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TOWNSHIP NEWS & UPDATES

FALL 2021

Starting with fall 2021, the township will be emailing separate newsletters:

- one dedicated to trash/recycling news,
- one dedicated to public works news, and
- one for general township department news.

This should make reading much easier and convenient especially if you are just looking for a specific detail on, *for example*, curbside yard waste collection or leaf collection.

And, as always, you are encouraged to share township emails with your neighbors, especially those who do not have access to the internet or may not have signed up for email via the township [website](#).



STARTING OCTOBER 1, 2021, Noble Environmental is the new contractor for trash and recycle collection in Lancaster Township.

Your patience while they learn the roads & routes is appreciated.

Be sure to check your email on Saturday, September 25 for the new trash/recycle newsletter for fall 2021!

Changes to the woody waste facility hours and the start of leaf collection will be happening soon! Check the "**Dates to Remember.**"

Watch your in-box for the new public works fall 2021 newsletter.



D A T E S t o R E M E M B E R

October:

- Monday, October 4: **Woody Waste Facility** Weekday (Mon-Thurs) hours change to: 2:00PM to 6:00PM. Saturday hours remain 8AM-1PM
- Saturday, October 9: Shredding Event 9:00AM to 11:00AM at Maple Grove Comm. Park. Lancaster Township residents ONLY!
- Thursday, October 14: **LAST DAY to pick up Yard waste bags** at the woody waste facility.
- Friday, October 15: **SPECIAL NOTICE** - - **ALL** curbside yard waste collection will take place on this date. (*This replaces the October 11 final week collection.*)

November:

- Monday, November 8: **Woody Waste Facility** Weekday (Mon-Thurs) hours change to: 2:00PM to 5:00PM. Saturday hours remain 8AM-1PM
- Friday, November 12: **SPECIAL NOTICE** -- **ALL** large appliance/tire collection will take place on this date. (*This replaces the November 9-11 collection week.*) **Tag(s) are required & can be purchased at the township office.**
- Saturday, November 20: **Last Saturday** for woody waste facility (8AM-1PM)
- Wednesday, November 24: **Last Weekday** for woody waste facility (2PM-5PM)

- Monday, October 18: **Leaf collection** begins on signed streets. Go to this [webpage](#) for a list of the [FINAL DATES](#) for leaf collection. **REMINDER:** the *No Parking Restrictions* on signed streets will remain in force until January 22, 2022, to allow for a final street sweeping (weather permitting)



- Friday, October 29: **Trick or Treat** will be observed on **FRIDAY, October 29, 2021 - 6:00PM to 8:00PM.** > When Halloween falls on a Saturday or Sunday, trick or treat celebration will occur on the Friday prior to October 31st.

- Thursday, November 25: **NO trash/recycle collection.** Thursday collection on Friday, November 26
- Thursday & Friday, November 25 & 26: *Township Office closed*



December:

- Thursday & Friday, December 23 & 24: *Township Office closed*
- Friday, December 31: *Township Office closed*



PLANNING & ZONING

Office: 1353 Meadowcreek Lane | Lancaster, PA 17603

Tom Daniels, Director of Planning & Zoning

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Gretchen Smith, Planning & Zoning Assistant

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The Planning & Zoning Office is responsible for enforcing [Township Ordinances](#), as well as processing building & zoning permits, dumpster permits, Smoke Detector Certification, and zoning, property, and resident-related concerns. The various forms/applications for these processes can be found on the [township website](#).

Sheds Decks, Patios, Garages and Fences....

Accessory Structures and Permits--Lancaster Township Zoning Ordinance defines *accessory structures* as a "detached, subordinate structure, the use of which is customarily incidental to that of the principal structure and is located on the same lot."

Sheds, decks, patios, and garages are among such items regulated by the ordinance. Fences are considered accessory but have their own set of guidelines. **It is very important that homeowners wishing to construct such things apply for a permit!!**

If an existing structure being replaced is the exact size and in the same exact location, it might be considered maintenance and repair, and not require a permit. **However, you should always check with the planning & zoning office first to be sure.**

The placement of these structures may be limited due to their size, location, and proximity to property lines. Every lot is limited to the amount of new impervious surface, (hard surface, not allowing water to naturally infiltrate) depending on the lot size and zoning district of the property. This is an increasingly important factor as storm water runoff increases with the addition of new impervious surface.

Easement restrictions (above and below ground) are important as well. A property easement allows for an unobstructed access to facilities such as underground wires and pipes. There are utility easements such as gas, electric, sanitary sewer, and storm water, which in most cases prohibit the placement of accessory structures in them. Ground level easements for storm water are in place as well. Keep in mind, easements, especially in older homes, are not always clearly shown on deeds. The location is also critical to maintain the setbacks (required minimum distance) from the property lines.

