



TOWNSHIP NEWS & UPDATES FALL 2022

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In case you missed the July 14 announcement...the township website has a **NEW & IMPROVED** look!

- The site is now more smartphone and tablet friendly.
- Easy access to pay both Parking Tickets [online](#) & Trash/Recycle Bills [online](#).
- Check out the [How Do I](#) and [Services](#) pages.
- In addition to signing up for the [E-newsletters](#), you can now sign up for [E-Notify](#), so when a news item or alert message is posted to the website, you'll receive notification in your email.
- You now have the ability to Share information from the website to your own social media accounts.
- And, there is an Accessibility Menu to assist individuals with disabilities.

Go to lancastertownship.org and take a look around!



Semi-annual trash/recycle bills will be in the mail

October 1, 2022.

Payment is due October 30, 2022.

[Online](#) payment is available

For other payment options, click on this [link](#).

The fall 2022 trash/recycle newsletter is headed your way - look for it in your email soon.

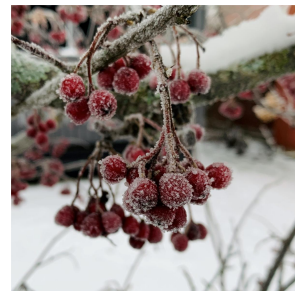
The [woody waste facility](#) hours will be changing on October 3rd and again on October 31st. Leaf collection begins October 17th.

Check the "[Dates to Remember](#)" section for information, and

watch your email for the fall 2022 public works newsletter.



D A T E S to R E M E M B E R



October 2022:

- October 1: Trash/Recycle bills in the mail.
- Monday, October 3: [Woody Waste Facility](#) Weekday (Mon-Thurs) hours change to: 2:00PM to 6:00PM. Saturday hours remain 8AM-1PM.
- Monday-Thursday, October 10 thru 13: **LAST WEEK** for [curbside yard waste collection](#). Collection takes place on your regular pickup day.
- Saturday, October 15: **LAST DAY to pick up Yard waste bags** at the woody waste facility.
- Monday, October 17: **Leaf collection** begins on signed streets. For details, visit this [webpage](#). **REMINDER:** the **No Parking Restrictions** on signed streets will remain in force through January 19, 2023, to allow for a final street sweeping (weather permitting).
- October 30: Trash/Recycle bill payment due.
- Monday, October 31: [Woody Waste Facility](#) Weekday (Mon-Thurs) hours change to: 2:00PM to 5:00PM. Saturday hours remain 8AM-1PM.



- Monday, October 31: **Trick or Treat** will be celebrated on Halloween, 6:00PM to 8:00PM (*Rain or Shine*).

November 2022:

- Friday, November 11: **ALL [Large Appliance/Tire Collection](#)** will take place on this date township-wide. Tag(s) are required and can be purchased at the township office.
- Saturday, November 19: **LAST SATURDAY** for woody waste facility (8AM-1PM).
- Wednesday, November 23: **LAST WEEKDAY** for woody waste facility (2PM-5PM).
- Thursday, November 24: **NO trash/recycle collection**. Thursday collection will be on Friday, November 25.
- Thursday & Friday, November 24 and 25: **Township Office will be closed.**



December 2022:

- The **FINAL DATES** to rake leaves to the curb will be posted on the [township website](#). Check back for those dates!
- Friday, December 23: **Township Office closed**
- Monday, December 26: **Township Office closed**

January 2023:

- Monday, January 2: **Township Office closed**
- Tuesday, January 3: Board of Supervisors Reorganization/Regular meeting at 6:00PM

PLANNING & ZONING DEPARTMENT

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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 [here](#).

REMINDER...

Open Burning is PROHIBITED in Lancaster Township!

[Ordinance No. 1986-1](#) prohibits open burning of yard waste, burn



[Chapter 96, ANIMALS ...](#)

OWNER - Any person having a right of property or having custody of any dog or other animal governed by this article or any person who harbors or permits a dog or other animal governed by this article to remain on or around his or her property.

PUBLIC PROPERTY or THE PROPERTY OF ANOTHER PERSON - 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.

§ 96-3 Running at large prohibited.

No owner shall permit any dog to be upon any public property or the property of another person unless the dog is accompanied by or under the immediate control of the owner.

§ 96-4 Defecating on public property.

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.

§ 96-5 Duty to keep dog securely tied or penned.

The owner of every dog shall keep the dog penned in a dwelling or other enclosure or securely tied in such a manner that the dog cannot walk or run on any public property or the property of another person.

