



Township Newsletter Spring 2024

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New Central Fire Station Nearing Completion



The new LTFD fire station under construction across from the Manor Shopping Center at 1275 Millersville Pike is nearing completion. A ribbon-cutting ceremony is tentatively scheduled for mid-late May. The exact date will be published on the Lancaster Township Fire Department Facebook page.

Interior items to be completed are installing drywall in the offices and second-floor lounge, drop ceilings, two staircases for the second-floor lounge, kitchen equipment, doors, and plumbing fixtures.

Exterior items include the final paving of the driveways and parking lots, front and rear concrete pads for the engine bays, sidewalks, kitchen outside sitting area roof and wall, entry portal roof and wall, and storage garage.

Consolidating our two aging fire stations into one modern firehouse places all our volunteers and trucks in one place, shortening response times and saving money

Lancaster Township Fire Department recently mailed capital fund drive appeal letters to western Lancaster Township residents. Donations will assist with funding the new central fire station under construction along Millersville Pike across from the Manor Shopping Center.

Donations will help repay the low-interest federal loan that will help fund our future home. **Gifts of any size are welcome.** They all make a difference.



LANCASTER TWP. VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Make your gift securely online at www.ltfld.org!

[DIRECT LINK TO DONATE HERE](http://www.ltfld.org)

Firefighters Rescue Child from Bausman Fire

Lancaster Township Volunteer Firefighters are being hailed for their skill and bravery for helping rescue a father and daughter from a blazing apartment above the Bausman Post Office on February 12, 2024.

Captain Melvin Reyes, driving Engine 66-1, arrived on the scene in only about a minute. Lieutenant James Logan and Firefighter Katie Remely, despite the intense flames and smoke, swiftly navigated through the scene, locating, and ultimately removing the trapped victims. Both were taken by ambulance to Lancaster General Hospital, where tragically, the father succumbed to his injuries.

The Lancaster Township Fire Department emphasizes the significance of functional smoke detectors, stressing that 20% of homes lack proper alarms or have non-functional ones. Regular maintenance, including biannual battery replacement and dust removal, significantly enhances the effectiveness of these life-saving devices.

Moreover, families are urged to devise and practice home escape plans diligently. Every household should develop clear procedures for evacuating safely in the event of a fire, ensuring that all members are familiar with the routes and procedures.

This tragic incident serves as a sobering reminder of the critical role that preparedness plays in mitigating fire-related risks. By prioritizing the implementation of home escape plans and maintaining functional smoke detectors, individuals can substantially increase their chances of survival in emergencies. Let's take proactive steps to safeguard our loved ones and communities from such devastating outcomes.



Stay Safe on Wheels

In Pennsylvania, safety comes first, especially when it comes to riding bicycles. Title 75 Section 3510 outlines the state's regulations regarding helmets for certain individuals.

According to the law, **individuals under 12 years of age are required to wear a helmet while operating a bicycle or riding as a passenger on one.** These helmets must meet the standards set by recognized organizations such as the American National Standards Institute, the American Society for Testing and Materials, or the Snell Memorial Foundation.

While the law specifically targets those under 12, it's crucial to remember that wearing a helmet is a smart practice for cyclists of all ages. Helmets significantly reduce the risk of head injuries in the event of accidents, providing an extra layer of protection on the road.

So, whether you're a seasoned cyclist or just starting out, don't forget to strap on your helmet before hitting the streets. Let's keep Pennsylvania's cyclists safe, one helmet at a time.

Lafayette Fire Company VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



ADMINISTRATIVE ROLES - FIREFIGHTERS - FIRE POLICE

www.joinlafayette.com

STOP BY ANY MONDAY 6-9PM
63 LAFAYETTE WAY
LANCASTER, PA 17602
LAFAYETTEFIRE.COM
717-392-5097



Residential Recycling

Recycling is mandatory in Lancaster Township (by Ordinance 1990-02) for all residents, apartment dwellers, and businesses within the township. No recyclable materials are permitted in trash containers.

ONLY these BIG 4 items can be placed in your recycling container.

JUST FOCUS ON THE **BIG 4!** PLACE **ONLY** THESE ITEMS IN YOUR BIN.

1



CORRUGATED
CARDBOARD

Flattened

2



PLASTIC BOTTLES
& JUGS WITH NECKS

Emptied, Rinsed, & Lids Removed

3



METAL FOOD &
BEVERAGE CANS

4



GLASS JARS
& BOTTLES

Corrugated Cardboard: This includes material consisting of a fluted corrugated sheet, like shipping and packing boxes. Flatten all boxes and remove packaging.

Plastic Bottles and Jugs (with a neck): This includes plastic bottles, jars, jugs, and anything else with a neck. Throw away the lids and rinse out any residue.

