs them.

Free Penn Township Residential Document Shredding

Proof of residency will be required - 5 File Box Limit

If you have sensitive or private documents that need to be destroyed, you can bring them to the Recycling Drop-Off Center located at 1020 Wilson Avenue, Saturday, April 22, 2023. Shredding Solutions Inc. will be on hand from 8:00am until 1:00pm to shred financial, medical, personal, and any other confidential records for **Penn Township residents only**. There will be a **5 file box limit per vehicle**. The typical size of a file box is 18"L x 12"W x 10"H.

Hanover Area Night Out

National Night Out will be held Tuesday, August 1, 2023 starting at 6:00pm in the Gateway Shopping Center parking lot off of Wilson Avenue and the Carlisle Pike. Bring the family out and enjoy the Hanover Area National Night Out celebration. There will be displays from area organizations and businesses eager to answer your questions. Enjoy free hot dogs and water. Many giveaways, free items and children can register for the bike raffle! For more information, watch the "Penn Township Police, Hanover PA" Facebook page. If you would like to participate as a vendor or sponsor, please contact Officer Bryan Wheeler at bwheeler@pennpolice.com.

Spring Market Place

The South Western Music Department is planning their annual Spring Market Place Event on Saturday, April 15, 2023, from 9am – 2pm at the South Western High School parking lot on Bowman Road. Yard sale, vendors, and crafters welcome. The public is invited for a day of shopping. Reserve your space today. All proceeds will benefit the high school music department. For more information, please contact bill_kirsch@southwesternsd.org or call 717-632-2548 ext. 21820.

Holiday Schedule for Recycling Drop Off and Trash/Recycling Collection

Good Friday - April 7, 2023	Drop-off closed, NO delay in trash collection.
Memorial Day - May 29, 2023	Drop-off closed, collection delayed 1 day for the week.
Independence Day - July 4, 2023	Drop-off closed, collection delayed 1 day for the week starting Tuesday.
Labor Day - September 4, 2023	Drop-off closed, collection delayed 1 day for the week.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 8, 2023 at Penn Township Community Park

4601 Grandview Rd.

10:00am - Registration begins at 9:30am

Rain or Shine

Penn Township residents 10 and under

Penn Township Police Department will be available from 9-? for car seat inspections.

Penn Township Fire Department will have the fire trucks on display from 9-?.

There will also be a visit by the Easter Bunny.



STORYTIME

AT PENN TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY PARK
Home of Kids Kingdom!

4601 Grandview Road in Hanover

TUESDAY MORNINGS • 10-10:45 A.M.
JUNE 6 - AUGUST 15*

All Together Now

Join Miss Kelly from Guthrie Memorial Library — Hanover's Public Library, for a free weekly program

featuring story time and an activity, craft or game!

Program is best suited for children second grade and younger, but all ages are welcome. No registration is required. Held in the front pavilion at Penn Township Community Park.

*No story time on July 4th.



For more information call 717-632-5183 or visit yorklibraries.org/hanover-guthrie

Recreational Parks

With the beautiful Spring and Summer weather arriving. Please visit and enjoy one of the recreation parks in the Township.

The facilities at Young's Woods include playground equipment, shaded picnic areas, grilling facilities, picnic tables, bathrooms and 4 pavilions that can be rented for \$50.00. each. The facilities at the Township Community Park include ball fields, soccer field, volleyball, horse shoes, shaded picnic areas, grilling facilities, picnic tables, portable toilets, Kids Kingdom play area, and two pavilions that can be rented. The front pavilion is \$125.00 (80 person max) and rear pavilion is \$70.00 (50 person max). No pets allowed at any Township park.

For reservations please call 717-632-7366.

Regulating the Keeping of Chickens for Personal Use - Ordinance No. 836

The new ordinance adopted on September 21, 2020 will allow a Township resident to keep up to four laying hens for personal use and consumption. Eggs laid by the chickens must be for the owner's personal use and cannot be sold. Chickens must be kept in a coop, enclosure or fenced area at all times and must be in the rear of the lot. Coops, enclosures, and fenced areas must be kept in a dry, odor-free, neat and sanitary condition at all times. No rooster's allowed. Permits and fees are required. To review the ordinance and additional requirements please visit the Township's website at www.pennntp.com.