Accessory structures require zoning permit applications and can usually be turned around in a few days. We want you to fully enjoy your homes and properties, but these regulations are in place for your safety, and for consistency in our communities.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT (MS4)

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So, we had a little “rain event” at the beginning of September...

Township staff implemented its planned preparations for large storms by setting up barricades to be deployed at known flood hazard areas, by clearing away debris and obstructions from various high-priority inlets & headwalls, and adjusting work schedules & operating hours to help keep everyone safe. Generally speaking, the plans worked. More than a few trips to the grocery store or to school/work had to be postponed or re-routed. A couple of motorists did learn their lessons the hard way not to drive through flooded sections of the roads. Many residents, including yours truly, had to endure water in their basement.

During some of the heaviest times of the downpour, several of us made our way to previously known areas of concern to observe how the runoff patterns, storm sewer, and detention basins were performing. Many of the recent improvements made certainly displayed their effectiveness. But, we know there’s still more work to be done.

Some of the work that needs to be done is by private property owners. All of us live uphill from somebody else and the swales, pipes, basins, etc. all work to help prevent damage. But, without being inspected and maintained, that infrastructure can’t continue to function. Much of the stormwater infrastructure in Lancaster Township is privately owned and the property owner on whose land the pipes, swales, inlets, and such is located are responsible for its inspection and maintenance. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about whether or not such infrastructure is on your property or not.

The Conestoga itself rose to an historic level, third highest according to some. Near the river, there’s almost nothing to be done but wait for the water to recede. Afterwards, the debris can be cleared away and the clean-up can begin. But, sometimes other damage may have occurred.

Large rocks can be unexpectedly moved by the large volume of water. Swollen waterways can further the erosion of streambanks and swales. Areas of scour or subsidence can present themselves. So, a full inspection of these conditions becomes critical after big storms. In this case with Ida being larger than a ten-year storm, inspections are required by the Stormwater Management Ordinance.

Please reach out to me with questions about inspections or repairs to the stormwater facilities for which you might be responsible. ~ **Ben Webber, Lancaster Township Municipal Engineer**

TOWNSHIP DIRECTORY

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(717) 291-1213

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Public Meetings are held at the township building, 1240 Maple Avenue. Those attending will enter through the double-doors located on Perry Avenue. **All meeting information is posted on the [township website](#).**

- [Board of Supervisors](#) - 2nd Monday of the month at 6:00pm
- [Planning Commission](#) - 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm
- [Zoning Hearing Board](#) - 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm
- [Historical Commission](#) - meets six times a year at 6:30pm. Remaining dates for 2021 - Oct. 4 & Dec. 6
- [Building Code Board of Appeals](#) - held as needed



[SERVING EAST END]
63 Lafayette Way, Lancaster
(717) 392-5097
Fire Chief: Dave Keens
Website: www.lafayettefire.com
Facebook:
www.facebook.com/lafayettefire



[SERVING WEST END]
PO Box 210, Bausman
(717) 394-5353
Fire Chief: Steve Roy
Website: www.lafd.org
Facebook:
www.facebook.com/LancasterTownshipFire



[SERVING LANCASTER TOWNSHIP]
1825 Municipal Drive, Lancaster
Administration: (717) 569-6401
Nonemergency: (717) 664-1180
EMERGENCY: Dial 911
Chief of Police: Tom Rudzinski
Website: www.manheimtownshippolice.org
CRIMEWATCH Network:
lancaster.crimewatchpa.com/manheimtwppd



125 North Duke Street, Lancaster
(717) 394-2651

Lancaster Public Library's mission is to inspire, empower, and strengthen the community by connecting people with information, ideas, and enriching experiences.

To learn more about the library events, programs, and services, visit lancasterpubliclibrary.org.



525 Fairview Avenue
Lancaster, PA 17603
(717) 392-2115

Lancaster Rec provides neighborhood-based recreation and learning opportunities for all ages. Programs include youth and adult instructional sports programs and leagues, senior centers, fitness and wellness classes, summer playgrounds and day camps, full-day child care for infants through age 5, club activities, before and after school care, preschool education and seasonal family events. Lancaster Rec brings people together and makes the community stronger.

To learn more about Lancaster Rec,



265 Harrisburg Avenue, Lancaster
(717) 393-9622

Lancaster Family YMCA supports the health and well-being of children, adults, and families through a broad range of programs and events, including summer camp and community health programs. Key mission priorities are: Closing the Achievement Gap, Safety Around Water for children and Chronic Disease Prevention and Recovery. Visit lancasteryymca.org to learn more about the programs offered.



