



Penn Township Newsletter

Residential Brush & Limb Collection

Curbside collection of brush and limbs will begin on Monday, **October 5, 2020**. All material must be placed curbside by 7:00am on a dedicated Township street or road by this date, **but not before September 25, 2020**. **If material is placed curbside prior to September 25th you will be contacted to remove it!**

Township crews will pick up one time per neighborhood. 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:

Limbs no larger than 3” in diameter or smaller than 1/2” in diameter. Material containing lumber, boards or other debris will not be collected.

The Township reserves the right to refuse items that do not meet the requirements and is **NOT** responsible for clean up.

Township Leaf Collection

Leaf collection will begin on **October 26, 2020**. Leaves should be raked to the gutter, curb, or shoulder of any dedicated Township road or street on, **but not before, October 23rd**. Leaves must **not** be placed out **after November 29th**. Leaves **must not** be placed in plastic bags or in any other container and must be free of branches, limbs, or any other type of debris (i.e., paper, bottles, cans, grass clippings, etc.) or they **will not** be picked up. Due to restricted available space, first priority pick-up will be given to Baltimore Street, York Street, Frederick Street and Carlisle Street.

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, **October 17, 2020**. 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.

Christmas Tree Collection

Township residents can place their Christmas trees curbside for pick-up on their normal trash collection day during the week of **January 11, 2021**. These are the **ONLY** days trees will be picked up. Trees must be free of all ornaments, tinsel, lights, etc. Trees must **NOT** be in any kind of bag. Trees over 6 feet in length must be cut in half.



Follow Us on Facebook



The Penn Township police department uses Facebook as an informal way to reach out to the community. Citizens are informed of any changes to existing laws, upcoming Township sponsored events, current crime trends, safety tips, snow emergencies and any other important information the community should be aware of.

The Penn Township recycling Drop-off facility also uses Facebook to remind residents of holiday closings and upcoming events.

Find both departments at “Penn Township Police, Hanover, PA”

Let's Talk About Your Toilet

Today's throw away society has created a huge and ugly monster in many of the sewer collection systems worldwide. Products that have been developed to add convenience to your daily routines have become a major problem for the wastewater industry. Just because a product says it is flushable does not mean it should be flushed into the sewer system. Sanitary sewer collection systems 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 in property and environmental damage. **The only thing that should be flushed into the sewer system is Pee, Poop, and Toilet paper.**

Do Not Flush

Paper Towels	Disposable and cloth diapers	Feminine Products	Q-Tip
Bandages	Dental Floss	Hair	Medicine
Socks/Underwear	Sanitary Towels	Incontinence Pads	Razor Blades

No pet litter of any kind - No wipes of any kind

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.penntwp.com. Under "Quick Links" click on "Online Sewer Payments" and follow the prompt. Additional fees will be charged by the vendor for this service.

Snow Emergency Routes

Residents are reminded that Penn Township has established snow emergency routes. These routes, designated by signs, are:

- John Street, from York Street to Wirt Avenue.
- Wirt Avenue, from John Street to Baltimore Street.
- West Granger St., from Baltimore Street to Westminster Avenue.
- Westminster Avenue, from Granger Street to Frederick Street..
- All of York Street. (PA Rt. 116)
- All of Baltimore Street. (PA Rt. 94)
- All of Frederick Street. (PA Rt. 194)



Residents and businesses located along these roadways are reminded that when the Chief of Police puts a snow emergency into effect, all parked vehicles must be removed from the roadway in order for plows to clear the roadway from curb to curb. Parking restrictions along these designated routes will be enforced immediately after a snow emergency is put into effect. Once the snow emergency has been lifted, normal parking will resume.