Beware of "The Unflushables"

Sewers are designed to take away dirty water from sinks, baths, laundries and toilets. Flushing unintended items into the sewer system can add to the cost of operating and maintaining your sewer collection system and treatment plant. Putting these items down the sewer system can cause blockages that could result into property and environmental damage. **"DISPOSABLE" doesn't mean flushable!** **Most baby and adult wipes are not flushable.** If you can't find the phrase "flushable" or "safe to flush" then it isn't flushable.

Please Do Not Flush The Following:

Paper Towels, Disposable & Cloth Diapers, Feminine Products, Incontinence Pads, Q-Tips, Bandages, Dental Floss, Hair, Medicines, Socks/Underware and Disinfectant Wipes.

Online Credit Card Service

For your convenience the Township Sewer Department is accepting online credit card payments for sewer bills. If you would like to take advantage of this service, please visit the Township website at www.pennntp.com. Click "Online Payment" and follow the prompt. Additional fees will be charged by the vendor for this service.

Please Dispose Of Sharps Responsibly

Needles, syringes, lancets and other sharp implements can be very hazardous for anyone handling your trash. These items may be safely disposed of with your normal trash but, it is very important to exercise care in packaging needles, syringes, and lancets for disposal. The safe packaging of these wastes can be accomplished very simply in the home. Use a rigid plastic bottle with a tight fitting cap, such as an empty laundry detergent bottle, to store and dispose of sharps. When the bottle is full, cap it tightly, and place it in your trash for disposal.

Medication Take-Back Box

The Penn Township Police Department offers a free Medication Take-Back option for proper medication management and disposal. The Department maintains a permanent medication take-back box in an effort to get unused drugs off the streets and keep our residents safe. Individuals interested in dropping medication in the take-back box should remove their personal information from the medication container before depositing the container in the box. Only residential prescriptions or over-the-counter medications are accepted. Pharmacies, hospitals and other commercial sources of medications are not eligible to participate. Syringes and other "sharps" are not accepted in this program.

The take-back box, which was provided by the York County Solid Waste Authority, is located in the lobby of the Penn Township Police Department. Individuals may deposit unwanted medications anonymously in the take-back box, Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 4:30pm, except on holidays. If you have any questions regarding the take-back box, please contact the Police Department at 717-637-8751 or info@pennnpolice.com.

Commercial Recycling

Recycling isn't just for residential homes, apartments and townhouses. As required by Pennsylvania Act 101 and Penn Township Ordinance 434, businesses, industries and institutions must establish a commercial recycling program which, at a minimum, collects and recycles (1) high grade paper including white bond, typing, copier, note pad, writing, computer and other non-glossy office paper; (2) corrugated cardboard; and (3) aluminum cans. Businesses that do not utilize the Township's curbside program or drop off center are required to provide written documentation as to the type and weight of the material recycled. Commercial reporting forms are available on the Township website. For questions on completing the report, please call 717-637-1561.

Help Eliminate Litter and Illegal Dumpsites

To help our community celebrate Earth Day every day of the year, York County residents, organizations, civic groups, schools, and neighborhoods that want to clean up litter or eliminate illegal dumpsites, can dispose of waste from a clean-up effort free of charge at the York County Resource Recovery Center. The Authority is working with Keep York County Beautiful to stop illegal dumping in our community and clean up existing dumpsites. If you are looking for a site to help clean, call York County Beautiful at 717-840-2375. Keep York County Beautiful will assist with providing free gloves, bags and safety vests. To register for the Authority's free litter disposal program, call the York County Solid Waste Authority at 717-845-1066.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Pre-registration required at www.ycswa.com

Saturday, May 6, 2023, 9am to 1pm, 2685 Blackthorne Ct., York, PA

All York County homeowners or residential tenants are eligible to participate in this free program. Businesses and government entities are **not** eligible to participate. The Authority provides this service as part of our integrated waste management system and through a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. After collection, HHW is transported to hazardous waste facilities that safely manage, and whenever possible, recycle the materials collected. **PRE-REGISTRATION IS MANDATORY**

Please visit www.ycswa.com or call 717-845-1066 for complete list of acceptable items or more information.