***Open Burning is Prohibited
in Lancaster Township!***

Ordinance No. 1986-1 prohibits open burning of yard waste, burn barrels, camp fires, chimineas, etc.

Don't become a victim of vehicle theft!



IMPORTANT CONTACT NUMBERS

Comcast/Xfinity: *ALL billing/service questions*
(800) 266-2278

PPL Electric

Power outage or downed/broken street light:
(800) 342-5775

Downed wires: (800) 342-5775 (press 1, then 3, for emergency)

Sewer Services -

Contact the agency listed on the bill you receive

City of Lancaster Wastewater:

- (717) 291-4825
- After-hours Emergencies: (717) 293-5533

Lancaster Area Sewer Authority:

- (717) 299-4843
- After-hours Emergencies: (717) 396-9619

Suburban Lancaster Sewer Authority:

- (717) 560-7500
- Emergencies: (717) 293-5533

UGI Gas

Billing/Service: (800) 276-2722

Gas leak: Leave immediately with all people & pets.
Call (800) 276-2722 or dial 911 *away from the building.*

Water Service is supplied by City of Lancaster

Billing: (717) 735-3425

Service: (717) 291-4820

Emergencies: (717) 291-4816

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TRASH, RECYCLING & ENVIRONMENT

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NEW CONTRACTOR FOR TRASH and RECYCLE COLLECTION!



STARTING OCTOBER 1, 2021, NOBLE ENVIRONMENTAL will be making their way down your street. At the September 13, 2021 meeting of the Lancaster Township Board of Supervisors, Noble Environmental was awarded the new contract for collection of trash and recycling in Lancaster Township.

As the Noble crew becomes familiar with the routes and the township roads, your patience and understanding will be appreciated.

SPECIAL COLLECTION DATE CHANGES!



IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR



THE FINAL COLLECTION of Curbside Yard Waste

The “**FINAL DATE**” for “**ALL**” curbside yard waste collection is **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15**, *not the week of October 11-14* as was originally scheduled.

Yard waste bags must be at curbside the evening of Thursday, October 14.

Collection **DOES NOT include**: grass clippings, fruit & vegetable waste, tree stumps, dirt, rocks, or stones. *Bags containing these items will not be collected, and will be left at the curb.*

The LAST DAY to pick up yard waste bags at the woody waste facility is Thursday, October 14, 2021 (*or while supply lasts*).

Yard Waste in plastic bags will not be collected.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR THE COLLECTION of Large Appliances & Tires

The **date** for this collection **has been moved** to **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12**, *not the week of November 8-11* as was originally scheduled.

\$12 Blue tag must be attached to EACH appliance. Includes washers, dryers, dishwashers, refrigerators, stoves, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, etc.

\$2.00 Purple tag must be attached to EACH tire. Standard car, truck, or motorcycle tires only. **NO RIMS. NO COMMERCIAL OR OVER-SIZED TIRES.**

Tags can be purchased at the township office. If you already have a tag, email jyost@twp.lancaster.pa.us or call (223) 221-7507 to place your address and item(s) on the collection list.

All tagged items must be at curbside the evening of Thursday, November 11.

Lancaster County Solid Waste Facility also accepts large appliances, and car, truck, & motorcycle tires, with or without rims. Call (717) 397-9968, or visit their [website](#) for hours and fees.

Shredding Event for Lancaster Township Residents



This event is for Lancaster Township Residents Only!

Date: Saturday, October 9, 2021

Time: 9:00AM to 11:00AM

Place: Maple Grove Community Park

Access is via the Elm Avenue service road located behind Giant in the Stone Mill Plaza.

Donations for a local food bank will be appreciated!

SEMI-ANNUAL TRASH/RECYCLE BILLS

MAILED OCTOBER 1, 2021
PAYMENT DUE OCTOBER 30

- Regular rate is \$122.50
- 10% Senior discount rate (age 60+) is \$110.25

A 10% Senior discount rate for those age 60+ is available. *If you will be 60 years old by the time the new bills are mailed and your bill does not reflect the discount when you receive it, you may pay the discount rate but must provide proof of age.**

Residents are **HIGHLY ENCOURAGED** to pay their bill through one of the three preferred payment options listed below:

LANCASTER TOWNSHIP
1240 MAPLE AVENUE
LANCASTER, PA 17603

ACCOUNT NO. BILLING DATE

SERVICE LOCATION

SERVICE FROM SERVICE TO

CURRENT BILLING NO. OF UNITS

PRIOR BALANCE

MESSAGE

DUE DATE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE

Pay online @ Lancastertownship.org

LANCASTER TOWNSHIP
1240 MAPLE AVENUE
LANCASTER, PA 17603

TRASH & RECYCLING

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

PLEASE RETURN THIS STUB WITH PAYMENT

ACCOUNT NO.