§ 96-6 Duty to keep dog under control.

Every owner of a dog shall keep the dog under sufficient control so as to prevent the dog from entering upon any public property or the property of another person without the owner's consent.

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Don't Just Send It Downstream...

Our community is made up of neighbors and neighborhoods. Actions that make sense to us individually can lead to adverse impacts for others...or for all of us.

With the autumn phase of leaves falling and trees shedding old branches etc., please be reminded NOT to dump such items into streams, swales, or other waterways. Although such matter does get there naturally, when collection and dumping occur outside of Mother Nature's control...downstream concentration and pileups can result far outside of our ability to see it. We also have a lot of invasive plant species in our community that do get transported to new homes when dumped into swales and streams.



Please avail yourself of the township's [Woody Waste facility](#) and help reduce problems that your neighbors might otherwise experience. Township staff and other taxpayers will appreciate your help. The woody waste facility is a service available to Lancaster township residents only. (Grass is not permitted to be dumped at the facility.)

TOWNSHIP DIRECTORY

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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
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 Nonemergency: (717) 664-1180
EMERGENCY: Dial 911
Chief of Police: Tom Rudzinski
Website: www.manheimtownshippolice.org
CRIMEWATCH Network:
lanaster.crimewatchpa.com/manheimtwppd



DON'T BE A VICTIM OF VEHICLE THEFT!

A vehicle can be broken into or stolen in about a minute.

Make it difficult for a thief by following the precautions below:



- Never leave your keys in the car or the car running and unattended. Close all the windows and the sunroof.
- When parked on the street, turn your wheels toward the curb to make it more difficult for it to be towed.
- Don't leave valuables or personal items, including your purse or wallet, visible in the car. Lock items in the trunk. Better yet--take them inside your home.
- Use the vehicle's anti-theft system if it has one.

If You Have a Keyless System

- Don't leave the fob in your car or hidden in the car.
- If possible, disable the touch entry. That will prevent thieves from entering the vehicle if you are close.
- Switch off the fob when not in use.
- Test the fob to see how far away from the vehicle it works. Store the key outside of that range. You can also store it in a metal container, signal blocking wallet or signal blocking pouch.



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



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



265 Harrisburg Avenue, Lancaster
 (717) 393-9622

Lancaster Family YMCA supports the health and well-being of children, adults, and families through a broad

events, programs, and services, visit lancasterpubliclibrary.org.

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, visit their website at lancasterrec.org.

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 lancasterymca.org to learn more about the programs offered.

IMPORTANT CONTACT NUMBERS

Comcast/Xfinity

For ALL billing/service questions, call:

- (800) 266-2278

PPL Electric

Power outage, down or broken street light, call:

- (800) 342-5775

Downed wires, call:

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

Sewer Services are provided through three different agencies. Contact the agency you receive your bill from/pay to.

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

Water Service is supplied by City of Lancaster.

For ALL billing/service questions, call:

- Billing: (717) 735-3425
- Service: (717) 291-4820
- Emergencies: (717) 291-4816

UGI Gas

For ALL billing/service questions, call:

- Billing/Service: (800) 276-2722
- **Gas leak:** Leave house immediately with all people & pets AND dial 911 away from the building.

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PUBLIC WORKS NEWS & UPDATES

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Walking has gotten easier...

Lancaster Township has been upgrading pedestrian access with an eye on safety and connectivity. Now, it's a little easier for pedestrians to get around Hamilton Park and into the Abbeyville Manor neighborhoods.

Crossing Columbia Avenue has always been difficult for Hamilton Park residents with the only signalized intersections at South West End Avenue, Abbeyville Road and North President Avenue with no sidewalk paralleling Columbia Avenue on the South side to provide access to safe crossing spots.



Several changes have been made by Lancaster Township personnel to aide access to safe crossing points along Columbia Avenue. An asphalt pathway was built which connects the sidewalk at West Street and Columbia Avenue with Elm Avenue and the sidewalks within Hamilton Park. This pathway gets pedestrians to the crosswalk near Dominions Pizza and the New School. That crosswalk has become safer due to the changes implemented at Race Avenue and Columbia Avenue which eliminated left turns from southbound Race Avenue traffic onto eastbound Columbia Avenue. The West Street path also connects Hamilton Park directly with the existing sidewalk paralleling Columbia Avenue in this area. Finally, the West Street path connects to a new westbound path along Elm Avenue which joins the Hamilton Park sidewalk network at Elm Avenue and Atkins Avenue.