Bulk Item Collection

The Township's bulk item pickup program was established to give residents a convenient method to dispose of **LARGE** bulk items. A good rule of thumb to identify what is **NOT** a bulk item is, **IF IT FITS IN A BAG, IT GOES IN A BAG.** Items that are small enough to be placed in a trash bag should not be bundled and placed curbside as a bulk item.

Examples of bulk items that can be placed curbside on your normal collection day include:

Mattress & Box Spring, Toilets, Tables - over 4 feet cut in 1/2, Dry Wall, Insulation, Ceiling Tiles - broken down and bundled, Wooden Doors - cut in 1/2, Windows - less than 4 feet by 4 feet - tape glass.
Wood - pieces that won't fit in a trash bag should be bundled, maximum length 4 feet, maximum weight 50lbs.
Furniture - ALL types - large entertainment centers must be broken down plus tied or taped.
Carpet - max. width 4 feet, must be rolled & tied or taped, max. weight 50lbs. 1 roll per week

Examples of non-acceptable items:

Household Hazardous Waste, Styrofoam, Clothing or Fibers, Dirt, Gravel, Blacktop, Brick, Concrete, Shingles, Yard Waste, Televisions, Vacuums, Microwaves, Containers with Oil, Gasoline or Antifreeze

A bulk item does NOT need to be called in. Just set it with your Township bag. Limit of one item per week.

Items cannot be placed curbside prior to 24 hours before your collection day.

Large Metal Item Collection

Large metal items must be scheduled by 11:00am Wednesday, for collection on Thursday.

Please call 717-637-1561

Examples of acceptable items:

Hot Water Heater, Air Conditioner, Stove, Refrigerator, Freezer, Washing Machine, Dryer, Dishwasher, Dehumidifier, Exercise Equipment, Grill, Fire Ring, Bed Frame, Lawnmower (must be drained of oil and gas),
Scrap Metal - bundled, maximum length 4 feet, maximum weight 50lbs .

Examples of non-acceptable items:

Paint Cans, Small Appliances, Pots and Pans, Batteries, Automobile Parts, Microwaves, Lamps, Vacuums and Fans

Limit of one item per week. Items cannot be placed curbside prior to 24 hours before Thursday.

We also have a scrap metal dumpster at the recycling center. Please do NOT bring anything with freon.

Curbside Recycling

Aluminum and Steel Cans
Empty Food, Beverage ONLY

Plastic Bottles, Containers and Jugs
Containers numbered 1, 2 & 5 with a capacity of five gallons or less ONLY.

Glass, Food and Beverage Containers
Clear, Brown and Green Bottles & Jars ONLY!

All lids should be removed and disposed of in the trash.

Recyclables must be loose in a container.
Do NOT place them in plastic bags.

Please don't fill the recycle bin over the edge on windy days.
The overflow of material is blown out of the bin and into the neighborhood. Use an additional bin or tub marked "RECYCLING." Free "RECYCLING" stickers are available at the Township office and the recycling drop-off center.



For Questions Please Call
717- 637-1561 or email
pennrecycle@comcast.net

Unacceptable Items

Hangers
Styrofoam
Toys
Broken Glass
Hoses

Windows, Mirrors, Ceramics
Dishes, Bakeware
Plastic Cups
Plastic Tableware (Knives, Forks, etc.)
Plastic Food Wrappers

Newsprint
Magazines
Cardboard
Aluminum Foil, Pie Tins
Scrap Metal

Penn Township Recycling Center

Located at 1020 Wilson Avenue

HOURS: Monday - Friday: 8:00am to 4:15pm Saturday: 8:00am to 3:00pm - Closed Sundays and Holidays

Newsprint, Junk Mail, Inserts: Place in the newspaper trailer. Can be loose, tied or in brown paper bags. Please take material out of plastic bags.

Magazines: Place your magazines loose into the boxes located in the magazine trailer. Please, no newsprint, combined with the magazines.

Telephone Books: Place your phone book loose into the box marked "Phone Books" located in the magazine trailer.

Eyeglasses, Cases and Hearing Aids: Place in bucket marked "Eyeglasses & Hearing Aids". Only complete eyeglasses and hearing aids. We donate them to the Lions Club for needy families.

Plastic Shopping Bags: Place in barrel marked "Plastic Bags". Please, no other type of plastic material!