Mail Boxes

The memories of past winter snowstorms may have faded somewhat but now is the time to prepare for any coming winter storms. When the snows are very wet and heavy, it makes plowing even more of a challenge for the Public Works Department. When this is the case we see an increase in the number of mailboxes damaged by the heavy snow coming off the plow blades. To reduce the potential for damage, residents should make sure their mailbox is **firmly** anchored to the post and into the ground as far away from the street as possible, but still within reaching distance for the postal carrier. In most instances the mailbox is located in the Township's street right-of-way so we cannot be held responsible for damage to mailboxes as a result of snow plowing.

Please be a Good Neighbor

If you are lucky enough to have a fire hydrant on your property, please keep a 3' area around the hydrant clear of snow. The house you save, could be your own.

Household Hazardous Waste Disposal

Saturday, October 3, 2020, 9am to 1pm - 2650 Blackbridge Rd., York, PA

Pre-registration is required for this event at www.ycswa.com/hhw-event-2020 or call 717-845-1066

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.

Examples of Accepted Items:

Driveway Sealant, Flammable Material (Fuels, Solvents, Wood Stains, etc.), Fluorescent Bulbs, Tube Lights and Lighting Ballasts, Garden Chemicals (Fertilizers, Herbicides, Insecticides, etc.), Household Cleaners (Chemical Strippers, Disinfectants, Stain Removers, etc.), Mercury Containing Devices and Liquid Mercury, Photographic Chemicals, Pool Chemicals, Rechargeable Batteries (Nickel Cadmium, Nickel Metal Hydride and Lithium Ion), Vehicle Fluids (Antifreeze, Brake Fluid, Motor Oil, etc.)

Do Not Bring:

Hazardous Waste from Business and Organizations, Aerosol Cans, Alkaline and Auto (Lead Acid) Batteries, Ammunition and Explosives, Asbestos Containing Products, Electronics, Fire Extinguishers, Incandescent and LED Light Bulbs, Medical Waste and Medications, Paint, Pressurized Gas Tanks (Propane, Helium, Oxygen, etc.), Radioactive Materials, Smoke and/or Carbon Monoxide Detectors

For more information call 717-845-1066 or visit www.ycswa.com

Non-Metal 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.

Bulk items that can be placed curbside on your normal collection day include:

Mattress & Box Springs

Tables - over 4 feet cut in 1/2

Dry Wall - broken down and bundled

Insulation - bundled

Ceiling Tile - 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 or Concrete, Yard Waste, Televisions, Shingles, Tires, Containers with Oil, Gasoline or Antifreeze

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

Metal Bulk Item Collection

Metal bulk items must be scheduled by 2:00pm Wednesday, for collection on Thursday. Please call 717-637-1561

EXAMPLES OF ACCEPTABLE ITEMS:

Hot Water Heater Air Conditioner Refrigerator Freezer Washing Machine Dryer

Dishwasher Dehumidifier Exercise Equipment Grill 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

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



Curbside Recycling

Aluminum and Steel Cans

Empty Food and Beverage Containers **Only**.

Plastic Bottles, Containers and Jugs

Containers Numbered 1, 2 & 5 with a capacity of five gallon or less **Only**.

Glass Food and Beverage Containers

Clear, Brown and Green Bottles and Jars **Only**.

All lids should be removed and disposed of in the trash

Please do not overfill your bin, use a second container marked "Recycling" for overflow.

Recyclables must be loose in the container, do not place them in plastic bags.

Free recycling stickers are available at the Township office and drop-off center.



Penn Township Recycling Drop-Off Center

Located at 1020 Wilson Avenue

HOURS: Monday - Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Saturday: 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. - Closed Sundays and Holidays

Newsprint, Junk Mail, Inserts: Deposit into boxes located in the newspaper trailer. **Can be loose, tied or in brown paper bags.**

Magazines: Place your magazines loose into the boxes located in the magazine trailer. Please, **no newsprint co-mingled with the magazines.**

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

Eyeglasses and Hearing Aids: Located in the building. Deposit in appropriately marked container. Only complete eyeglasses and hearing aids.