SERVICE LOCATION

DUE DATE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE

Pay online @ Lancastertownship.org

Please Make Check Payable To:
LANCASTER TOWNSHIP

If Mailing Address Shown on Other Side is not Correct, Fill Out Below.

Name.....

Street.....

City.....

YOUR CANCELLED CHECK IS YOUR RECEIPT

RETURN THIS STUB WITH PAYMENT

LANCASTER TOWNSHIP
1240 MAPLE AVENUE
LANCASTER, PA 17603

OFFICE HOURS:
Monday thru Friday
8:00 am - 4:00 pm

TELEPHONE NUMBER:
(717) 291-1213

TERMS:
NET WITHIN 30 DAYS OF BILLING DATE

LATE CHARGE: 10% OF GROSS AMOUNT 30 DAYS AFTER BILLING DATE

ALL DISHONORED CHECKS SUBJECT TO A SERVICE CHARGE OF \$38.00

REFUSE BILLING IS BASED ON THE NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS

PLEASE KEEP THIS PORTION FOR YOUR RECORDS

PAYMENT OPTIONS:

- > **ONLINE PAYMENT** (by credit card or check with nominal processing fee). **For senior discount indicate in the notes section that you qualify for the senior discount. THEN, email a copy of your ID to Joanne Yost at the township office - jyost@twp.lancaster.pa.us or mail a copy to the township office (Attn: Joanne Yost) along with your account #.*
- > **DROP-BOX** at the Maple Avenue main entrance door. Place check or money order and the payment stub in a sealed envelope. We recommend no cash when using the drop-box. **For senior discount include a copy of your ID with your payment.*
- > **MAIL** a check or money order and the payment stub to the township office. We recommend no cash when mailing payment. **For senior discount include a copy of your ID with your payment.*

Increase in Trash Service Fee in April 2022

Fees associated with trash & recycling services have risen steadily over the last couple years. The overall cost of the waste industry continues to go up, and trash haulers and townships have no control over these increased costs. Unfortunately, these increases lead to rising trash service fees for residents.

Lancaster Township will be paying higher service fees starting in October. Fortunately for residents, the supervisors have decided to not raise the trash service fee for the October 2021 billing. However, residents will see an increase starting with their April 2022 bill. The amount of the increase will be announced before April 2022 via the township website, email, and other social media outlets.

Trash & recycling must be placed out *the night before your collection day*. Trash & recycling should not be placed on the curb earlier than the evening before collection day, and

containers should be promptly removed after collection.

- Trash bags, containers, recycling bin must be within five (5) feet of the curb and *clearly visible to the collector*.
- **Trash is limited to** three 32-gallon trash cans or bags per week, no more than 30 pounds each.
- Additional cans or bags must have a **YELLOW** extra service tag (\$1.25) attached to each.
- Cans and/or bags weighing more than 30 pounds or **over-sized items** must have a **RED** extra service tag (\$4.00) attached to each.
- **Purchase tags at the reception window** at the township office during regular business hours.
- *Absolutely NO construction/demolition debris will be collected.* It must be disposed of at the Lancaster County Solid Waste Facility at 1299 Harrisburg Pike.
- Click on [this link](#) for additional Township collection information.

*Illegal dumping of any regulated material is a punishable offense.
Lancaster Township will enforce all regulations and impose penalties on violators.*

The FAQs of Trash/Recycle Collection

1. **When must trash/recycling be put out for collection?** Trash & recycling must be placed out **the night before your collection day** within five feet of the curb, and clearly visible to the collector. Recycling is collected the same day as trash, but not always at the same time.
2. **What if they miss me?** If your trash and/or recycling is missed, **you must report it the same day or next day by 10AM** in order for it to be collected the day after your scheduled day; otherwise, it will have to wait until your next scheduled collection day.
3. **What are acceptable trash containers?** *First*, placing your name and address on your container is recommended. *Second*, containers should have pre-molded handles. Fifty-five (55) gallon barrels, or any container or barrel without handles, are unacceptable trash containers—they present a safety hazard to the hauler and cannot be picked up easily. *Third*, containers with lids are helpful in preventing birds, squirrels, and other animals from spreading trash around the curb, the street, and your neighborhood.
4. **What is THE BIG 4 in Recycling?** Recycling is mandatory in the township, and is a co-mingled program. **The only acceptable materials for recycling are THE BIG 4**: corrugated cardboard, plastic bottles/jugs with necks, metal food/beverage cans, and glass jars/ bottles. All items should be cleaned out. Recycle containers can be purchased at the township office. If purchased elsewhere, be sure the container is clearly marked RECYCLING, and includes your name and address. *In case of rain, snow, ice, or high winds, keep corrugated cardboard inside until the following week.*
5. **I have extra trash bags/containers over the weekly limit of three. Will the contractor take them?** Yes, **BUT ONLY IF** there is a **YELLOW** extra service tag (\$1.25) attached to each and they are under the 30 lb. limit. *Bags/containers over 30 lbs. require a **RED** tag.*
6. **How do I dispose of an over-sized item?** **EACH** over-sized item must have