Corrugated and Cardboard: Must be broken down, can be loose or placed in boxes, brown paper bags or tied. Place in cardboard trailer. The Township accepts both corrugated and cardboard. What's the difference? Below are some examples of each:

Corrugated: appliance boxes, moving boxes

Cardboard: shoe boxes, gift boxes, soda cases, cereal boxes, pizza boxes, dry food goods

No Waxed Inserts, No Soiled Pizza Boxes, and No Styrofoam

Clothing and Textiles: Place bagged material in the Community Aid collection bin.

American Flags: Place in bin marked "American Flags". The flags will be disposed of in a dignified manner by The Hanover Elks Lodge #763.

Scrap Metal: Place in the "Metals" dumpster. Mowers and motors must have the gasoline and oil drained. We cannot accept anything that contains Freon.

Electronics: TV's, computers, stereos, microwaves, remote controls, cell phones, vacuums, etc., just about anything with an electric cord. **York County Residents Only.**

Ink Cartridges: Place in bin marked "Ink Cartridges".

ALL Types of Batteries: auto, lawnmower, power tools, marine, motorcycle, alkaline & lithium ion. Place in container marked "Batteries".

NO DISPOSING OF MATERIAL EXCEPT DURING POSTED HOURS OF OPERATION

Clothing and Textiles Recycling

The Penn Township Commissioners have an agreement with the Community Aid Thrift Store located in the South Hanover Shopping Center alongside Giant Foods. When you recycle clothing and textiles by depositing them into a Community Aid bin located in the Township, including the Township's recycling drop off center, you are not only helping your neighbors in need, but also supporting the Township's recycling program. You are encouraged to drop your clothing and textiles into one of their light brown clothing collection bins.

Ways to Recycle Other Items

Used Antifreeze (No Contamination)

Hanover Lube & Brake - 717-637-3011

Used Motor Oil (No Contamination)

Advanced Auto - 717-633-3636
 Auto Zone - 717-637-3656
 Cooper Motors - 717-632-4225
 Hanover Lube & Brake - 717-637-3011
 South Hanover Wal-Mart - 717-630-8211 ext. 143

Contaminated Oil, Gasoline and Kerosene

Zeigler Service Center (Spring Grove) - 717-225-5612

All Propane Gas Cylinders Up To 20lbs.

Aero Energy (New Oxford) - 717-624-4311

Concrete, Brick, Block and Top Soil

Gettex LLC - 717-321-3155

Bubble Wrap, Air Pouches & Polystyrene Peanuts

Can go in the trash or recycled below:
 Black Rose Antiques and Collectibles - 717-632-0589
 (Bubble Wrap Only)
 Parcel Plus- 717-632-5896
 UPS Store - 717-646-1118

Appliances Containing Freon

B & K Appliances, (New Oxford) - 717-624-2412
 9:30am to 6pm Monday - Friday; 9am to 2pm Saturday

Fire Extinguishers

WFX - 717-633-1010 * fees may apply

Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs (no tubes)

Can go in the trash or recycled below:
 Home Depot - 717-646-0140
 Lowes of Hanover - 717-630-8700

Fluorescent Tubes

Can go in the trash or recycled below:
 Batteries Plus Bulbs (York) - 717-718-3547 * fees may apply

Grass Clippings

Can go in the trash or recycled below:
 Yellow Hill Farm (Biglerville) - 717-677-8188 or online
 yellowhillfarm.com

Styrofoam

Can go in the trash or recycled below:
 Dart Container (Lancaster) - 717-390-0886, (Leola) - 717-656-2236

Penn Waste is the contracted and exclusive hauler for removal of Penn Township refuse & recycle.

Penn Township Trash Program

Penn Township uses a "Pay-As-You-Throw" trash collection program. The program is simple, pay for what you use. There is no monthly or quarterly bill, simply purchase Township bags as needed. They are the size of a lawn & leaf bag and can hold up to 40lbs.