Plastic Shopping Bags: Located in the building, deposit in barrel clearly 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: The flags will be disposed of in a dignified manner.

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 and Alkaline Batteries: Located in the building. Deposit in appropriately marked container.

NO DISPOSING OF MATERIAL EXCEPT DURING POSTED HOURS OF OPERATION

Above guidelines strictly enforced. Violators will be subject to fines and penalties as prescribed by Ordinance #434, as amended.

Holiday Schedule for Drop-off Center and Trash/Recycling Collection

Thanksgiving, Thursday 11/26/20	Drop-off closed 11/26 and 11/27. Thursday and Friday trash/recycling collection delayed one day.
Christmas, Friday 12/25/20	Drop-off closed 12/24 and 12/25. Friday trash/recycling collection delayed one day.
New Years, Friday 1/1/21	Drop-off closed 12/31 and 1/1. Friday trash/recycling collection delayed one day.
Good Friday 4/2/21	Drop-off closed. NO change in trash collection.

USED ANTIFREEZE (No Contamination)

Hanover Lube and Brake - 717-637-3011

USED MOTOR OIL (No Contamination)

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

OLD GASOLINE & KEROSENE

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

BATTERIES

RECHARGABLE ONLY
 Battery Warehouse - 717-633-5149
 Lowes of Hanover - 717-630-8700

AUTO - MOTORCYCLE - LAWN MOWER - MARINE ONLY

Advanced Auto - 717-633-3636
 Auto Zone - 717-637-3656

ALL PROPANE GAS CYLINDERS UP TO 20LBS

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

STYROFOAM (goes in the trash or recycled below)

Dart Container (Lancaster) - 717-390-0886
 Dart Container (Leola) - 717-656-2236

COMPACT FLUORESCENT LIGHT BULBS (NO TUBES) (goes in the trash or recycled below)

Home Depot - 717-646-0140
 Lowes of Hanover - 717-630-8700

FLUORESCENT TUBES (goes in the trash or recycled below)

Batteries Plus Bulbs (York) - 717-718-3547 * fees may apply

APPLIANCES CONTAINING FREON

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

GRASS CLIPPINGS & LEAVES (goes in the trash or recycled below)

Yellow Hill Farm (Biglerville) - 717-677-8188 or online yellowhillfarm.com

CONCRETE - BRICK - BLOCK - BLACKTOP - TOP SOIL

Gettex LLC - 717-321-3155

BUBBLE WRAP - AIR POUCHES - POLYSTYRENE PEANUTS (goes in the trash or recycled below)

Parcel Plus- 717-632-5896
 UPS Store - 717-646-1118
 Black Rose Antiques and Collectibles - 717-632-0589 (Bubble Wrap Only)

MERCURY THERMOSTATS

R.F. Fager - 717-632-0560

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

WFX - 717-633-1010 * fees may apply

Trash Facts

- 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 should be set curbside **by 6:00am the day of collection** and no sooner then the evening prior to your collection day.
- Bulk **metal** items must be scheduled for collection, call 717-637-1561.
- Other 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.

Local Retailers Who Sell Township Refuse Bags

\$4.00 per bag

Giant, 801 Baltimore Street	Giant, 455 Eisenhower Drive	Penn Township, 20 Wayne Avenue
Rutter's, 1400 Baltimore Street	Rutter's, 1009 York Street	Walmart, 1881 Baltimore Street
Walmart, 495 Eisenhower Drive	Weis Market, 1424 Baltimore Street	Weis Market, 860 Carlisle Street



Trick-or-Treat

This year trick-or-treat night in Penn Township will be Tuesday, **October 27th** from **6:00pm to 8:00pm**. Residents can expect to see super-heroes, princesses, goblins and members of the Penn Township Police Department in their neighborhoods. The primary concern of the officers is the safety of the children as the kids dress up and enjoy trick-or-treating! Officers will be patrolling in vehicles and on bicycles.