a **RED** extra service tag (\$4.00) attached to it. You may put out **only two (2) red tag items per week**. These items are collected on the same day as your regular trash day. **Over-sized items include:** bicycle, microwave, mattress, box spring, couch, chair, small furniture, carpet (*cut into 5 ft. pieces & bundled or tied*), a house door, toilet, tub, sink, charcoal grill, gas grill with **PROPANE TANK REMOVED**. Contact HHW Facility - (717) 397-9968 about disposal of all propane tanks, including those for camping stoves. **Dehumidifiers, large appliances, and tires are NOT considered an over-sized item**. These are collected during the twice yearly large appliance/tire collection or they can be taken to the Lancaster County Solid Waste Authority, 1299 Harrisburg Pike.

7. How do I dispose of batteries? Residents may pick up a special battery collection bag at the township office. Household batteries (and cell phones) can be placed in the bag. **Once the bag is full**, place it on the ground **NEXT TO** your trash container, **NOT IN IT** or the recycle container. The trash hauler will collect the bag(s) during regular trash pick-up. Household batteries and cell phones can also be taken to the county [household hazardous waste facility](#) at 1299 Harrisburg Pike. **Automotive batteries must be taken** to the [HHW](#) facility.

8. How should electronic devices be disposed of? PA Covered Devices Recycling Act 108 of 2010 prohibits the disposal of e-waste with trash or recycling (e.g. televisions, computers/accessories, tables, e-readers, cell phones/chargers/accessories, cameras, etc.). These items must be taken to the county Hazardous Waste Facility at 1299 Harrisburg Pike. (717) 397- 9968. For a complete list of these items, click [here](#).

9. How should Sharps/needles be disposed of? **NEVER** put loose Sharps/needles in the trash—**ALWAYS USE a Safe Clip™**. Lancaster County Solid Waste provides them for free, and they are available for purchase at most pharmacies. Once full, place container in the trash, never in recycling. Click on [this link](#) for more information on proper disposal of medical waste.

10. Who is required to use the township's trash contractor? All landowners within the township must have their trash picked up by the township hired contractor. Exceptions are apartment buildings with four or more units and businesses (not including in-home occupations). Those that are exempt from being on the township trash service are still required to have a licensed LCSWMA-approved hauler to pick up their trash. Apartment owners are to provide trash/recycling opportunities for their tenants. **It is the landlord's responsibility to inform tenants of any ordinances the township has that may affect them.**

RECYCLING IS MANDATORY IN LANCASTER TOWNSHIP (by Ord1990-02) for all residents, apartment dwellers, and businesses within the township. Click [here](#) for detailed information on recycling.

*This is a co-mingled program. **ONLY the "BIG 4"** are accepted:*

1. Corrugated cardboard
2. Plastic bottles/jugs with necks (does not include lids)
3. Metal food/beverage cans
4. Glass jars/bottles (does not include lids)



- All items should be cleaned out before placing in the recycle bin.
- **DO NOT** put recycling in a plastic bag or paper bag before placing in the bin. **It will not be collected.**
- In case of rain, snow, ice, or high winds, keep corrugated cardboard inside until the following week.

Recycle containers may be purchased at the township office at a cost of \$10.00 each, or you may purchase one at Lowes, Home Depot, etc. *Residents should make sure their name and address is visible on both their trash and recycle receptacles.*

ALL ELECTRONIC WASTE is **PROHIBITED** from being disposed of with your trash or recycling by the PA Covered Devices Recycling Act 108 of 2010. Residents and businesses may drop electronic waste for FREE at the county [Household Hazardous Waste Facility](#) at 1299 Harrisburg Pike. All electronics must be intact and will not be accepted by the HHW Facility otherwise.