Please follow these guidelines:

- Only "Township" trash bags that are tied shut will be collected by the hauler.
- If you keep your trash bag in a covered leak-free container, the container and tied shut bag can be set curbside for collection.
- Bags must be tied shut when set curbside for collection and can't weigh more than 40 lbs.
- Trash must be curbside by 6:00 am the day of collection and no sooner than the evening prior to your collection day.
- Large metal items must be scheduled by 11:00am Wednesday for collection on Thursday, call 717-637-1561.
- Bulk items can be set out on your normal trash collection day, limit 1 per week. A bulk item is an item that will not fit into a trash bag.
- Automobile Tires can be disposed of with your normal trash. Tires must be off the rim and cannot exceed 32" in diameter or a tread width of 12". Two tires per bag. The tires can be in a Penn Township bag or the bag can be tied or taped to the tires.
- If there is inclement weather that might affect trash and recycling collection, please visit www.pennwaste.com, www.penntwp.com or the Penn Township Police Facebook page for schedule changes and updates.

Giant, 801 Baltimore St.
 Giant, 455 Eisenhower Dr.
 Penn Twp, 20 Wayne Ave.
 Rutter's, 1400 Baltimore St.
 Rutter's, 1009 York St.

Where To Buy Township Bags

\$6 per bag

Smoker's Outlet, 824 York St.
 Walmart, 1881 Baltimore Pk.
 Walmart, 495 Eisenhower Dr.
 Weis Market, 1424 Baltimore St.
 Weis Market, 860 Carlisle St.

Recycling Environmental Impact

Way to go Penn Township Residents and Commercial Establishments!

You recycled close to 17,654 tons of newspaper, cardboard, magazines, mixed paper products, comingle, scrap metal and electronics during 2022. According to the Department of Environmental Protection environment footprint calculator this equates to the savings of :

47,636 trees 14,364,894 gallons of water 1,083,233 gallons of oil 13,757,361 kilowatts of energy

Residents also recycled 9.3 tons of plastic shopping bags, that's over 1,324,840 bags.

Hanover Area Fire and Rescue Commission, Fire Chief's Office

228 High Street, PO Box 1292, Hanover, PA 17331

Recreational Fires

Recreational fires are allowed with commercially purchased portable appliances such as chimineas and wood burning appliances for external use. The use of such appliances shall be as per the manufacturer's specifications and be a minimum of 15 feet from any structure or combustible material.

Burn rings are allowed with burning contained within the ring and not located within 25 feet of any structure or combustible materials. When using burn pits they must be attended by an adult at all times.

Should you choose to do any type of burning, please be considerate of your neighbors to make sure the smoke created is not objectionable.

Materials that can be recycled such as newspaper, magazines and cardboard are prohibited from being used as a fuel source.

Outdoor Burning

Open burning is prohibited within the limits of Penn Township with the exception of agricultural burning on ten (10) contiguous acres or more of land that is owned by or leased by the individual doing the burning. A permit is required for this type of burning and can be obtained at the Penn Township municipal office.

Fireworks Use - Ordinance No. 835

The Township adopted ordinance number 835 on September 21, 2020. The ordinance provides regulations for the use and discharge of consumer fireworks, display fireworks and agricultural fireworks. Some of the limitations include who is allowed to use fireworks, where the fireworks can legally be discharged and establishes specific limits on the duration and hours of discharge.

E-Bikes/E-Scooters and Lithium-Ion Batteries

In 2022, we responded to a devastating fire that was the result of a new lithium-ion battery that was being charged. If you use rechargeable lithium-ion batteries in your home, whether for an e-bike, scooter or power tools, I urge you to please visit YouTube and search: *FDNY Lithium Ion Fires*.

The Problem

Damaged or defective batteries can over-heat, catch fire, or explode.

Lithium-ion battery fires give off toxic gases and they burn extremely hot.

Batteries made overseas may not be of the same quality or tested to the same standards as in the USA.

Signs of a Problem

Stop using the e-bike or e-scooter if you notice any of these problems with the battery: unusual odor, change in color, too much heat, change in shape, leaking, smoking, or not keeping a charge.

Safety Tips

Only purchase and use devices, batteries, and charging equipment that are listed by a nationally recognized testing lab and labeled accordingly. A list of Nationally Registered Testing Labs is available on the OSHA website or Google search NRTL.

Always follow the instructions from the manufacturer.

Only use the battery and the charger that were designed for, and came with, the device.

Do not keep charging the device or device battery after it is fully charged.

Only charge one device or device battery at a time to prevent overloading the circuit.

Keep batteries at room temperature when possible. Do not charge them at temperatures below 32°F (0°C) or above 105°F (40°C).

Do not store batteries in direct sunlight or inside hot vehicles, and keep them away from children and liquids.