Some costumes can be very dark. We suggest adding reflective material, flashing lights and/or glow sticks to costumes to make them visible to passing motorists. Remember; **check all candy before allowing anyone to consume it.**

Halloween Safety Tips

1. **Trick or Treat will be held on October 27th from 6:00 to 8:00pm** Don't wait until Halloween to lay out the trick or treat ground rules, kids are too excited to pay close attention. Instead, start reviewing your safety rules several weeks in advance.
2. Always walk on the sidewalk. If there is no sidewalk, walk close to the curb, facing oncoming traffic.
3. Remind children to look both ways (left-right-left) before crossing the street. Don't assume that motorists see you or will yield to you.
4. Crossing a street in mid-block increases your risk of an accident. The Police Department stresses the importance of only crossing at intersections.
5. Limit your territory to familiar streets and neighbors. Parents, make it clear if certain areas or houses are off limits. If possible, Trick or Treat with a group. There is safety in numbers and it's more fun.
6. This is a great time to remind children about stranger danger! Teach children to be polite but cautious around neighbors they are not familiar with. **Never, ever** enter a stranger's home or car.
7. Beware of homeowner's pets or other nocturnal animals. Halloween, with its constantly ringing doorbells and throngs of people, can make even calm pets nervous. Advise children to steer clear of pets they do not know.
8. Don't let children sample their treats until you inspect them. Inspect the treats closely, discarding those with loose wrappings and home-made treats, unless you personally know the baker.
9. Prepare your property for visiting trick or treaters. Clear the walkway of wet leaves and other obstacles. Turn on lights for everyone's safety. If the front porch light isn't lit, chances are they don't want to participate.
10. When carving a pumpkin, never let young children near the carving tools. Non-toxic paint and stickers are safe decorating alternatives. Instead of candles, illuminate your pumpkin with a safe battery operated light source.

Hanover Area Night Out 2020

The Hanover Area Night Out event, originally scheduled for Tuesday, August 4th, has been rescheduled for Tuesday, October 6th. Due to COVID-19 restrictions and social distancing, this year's event will NOT take place at the Target parking lot. Instead, this year we will return to a more traditional Night Out event.

We are asking on Tuesday, October 6th from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. citizens turn on their porch lights to show support for their neighborhoods. In a socially responsible manner, we encourage residents to walk around their neighborhoods and get you know your neighbors. Penn Township Police officers will be patrolling through neighborhoods to interact with citizens and answer questions you may have.

Together we can show that we are united in our communities and in our resolve to keep each other safe!

Can't Wait for Brush and Limb, or Leaf Collection?

Penn Township residents can 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, tree trunks and any wood product that is unpainted, untreated and free of metal. These products can be brought to their facility 7 days a week during daylight hours free of charge. Call 717-225-4669 or 717-225-1479 for details.

Hanover Area Fire and Rescue

Fire Chief's Office

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

Anthony Clouser, Fire Chief

aclouser@79fire.com

717-646-2814

Hello Residents,

For the Fall 2020 newsletter I wanted to remind our residents about a few things. First, **if you are a renter, PLEASE, make sure you have Renter's Insurance.** Your landlord's insurance **DOES NOT** cover your personal belongings. We have responded to numerous fires where the tenants did not have renter's insurance. In many cases, they lost everything they own. I cannot emphasize enough how important this is. Almost any insurance agent can provide you with an economic policy with sufficient coverage for your needs.

Using a popular web-based insurance company, one would be able to obtain \$30,000 coverage of personal property, \$500,000 in personal liability, and \$5,000 coverage for bodily injury for \$35.35 down payment and \$16.15 for 11 months for a total of \$213.00 per year with a \$250.00 deductible. This was the "top-of-the-line" policy offered. This is less than the cost of your cell phone.

If you are a landlord, I strongly urge you to require your tenants to get renters insurance and to provide proof each year that they have it.