Many residents of Hamilton Park had indicated that they wished for safe access to the intersection of North President and Columbia Avenues from the Hamilton Park neighborhood. Thanks to a condition on the development plan of an expansion at the Degel Israel Synagogue, a public pathway was constructed by Lancaster Township Public Works just inside the hedge row that fronts on Columbia Avenue which had previously prevented pedestrian access along that section of Columbia Avenue. The new pathway has public access from Spencer Avenue and the entrance to Degel Israel Synagogue. This now provides walkers a pedestrian passageway resulting in being able to use the crosswalk and pedestrian signals at North President Avenue to safely cross Columbia Avenue.

Elm Avenue from Abbeyville Road to the Stone Mill Plaza now has some pedestrian improvements, a new wide shoulder has been completed on Elm Avenue with a new line paint pattern and delineators. The sidewalks at the corner of Elm Avenue and Abbeyville Roads are improved and include new ADA ramps and crosswalks.

The trail pathway at Maple Grove Community Center includes access from the parking lot at Stone Mill Plaza via a stairway built by Lancaster Township Public Works. The trail then meanders along the Little Conestoga Creek from Columbia Avenue to egress points at Meadowcreek Lane and also at Schoolhouse Road. The bridges over the Little Conestoga have sidewalks to get pedestrians to Stone Mill Road in Manor Township at both ends of the trail.

The School District of Lancaster and Lancaster Township collaborated to open the gate at Alley X and Spring Grove Avenue so that walking students and families can walk on the track behind Wheatland Middle School to access both Wheatland and the new Smith Wade El school on Hamilton Park Drive. In addition, the school

construction plan included pathways around the school district property. Lancaster Township in cooperation with the school district connected those pathways to the paths within Community Park.

It is now possible to walk from Maple Grove Community Center to and through Community Park and reach Manor Shopping Center using sidewalks and pathways.

In an effort to make it more affordable for residents in Lancaster Township to make repairs to sidewalks on their properties, a portion of the American Rescue Plan funds provided to Lancaster Township has been designated for a program that allows residents/property owners to apply for matching grants related to home improvements. Check with the planning and zoning office for details on that program or click [here](#) for more information.



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 3—Monday thru Thursday, Hours change - 2:00pm to 6:00pm
- Starting October 31—Monday thru Thursday, Hours change - 2:00pm to 5:00pm
- Saturday hours remain 8:00am to 1:00pm
- **LAST SATURDAY** is November 19 - 8:00am to 1:00pm
- **FINAL DAY** is Wednesday, November 23 - 2:00pm to 5:00pm
- *The facility is closed Fridays, Sundays, and holidays.*
- The **LAST DAY to get yard waste bags** is Saturday, October 15.
- NO BAGS (including yard waste bags) are to be left at the facility. **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 17, 2022. Takes place the first and third Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of each month.

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 thru January 19, 2023**, 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.**

The street sweeping/leaf collection calendar for



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

signed streets is available on the [township website](#).

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. Route (Zone) Maps are available by clicking [here](#).

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

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.

Below are the **FINAL DATES IN YOUR AREA** that leaves may be put out to the curb for collection on parking-restricted signed streets.

ANY LEAVES put out to the curb AFTER THESE DATES WILL NOT BE PICKED UP; the resident will be responsible for removal.

- **Monday, December 12:** ALL AREAS between Columbia Avenue, Marietta Avenue, Race Avenue, and 0–200 block River Drive.
- **Tuesday, December 13:** All SIGNED Wednesday areas in East and West Township; finish Conestoga Woods area.
- **Wednesday, December 14:** 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 16:** ALL AREAS between Marietta Avenue and Newton Road, N. President Avenue, and the 300–700 blocks of River Drive.
- **Sunday December 18:** All SIGNED Monday areas (Chadwick Lane, Colchester Drive, the Sterling Place Development).
- **Monday, December 19:** All SIGNED Tuesday areas in East and West Township including Conestoga Woods area.

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."

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.



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.