Items include:

- Batteries: Household & Automotive (household batteries may also be placed in a special battery bag, then placed on the ground NEXT TO your trash container, NOT IN IT or the recycle bin. Click [here](#) for info)
- Desktop computers & Laptops
- Monitors & Computer peripherals, including keyboard, mouse, printer and speakers
- Televisions & e-Readers
- Cameras: photo and video
- Cell phones/smart phones (may also be placed in a special battery bag; click [here](#) for info)
- Phone peripherals, such as: chargers, batteries, Bluetooth earpieces, air cards, clips, cases
- DVD and VCR players
- MP3 players and iPods
- All electronic game players, video game consoles, and controllers
- Stereos and peripherals: CD players, turntables, amplifiers, speakers (no wooden materials)

INFORMATION ON HOLIDAY/WEATHER-RELATED COLLECTION SCHEDULES

**Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 25 - NO trash/recycle collection...
Collection will be on Friday, November 26**

ONLY certain holidays affect regular trash/recycle collection schedules depending on what day the holiday falls on. ***If the actual holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday, there is NO CHANGE*** to the collection schedule.

The holidays listed below are the only holidays observed by the contracted hauler:

- **JANUARY:** New Year's Day - (*only affected if January 1st falls on a weekday*)
- **MAY:** Memorial Day - (Monday holiday means one-day delay for the week)
- **JULY:** Independence Day - (*only affected if July 4th falls on a weekday*)
- **SEPTEMBER:** Labor Day - (Monday holiday means one-day delay for the week)
- **NOVEMBER:** Thanksgiving Day - (Thursday holiday means *Thursday collection* will be Friday)
- **DECEMBER:** Christmas Day - (*only affected if December 25th falls on a weekday*)

Extreme weather events (flooding, snow, ice, etc.) *may affect* collection by causing stoppage or delays. When events occur, the contractor will provide information to the township. As it is received, the township will make every effort to post updates on a variety of platforms:

- www.twp.lancaster.pa.us
- Nextdoor.com
- [Twitter.com/LTEMC](https://twitter.com/LTEMC)
- [Facebook.com/LancTwpMunicipality](https://facebook.com/LancTwpMunicipality)
- via township [Email](#) blast

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WOODY WASTE FACILITY

- Service is for Lancaster Township **residents ONLY**--have ID ready for the gate attendant.
- **NO** commercial landscapers (work-for-hire individuals).
- All traffic must enter via the Elm Avenue service road (behind Giant at Stone Mill Plaza), and exit via Columbia Avenue Eastbound only.
- Access to the facility will be controlled. We appreciate your patience.

Days and Hours of Operation through final closing date:

- *Starting October 4*—Monday thru Thursday, 2:00pm to 6:00pm
- *Starting November 8*—Monday thru Thursday, 2:00pm to 5:00pm
- Saturday hours remain 8:00am to 1:00pm
- **LAST SATURDAY** is November 20 (8:00am to 1:00pm)
- **FINAL DAY** is Wednesday, November 24 (2:00pm to 5:00pm)
- *The facility is closed Fridays, Sundays, and holidays.*
- The **LAST DAY to pickup yard waste bags** is Thursday, October 14.
- **NO BAGS** (including Bio Bags) are to be left. **ALL bags must be dumped & taken with you.**
- **Grass clippings ARE NOT PERMITTED.**



**ABSOLUTELY NO DUMPING OF WOODY WASTE
OUTSIDE OF ENTRANCE GATE!**

**Woody Waste area is under Video Surveillance.
Violators Will Be Cited!**

Leaf Collection on "signed" streets begins Monday, October 18, 2021. Takes place the first and third Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of each month.

ALL weather, equipment, and volume of leaves can affect leaf collection at any

If your street has a posted sign that lists certain days/hours of No Parking, then it is a “signed” street.

PARKING RESTRICTIONS on "signed streets" **REMAIN IN FORCE until January 22, 2022**, to allow for a final sweeping ("weather permitting") once leaf collection has ended in December.

Police will enforce prohibited parking. To avoid receiving a ticket, **abide by the schedule as it appears on the posted street sign.**

[Click here](#) for the 2021 sweeping/collection calendar for **signed streets**.



time.

ABSOLUTELY NO grass clippings, tree branches, or yard waste are to be placed on the street

for leaf collection. This will clog and/or break the equipment resulting in delays to the collection schedule for the entire township.

Leaf piles that contain grass, branches, or yard waste found mixed in with leaves will be left for you to clean up and dispose of yourself.

In addition, leaf piles that get left behind due to vehicles being parked on or too near the pile for the equipment to get to, are also the responsibility of the resident to remove.

During leaf collection season, every effort will be made to collect leaves on streets with signed parking restrictions on the days/times listed on the street signs. The area (route) the crew will be working in will be posted in advance (when possible) on the township website home page. [Route \(Zone\) Maps](#) are available by clicking [here](#).

Below are the **FINAL DATES** in your area that *leaves may be put out* for curbside collection on parking-restricted signed streets.

ANY LEAVES PUT OUT AFTER THESE DATES WILL NOT BE PICKED UP; the resident will be responsible for removal.