Store e-bikes, e-scooters, and batteries away from exit doors and anything that can get hot or catch fire.

Only have device repairs performed by a qualified professional.

Do not put lithium-ion batteries in the trash. Recycling is always the best option. Penn Township recycling center accepts lithium-ion batteries.

American Flag Etiquette

Federal law stipulates many aspects of flag etiquette. The section of law dealing with American Flag etiquette is generally referred to as the Flag Code. Below are several of the general guidelines from the Flag Code that answers many of the most common questions:

-The flag should be lighted at all times, either by sunlight or by an appropriate light source.

-The flag should be flown in fair weather, unless the flag is designed for inclement weather use.

-The flag should never have any mark, insignia, letter, word, number, figure, or drawing of any kind placed on it, or attached to it.

-When the flag is lowered, no part of it should touch the ground or any other object; it should be received by waiting hands and arms. To store the flag, it should be folded neatly and ceremoniously.

-When a flag is so worn it is no longer fit to serve as a symbol of our country, it should be destroyed by burning in a dignified manner.

If you have American flags that you need to dispose of, you can drop them off at the Penn Township recycling center. The flags will be disposed of in a dignified manner.



Thinking About a Yard Sale?

Now that Spring has arrived it will soon be time for yard sales. Keep in mind the requirements for conducting these sales:

1. Yard sale permits can be issued for any two consecutive days between 7am and sunset, Monday through Saturday. No Sunday sales are allowed. The cost of a yard sale permit is \$10.00.
2. Permits can be issued for no more than two yard sales within a six month period.
3. Signs advertising yard sales cannot be placed on any road sign, including stop signs, speed limit signs, signal poles, etc. Signs may be taped or tied (not stapled or nailed) to wooden utility poles. Signs on private property or in the public right of way may not impair vehicular sight distance.
4. Signs must provide information on the location of the sale, including street name and number as well as the date(s) of the sale. All signs must be removed immediately following the yard sale. Any sign not promptly removed or which represents a safety hazard will be removed by the Township at the expense of the permittee.

Please Be a Responsible Dog Owner

Dealing with pet waste is one of those topics that every pet owner must deal with but no one likes to talk about. The fact is that the majority of community and neighborhood pet problems result from the inappropriate handling of pet waste. In addition, pet waste is the greatest source of potential health risk for your pet and your family. Please remember that your responsibility to clean up after your pet doesn't end when your dog leaves your yard. There are probably fewer things that aggravate neighbors more than a dog that 'goes' in their yard. **Pet owners need to clean up after their pet every time they "go to the bathroom".**



Rent-A-Kid

The Rent-A-Kid program, sponsored by the York County Area Agency on Aging, needs kids in middle and senior high school. Rent-A-Kid is an intergenerational program that offers students an opportunity to earn money and/or community service hours doing routine household chores, yard work, mowing lawns, technology assistance, pet care, or shoveling snow for York County seniors. The program also provides an opportunity for older adults and teenagers to interact and help each other.

For additional information, interested teens can contact the Rent-A-Kid program at (717) 771-9610 or 1-800-632-9073.

Spring Cleaning and Property Maintenance! What Can You Do?

First, general maintenance is required of all properties. Owners and occupants are responsible for keeping the property clean, sanitary and safe.

Second, keep your grass mowed and weeds trimmed. Grass and weeds cannot exceed 10" in length. Please don't discharge your grass into the street. It clogs up the storm drains.

Third, rubbish and garbage cause odors and rodents to congregate. All exterior property and premises, as well as the interior of every structure, needs to be free from any accumulation of rubbish or garbage. Garbage needs to be kept in an approved container. These containers should be leakproof, covered, and kept alongside or at the rear of the property.

Fourth, if you are doing work on your house and purchase materials, keep them alongside or in the back of the house. No outdoor stockpiling of materials is permitted in the front yard.

Fifth, parking on grass is not permitted. Off-Street parking areas must be a stabilized base and paved with concrete or compacted/rolled asphalt material.

Sixth, residents who have sidewalk/walkway lights installed on their property are required to have these lights lit from dusk to dawn. There are no exceptions. If your light is inoperable and in need of replacement, please contact the Township office for information of approved lighting poles and fixtures.

Residents should know that all confidential complaints are investigated and a determination is made by a Code Enforcement Officer, even if you are not contacted personally.