Do you have an adequate number of smoke detectors? Have you changed the battery? How old is your detector?

Property Maintenance Enforcement

The Penn Township Code Enforcement department has been busy responding to your complaints and observations. From 2/15/2020 to 8/1/2020 there have been 460 violations. They are categorized as follows.

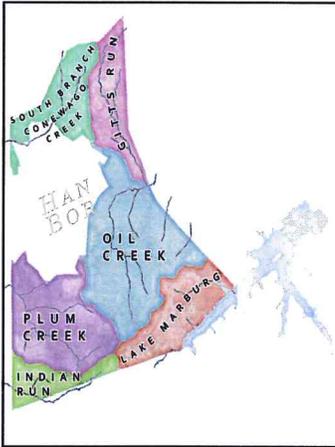
Accessory Structure: 2	Inoperative/Unlicensed Vehicles: 48	Residential Lighting: 8
Accumulation of Junk: 35	Parking Commercial Vehicle in Residential: 4	Retention Basins: 1
Brush & Limbs: 2	Parking Facilities: 60	Roof & Drainage: 1
Disposal of Garbage: 1	Permit Failure: 14	Sidewalks: 14
Failure to Get a Sign Permit: 16	PODS/Registration: 6	Trimming Trees: 5
Fences & Walls: 2	Recreational Fires: 1	Vision Obstruction: 21
Garbage/Sanitation: 33	Recreational Vehicle Parking: 36	Weeds: 149

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.

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 web site.



What is a Watershed?

A watershed is an area of land whose rainwater all drains to the same body of water - a stream, lake, bay, etc. We have six main watersheds here in Penn Township. Which one do you live in? Check the map to learn where your stormwater goes!

Remember that stormwater flows from the storm sewer straight into our waterways, so anything that enters a storm drain will ultimately end up in our local streams and lakes. Please do your part to keep our waterways clean and healthy.

If you have stormwater concerns, Penn Township’s Stormwater Coordinator is available Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 4:30pm at 717-632-7366 ext. 145.

Illicit discharges can be reported 24/7 to the discharge hotline at 717-632-7366 ext. 124.

Neighbors by Ring

The Neighborhood Watch App sends real-time crime and safety notifications directly to your phone. The Penn Township Police Department has joined the Neighbors App to share alerts, comment on local issues and help make our communities safer for everyone. Join the Penn Township Department on the Neighbors App. Text **penntwp** to **555888** to download the free Neighbors App to see what’s going on in your community right now. Share the App with your neighbors, friends and family to make a difference in your neighborhood today.

Did You Know.....The Police Department Offers The Following Free Services

- Child car seat installation * Alzheimer registration * Child ID safety kits * Bike theft registration * Gun locks
- Safety and drug talks * Security surveys * Business safety training * Medication take-back drop off
- * Police station tours

The Penn Township Police Department hopes everyone keeps safety in mind when they are driving. Please wear your seatbelt, pay attention to your surroundings and don’t text and drive.

2020 - 2021 Penn Township Public Meeting Dates

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

Public Safety and Public Works Committees – 7:00pm on the first Monday of each month, except July and September when the meeting will be held the 1st Tuesday.

Finance and Health and Sanitation Committees – 7:00pm on the first Tuesday of each month, except August when the meeting will be held the 1st Monday.

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

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

Civil Service Commission – 7:00pm on the second Thursday of each month except for July, August and December.

Penn Township Municipal Office

20 Wayne Ave. Hanover PA. 17331, Office Hours, Monday-Friday 8:00am - 4:30pm

Phone 717-632-7366 Visit Our Website www.penntwp.com

Refuse and Recycling Questions,

Call 717-637-1561 or E-mail Questions to pennrecycle@comcast.net

Penn Township Tax Collector

Robin Hoke, 20 Wayne Avenue, Suite 3, Hanover, PA 17331 Phone 717-632-7366 ext. 165