- Monday, December 13: ALL AREAS between Columbia Avenue, Marietta Avenue, Race Avenue, and 0–200 block River Drive.
- Tuesday, December 14: All SIGNED Wednesday areas in East and West Township; finish Conestoga Woods area.
- Wednesday, December 15: All SIGNED Thursday areas (Chadwick Lane, Colchester Drive, the Sterling Place Development). Areas west of Abbeyville Road, School House Road, N. Bausman Drive, Bausman, Gable Park, Bentley Lane, Chadwick Circle, Bean Hill Road, Wedge Wood, Windolph Landing, Honeysuckle Lane, and Millrace Development
- Friday, December 17: ALL AREAS between Marietta Avenue and Newton Road, N. President Avenue, and the 300–700 blocks of River Drive.
- Sunday December 19: All SIGNED Monday areas (Chadwick Lane, Colchester Drive, the Sterling Place Development).
- Monday, December 20: All SIGNED Tuesday areas in East and West Township including Conestoga Woods area.

NON-SIGNED STREETS

- There is no scheduled street sweeping/leaf collection for non-signed streets.
- For non-signed streets, the crew attempts to clean every street in the township a minimum of twice a year—once in the fall and once in the spring. There is no notification as to when this will take place. If vehicles are parked on the street, the operator will go around them.
- If your street is heavily littered, call the public works office at (717) 293-1733.

HIGH-TRAFFIC STATE HIGHWAYS

The streets below are not included in the regular leaf collection schedule due to their being high-traffic state highways. The township will pick up these bagged leaves. *Call the public works office at (717) 293-1733 when your bags of leaves are at curbside ready for pickup.*

- Columbia Avenue
- Millersville Pike
- Wabank Road

Street/Alley Tree Policy...

- The individual property owner is responsible for all trees and shrubs along any street or alley, whether in or out of the right of way.
- The property owner is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of all trees and shrubs that may be hindering visibility at intersections, impinging on travel lanes, obscuring or interfering with street signs and or otherwise negatively impacting vehicular or pedestrian access or travel.



- The property owner must maintain a minimum distance of 18 feet from the road surface to the bottom of the lowest hanging branch. The property owner is responsible for the pruning of trees/bushes that are blocking regulatory signs (i.e. stop signs, speed signs, etc.) or the line of sight at intersections. If the property owner fails to prune trees/bushes, the Township reserves the right to accomplish or contract for the necessary pruning at the homeowner's expense.
- When a tree or tree limb blocks or partially blocks a Township roadway and/or a Township Alley, every effort will be made by the Public Works Department to open the roadway for the safe passage of vehicles. It is the responsibility of the property owner to clean up the fallen tree, branches, and any debris after the reopening of the roadway.
- If a tree or branch is too large for the Public Works Department to handle, the roadway will be closed and the property owner will have 24 hours within which to contact and arrange for a tree removal contractor and have the tree removed. If the Public Works Department has been able to partially open the road allowing safe passage via at least one full lane, the homeowner will have 48 hours within which to accomplish the removal of the tree allowing opening of the full road. If the homeowner does not or cannot comply or if the homeowner cannot be contacted, Lancaster Township has the right to hire a tree removal contractor to perform the work and to invoice the property owner for any required services.
- Further information regarding resident obligations are contained in the Zoning Ordinance of Lancaster Township which states: Section 1907, Vision Obstruction, "No building, structure, planting, or other obstruction shall be permitted on any corner lot that would obscure sight visibility within the clear sight triangle established by measuring one hundred (100) feet along the centerlines of the intersecting streets at a height of three (3) feet above the street surface."

About Adopt-an-Inlet Program

Lancaster Township inspects, maintains and services what is known as a "Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System" (MS4). The MS4 is a connected collection of conveyances. These conveyances—curbs, gutters, ditches, naturally occurring and man-made channels, pipes, tunnels, catch basins, or storm drains—carry storm water and storm water runoff which ultimately discharges into rivers, streams and creeks of the waters of the United States.



Storm water arriving as rain, snow, sleet, and hail falls upon the ground and is often absorbed. However when the rate of precipitation is such that the ground cannot absorb it all, or the surface is impervious such as parking lots, patios, sidewalks, and streets, the precipitation becomes storm water runoff and travels through the MS4 and ultimately into our waters.

The United States EPA has determined that polluted storm water runoff is a leading contributor to impaired water quality in over 40% of the United States waters which do not meet water quality standards. Trash allowed to collect at the opening of an inlet restricts the ability of the inlet to adequately handle the flow of storm water runoff attempting to enter the inlet. As the floatable trash and other litter is forced into the inlet, it too can be ultimately discharged into our waters. There are literally thousands of street and backyard inlets in the township. The public works department routinely inspects, cleans, and maintains all of the conveyances making up the MS4, but as you can imagine, litter, leaves, and other debris can collect very quickly.