**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.

COLOR CODE CGA/APWA TEMPORARY MARKING GUIDELINES ANSI STANDARD Z535.1	
WHITE	Proposed Excavation
PINK	Temporary Survey Markings
RED	Electric Power Lines, Cables, Conduit and Lighting Cables
YELLOW	Gas, Oil, Steam, Petroleum or Gaseous Materials and Hazardous Materials
ORANGE	Communication, Alarm or Signal Lines, Cables or Conduit and Traffic Loops
BLUE	Potable Water
PURPLE	Reclaimed Water, Irrigation and Slurry Lines
GREEN	Sewer and Drain Lines

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TRASH & RECYCLING NEWS & UPDATES

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TRASH, RECYCLING & ENVIRONMENT

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NEWS RELEASE FROM LCSWMA

LCSWMA Imposes \$20 Penalty to Help Enforce Existing Tarp Policy

Securing open loads with a tarp prevents litter and vehicle accidents while protecting the environment

LANCASTER (Lancaster County, PA) – The [Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority](http://www.lcswma.org) (LCSWMA) is requiring that all commercial and residential customers transporting waste to any of its facilities use a tarp to secure open loads or face a \$20 penalty. Second offenders will be turned away.

“The health and safety of our community matters,” Robert Zorbaugh, Chief Executive Officer of LCSWMA, said. “Waste coming loose from unsecured loads is dangerous to drivers and litters our roadways. Our employees spend countless hours collecting litter from trailers, pick-up trucks and commercial vehicles that aren’t properly tarped. The objective of the \$20 penalty is to change behavior so customers abide by the existing policy,” he added.

According to a study by the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety, unsecured loads and debris in the road led to 200,000 crashes between 2011-2014. During that time, debris related vehicle accidents caused 39,000 injuries and 500 deaths. Data released by the same organization found that as a nation, we spend \$11.5 billion combating litter, 40% of which comes from unsecured loads.

LCSWMA officials note that according to Pennsylvania’s State and Federal requirements, it’s also the law to tarp loads.

Loads must be covered with a securely fastened water-resistant cover that eliminates potential for littering and other nuisances. 25 Pa. Code §§ 285.211(a) and 299.211(a)

Facility operators and owners such as LCSWMA are responsible for knowing and complying with all relevant laws, regulations, authorizations and permits to help avoid the environmental impacts and public health, safety, and welfare issues associated with the transportation of solid waste.

When transporting any waste, objects, or materials in an open trailer or vehicle, drivers should:

- Tie large objects directly to the vehicle or trailer
- Never overload the vehicle
- Check for possibilities of shifting
- Securely place a water-resistant tarp over the entire open load

“Not only is it required by law and mandated in the Lancaster County Municipal Waste Management Plan to tarp loads, but it shows courtesy to residents and businesses located on roads leading to our sites,” said Zorbaugh. “We realize it can be an inconvenience to commercial and residential customers, but it’s proven to help protect the environment and the health and safety of our community. We are extremely appreciative of everyone who has been adhering to the policy,” Zorbaugh added.

Visit www.lcswma.org to learn more.

SPECIAL COLLECTION DATES!



FINAL COLLECTION of Curbside Yard Waste

The **FINAL WEEK** for curbside yard waste collection is Monday, October 10 thru Thursday October 13, 2022 (collected on your regular trash day).

Yard waste bags must be out curbside the evening before your collection day.

After the curbside collection has ended, yard waste can be contained in black plastic bags (NOT yard waste/bio bags) and disposed of with regular trash. It will be counted as one of your three containers of trash. Therefore, **if the number of bags you put out exceeds the three-bag limit**, you will need to purchase yellow extra refuse tags (\$1.25/ea) and attach a tag to each bag over the three-bag limit.

You may also take your yard waste (absolutely no grass) to the township's woody waste facility during its [seasonal operating hours](#).



FALL COLLECTION of Large Appliances & Tires

**One day collection township-wide on
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2022**

This special collection requires that each item must have an extra service tag attached. Tags should be purchased before November 9th and are available at the township office during regular business hours.

Appliances - \$12 Blue tag must be attached securely to each. Includes washers, dryers, dishwashers, refrigerators, stoves, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, etc.

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

If you purchased a tag at an earlier date and did not use it, but need to now, email jjyst@twp.lancaster.pa.us or call (717) 291-1213 by 3:00pm on November 9th to place your address and item(s) on the collection list.

All tagged items must be curbside the evening of Thursday, November 10.

SEMI-ANNUAL TRASH/RECYCLE BILLS

**Will be mailed OCTOBER 1, 2022
PAYMENT DUE OCTOBER 30, 2022**

- Regular rate is \$160.00
- 10% Senior discount rate (age 60+) is \$144.00

The senior discount is only available to residents who OWN and LIVE at the billed property.