***References: International Property Maintenance Code and Penn Township Ordinances 763, 750, 741, 712, 623 and 792.**

Property Maintenance Enforcement

The Penn Township Code Enforcement department has been busy responding to your complaints and observations. From 7/19/2022 to 2/17/2023 there have been 730 violations. They are categorized as follows.

Junk/Garbage/Sanitation - 103

Brush & Limb – 61

Residential Lighting - 137

High Grass / Weeds - 122

Sidewalk - 4

Sign Violations - 75

Vehicle Violations - 153

Storm Water, Drainage - 7

Sight Lines - 2

Sheds - 1

Failure to Apply for Permit – 55

Misc - 10

Beware of Scams

With the coming of Spring, the Penn Township Police Department reminds residents to be aware of home improvement scams, frauds and ID theft. Common sense is your best protection against becoming a victim. We encourage you to use caution when someone asks for your personal information, routinely monitor your credit history and financial interests, note any suspicious activity and report any immediate concerns to the Police Department.

Stop Bars at Intersections

The Township frequently receives calls from residents complaining that a traffic signal is not operating correctly because the light refuses to change while sitting at the intersection. The problem, however, is usually not the signal. Most all intersections come with a white stop bar that indicates where the vehicle should stop. Vehicles that come to a stop beyond the bar (or too far back from it) will not activate the detection loop in the street or allow the overhead camera to properly recognize the vehicle. If the vehicle can't be detected the signal may not cycle properly. Always make sure that your vehicle comes to a stop just behind the stop bar. For drivers who wish to make a legal right turn on red you may need to proceed further into the intersection beyond the stop bar in order to achieve a better sight distance. Just recognize that by doing so the signal might not recognize the vehicle.

Penn Township Storm Water

When it rains or snows, the excess water that can't soak into the ground flows into the storm sewer system. This system, which includes storm drains, pipes, and swales, moves water away from streets, parking lots, and properties.

Where does all that water go? Straight to our waterways! There is no treatment plant for storm water, so anything that washes or is poured into a storm drain will go directly into our backyard streams and wetlands.

Because the Township has seen a lot of development in the last few decades, we have more people living and working here. And with this increased population comes more sources of pollution - more oil leaks from cars, more pet waste on lawns, and more litter blowing from dumpsters and bins. We need to think carefully about what goes into our storm water system because the collective impact of so many people on our freshwater resources can be significant.

How can you do your part? Here are a few simple ways to get started. Never dump anything down a storm drain - dispose of things like motor oil and household fluids properly. If you wash your car at home, divert soapy wash water onto your lawn. Keep grass clippings off the sidewalk and out of the street. Use fertilizers and pesticides responsibly. Pick up after your pets. Swimming pool water should be drained onto your lawn. And lastly, report illicit discharges when you see them.

If you'd like to learn more about storm water or report an illicit discharge, please visit our website at (<http://www.penntwp.com/MS4-Stormwater.html>) or contact the office at 717-632-7366.

2023 Penn Township Public Meeting Dates

Penn Township Board of Commissioners - 7:00pm on the third Monday of each month.

MS4 Community Forum, Monday, May 1, 2023 at 6pm, followed by the Public Safety and Public Works Committee Meetings

Public Safety and Public Works Committees - 7:00pm on the first Monday of each month, except July and August the meeting will begin at 6:00pm, and the September meeting will be held the first Tuesday at 6:00pm.

Finance and Health and Sanitation Committees - 7:00pm on the first Tuesday of each month, except in September the meeting will begin at 6:00pm, and the July and August meeting will be held the first Monday at 6:00pm.

Planning Commission - 7:00pm on the first Thursday of each month.

Zoning Hearing Board - 7:00pm on the second Tuesday of each month.

Important Contacts

Township Office - 717-632-7366

Township Police Dept. - 717-637-8751

Fire Dept - 717-637-4949

Tax Collector - 717-632-7366 x1165

Public Works - 717-633-6373

Wastewater Treatment Plant - 717-637-1561

Trash & Recycling - 717-637-1561

email pennrecycle@comcast.net

For Emergencies Call 911

Township Web Site: www.penntwp.com

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The recycling center and Police departments share one Facebook page. Find both departments at "Penn Township Police, Hanover, PA"

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