Lancaster Township is engaged in a public education program regarding the potential for reducing the amount and concentration of polluted storm water runoff being discharged into waterways flowing into any United States waters. As part of Lancaster Township's storm water management education program, an offer is being made to all residents to participate in a very active and meaningful manner by joining the "[Adopt-an-](#)

Inlet" program.

When you "**Adopt-an-Inlet**" you enter into an agreement with Lancaster Township to regularly check your adopted inlet for the following conditions:

- Check the inlet regularly for trash, debris, litter, and leaves:

Note the condition of the Inlet

- 1) Broken curb or adjacent roadway surfaces
- 2) A dislodged or damaged grate or cover
- 3) Sinking of the manhole or inlet

- Notice if the interior of the inlet seems to be full:

When conditions are dry (no rain for the last 2 days or more)

- 1) Note if there is any flow occurring in the inlet
- 2) If so does the flow have an odor
- 3) If flow is present does it have a visible color
- 4) If flow is present does it have a "sheen" or oily appearance

- During and after a rain and/or snow storm:

- 1) Notice if there is any ponding or standing water
- 2) How long does the ponding last
- 3) How big was the pond which formed

Report the above conditions using the "**Inlet Inspection Form**," or call the Public Works office at (717) 293-1733.

- **NEVER ATTEMPT TO WADE INTO A DRAINAGE AREA WITH OPEN INLETS OR PIPES IN AN EFFORT TO UNBLOCK THEM – CALL THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT FOR HELP – (223) 221-7523 or (717) 293-1733.**
- Call the Public Works Department with any concerns regarding potential pollutants.
- Call the Public Works Department anytime you notice blocked inlets or standing water of unusual amount or that does not subside.

Residents should:

- Avoid using pesticides and fertilizer near the systems entry points or where runoff is likely,
- Limit the amount of pesticides and fertilizers used,
- Repair any oil and hydraulic leaks in automobiles, trucks, and equipment,
- Avoid allowing pet wastes to remain in streets or gutters,
- Report any sighting or suspicion of the pouring a hazardous substance into the inlet or any conveyance, such as: Oil, Paint, Fuel, Chemicals, or Cleaners.



SEWAGE



OIL OR FUEL SPILL



PET WASTE



PAINT



SUDS/FOAM



YARD WASTE/GARBAGE

Illicit Discharge Reporting

As part of the management of our stormwater system and to provide residents with a mechanism to report any observed discharges to the stormwater system that might be illicit, dangerous, or undesirable, we have the **Citizen Reporting Illicit Discharge Form**.

Please alert the public works department to any suspected source of non-stormwater observed being discharged into the ground, our physical piped system, or directly to any stream, river, or pond. Your observations are vital to successfully managing our storm water systems.

The **Citizen Reporting Illicit Discharge Form** is for use by residents and non-residents who observe what they expect is an illicit discharge into the MS4's storm water system, or an illicit discharge into the ground or directly to the waters of the Commonwealth.

Adopted by Ordinance 1992-2 and outlined under **Chapter 96, Section 4, Article 1. Dogs**

No owner shall permit any dog or other animal to defecate upon any public property or the property of another person unless the owner immediately cleans up and removes the defecation and disposes of it in a sanitary manner. The provisions of this section shall not apply to a guide dog accompanying a blind person or otherwise assisting a person with a disability.

PUBLIC PROPERTY or THE PROPERTY OF ANOTHER PERSON is listed as any highway, street, alley, park, school, sidewalk or other land to which the public is invited or any property of any person other than the owner.



**Know what's below.
Call before you dig.**

PA ONE CALL

- **STOP! Call Before You Dig!**
- **DIAL 8 1 1 or 1-800-242-1776**
- **No Charge for Homeowners**
- **And It's The Law! State law requires you to call the PA One Call System at least three business days before you dig.**

The [PA One Call](#) system is a non-profit Pennsylvania corporation created to help protect the underground facilities of members through communication with any person planning to disturb the earth. The purpose is to prevent damage to underground facilities. To promote safety, they provide an efficient and effective communications network among project owners, designers, excavators, and facility owners, and have created a uniform color code for various utilities. They are as follows:

White—proposed excavation

Pink—temporary survey markings

Red—electric power lines, cables, conduit and lighting cables

Yellow—gas, oil, steam, petroleum or gaseous materials

Orange—communication, alarm or signal lines, cables or conduit

Blue—water, irrigation and slurry lines

Purple—reclaimed water, irrigation and slurry Lines

Green—sewers (sanitary and storm) and drain lines

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