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		LANCASTER TOWNSHIP 1240 MAPLE AVENUE LANCASTER, PA 17603	
ACCOUNT NO.	BILLING DATE	TRASH & RECYCLING	
SERVICE LOCATION		RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED	
SERVICE FROM	SERVICE TO	PLEASE RETURN THIS STUB WITH PAYMENT	
CURRENT BILLING	NO. OF UNITS	ACCOUNT NO.	
PRIOR BALANCE		SERVICE LOCATION	
MESSAGE		DUE DATE	
DUE DATE		TOTAL AMOUNT DUE	

Pay online @ LancasterTOWNSHIP.org

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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 \$35.00
REFUSE BILLING IS BASED ON THE
NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS
PLEASE KEEP THIS PORTION
FOR YOUR RECORDS

PAYMENT OPTIONS:

1. **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 #.
2. **DROP-BOX** at the Maple Avenue main entrance door. Place check or money order and the payment stub in a sealed envelope. No cash when using the drop-box. For senior discount include a copy of your ID with your payment.
3. **MAIL** a check or money order and the payment stub to the township office. No cash when mailing in your payment. For senior discount, include a copy of your ID with your payment.

If you want to pay at the reception window, be sure to bring your payment stub with you.

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.

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

NO LOOSE TRASH IN YOUR TRASH CAN - A few reasons why...

- It's unsanitary for the hauler if they have to reach down into the trash can to lift out loose trash.
- Bagged trash is much easier and faster to pick up and dump into the back of the truck.
- Trash bags keep trash contained and can help keep your trash can cleaner.

- If you use a trash can with no lid, loose light-weight material may blow or fall out before the hauler even gets there to collect it. It then winds up blowing all around your neighborhood
- And, if you use a trash can with no lid, loose trash will be picked up by birds, squirrels, or other rodents, and then deposited all around your neighborhood.
- If the hauler lifts your can to dump your trash into the back of the truck, loose trash can blow away easily, especially on windy days.
- It is important that all waste is bagged and that the bag is securely tied closed.

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:**

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. 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 (must be cut into 5 ft. pieces & bundled or tied), a house door, toilet, tub, sink, charcoal grill, gas grill with propane tank removed.

The following are NOT considered an over-sized item:

- Dehumidifiers, large appliances, and tires. These are collected during the twice yearly [large appliance/tire collection](#) or you can take them to the Lancaster County Solid Waste Authority, 1299 Harrisburg Pike.
- Propane tanks, including those for camping stoves -- for disposal information, contact the Household Hazardous Waste facility - (717) 397-9968.

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 top of your trash container (only if it has a lid), or 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.

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 drugs & 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.

- 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 put their name and address on both their trash and recycle receptacles.



What Can Be Recycled?

Do not put anything other than the **"BIG 4"** in your recycling bin. "When in doubt, throw it out!". LCSWMA will transform discarded waste into renewable energy.

The "BIG 4" includes:

Corrugated Cardboard: This includes material consisting of a fluted corrugated sheet, like shipping and packing boxes. Flatten all boxes and remove packaging, including Styrofoam, peanuts, bubble wrap, and plastic liners. Do NOT put paperboard (cereal boxes, tissue boxes, shoe boxes), pizza boxes, newsprint, or junk mail in the recycling bin.

Plastic Bottles and Jugs: This includes plastic bottles, jars, jugs and anything else **with a neck**. **Throw away the lids** and rinse out any residue. All other plastic material is considered trash. **Ignore the numbers imprinted on the plastic as they do not indicate if something is recyclable.** Do NOT put plastic bags, toys, buckets, packaging, styrofoam, hosing, furniture, or other plastic items in the bin.

Metal Food and Beverage Cans: This includes all food and beverage cans made from aluminum or steel. **Throw away the lids** and rinse out any residue. **Do NOT** put metal hangers, cooking pots and pans or other scrap metal like foil and pie plates in the bin.

Glass Jars and Bottles: This includes clear, green and brown glass bottles and jars. **Throw away the lids** and rinse out any residue. **Do NOT** put light bulbs, dishes, glassware, window or automotive glass, vases, or any other glass material in the bin.

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 and then put on top of your trash container (only if it has a lid), or on the ground next to your trash container, NOT IN IT or the recycle container.)
- 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)

HOLIDAY/WEATHER-RELATED COLLECTION SCHEDULES

Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 24, 2022 - NO trash/recycle collection...

Collection will be on Friday, November 25, 2022

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 Monday thru Thursday)
- **MAY:** Memorial Day - (Monday holiday means one-day delay for the week)
- **JULY:** Independence Day - (only affected if July 4th falls on a Monday thru Thursday)
- **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 Monday thru Thursday)

Extreme weather events (flooding, snow, ice, etc.) may effect 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
- via township [Email](#) blast