Metal Food and Beverage Cans: This includes all food and beverage cans such as soda cans, soup cans, etc. made from aluminum or steel. Throw away the lids and rinse out any residue.

Glass Jars and Bottles: This includes clear, green, and brown glass bottles and jars. Throw away the lids and rinse out any residue.

No materials other than what's listed above should be placed in your recycling container. "When in doubt, throw it out!". LCSWMA will transform the trash into renewable energy for the community. **Recycling containers can be purchased at the Township Office for \$10.00.**

All other items, such as those below, **do not belong in your recycling bin.**



It's okay to throw **everything else** away. It will be turned into energy.

Lancaster County has an advanced waste-to-energy process that converts these materials into renewable energy, powering local homes and businesses and helping to reduce our reliance on non-renewable sources of energy. So, when in doubt, throw it out.

Visit recyclerightlancaster.org for more tips.



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All questions about the recycle program can be directed to Joanne Yost at jyost@twp.lancaster.pa.us or call direct (223) 221-7507

Commercial Recycling

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection administers the requirements of the Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling, and Waste Reduction Act of 1988 (Act 101), which in turn requires that Lancaster Township gather and report data on "post-consumer" recyclables that are collected and marketed on an annual basis.

Commercial, Industrial, and Institutional waste generators in the Municipality are required to recycle certain material in accordance with the Township's Waste and Recycling Ordinance that has been in place since May 7, 1990. In addition to the typical household recyclable materials, Township Ordinance requires recycling of high-grade office paper, corrugated cardboard, tires, and large appliances. **If you are a commercial, industrial, or institutional user AND you DO rely on a licensed waste hauler to transport your recyclables, your data is already reported.**

If you DO NOT rely on your waste hauler to transport some or all your recyclables, please assist us in capturing this information by completing the Commercial/Industrial/Institutional Annual Recycling Report mailed to you each January.

Contact Joanne Yost for assistance or if you are a new user requiring a form.

Email: jyost@twp.lancaster.pa.us
Phone: (223) 221-7507

Trash Collection

Weekly trash collection allows for up to 3 bags or cans, each not exceeding 32 gallons or 30 lbs. Any additional bags beyond the limit require a \$1.25 yellow service tag per bag. For large items like box springs, mattresses, or heavy bags exceeding 30 lbs., a \$4 red service tag is needed.

Trash and recycling should be placed at the curb the night before collection and promptly removed afterward.

Trash & Recycling Bills

Trash & Recycling bills will be mailed April 1st due April 30th – Regular rate is \$160 semi-annually per unit or \$144 if you are receiving the Senior Rate - In order to be eligible for the Senior Rate you have to be 60 years or older and a copy of your driver's license needs to be handed in at the Township office.

Please visit our website at www.twp.lancaster.pa.us for additional information regarding our trash and recycling program.

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

Curbside Yard Waste Bag collection to begin!

Starting April 8th, curbside yard waste collection will happen every other week until October 7th, alongside your regular trash pickup. **You can buy Biodegradable Yard Waste Bags from local stores as they won't be provided at our Woody Waste Facility anymore.** If you use plastic bags, your yard waste won't be collected curbside; instead, you'll need to take it to the yard waste facility and empty it there.

Remember:

- Only leaves, garden waste, brush, trimmings, and small branches under 2 inches in diameter are accepted. Put them in biodegradable bags or tie them with biodegradable twine.
- We don't accept grass clippings, fruit/vegetable waste, tree stumps, dirt, rocks, or stones in curbside collection.
- Larger branches over 3 inches in diameter must be cut into four-foot lengths, tied, and placed next to your yard waste bags.
- Bundles should not exceed 4 feet in length, 6 inches in diameter, or 30 lbs in weight.
- Don't put loose branches in your trash can or leave them unbundled on the curb; they won't be collected.
- You can put out as many bags or bundles as needed.
- Only put out full bags at the curb, filling them to the indicated line and folding or smashing them down to prevent injury to collectors.
- Plastic bags during curbside collection won't be collected; they'll be left at the curb.

Spring Large Appliance & Tire collection Scheduled for Friday, May 17th

Purchase a \$12.00 blue tag for appliances like stoves, refrigerators, dehumidifiers, freezers, and air conditioners, or a \$2.00 purple tag for tires. Visit the office to buy tags and provide your address and item for collection. If you already have a tag, call the office to add your address and item to the collection list. Place these items at the curb the evening before the collection day.

Any questions? Ask Joanne Yost at Jyost@twp.lancaster.pa.us

Collection Calendar for Spring

- Weeks in GREEN are Yard Waste Collection
- May 17th is the Appliance & Tire Collection (See Above)
- May 27th is a holiday and there a one-day delay for the remainder of the week.

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No Joke, Woody Waste Facility Fully Reopens on April 1st 2024

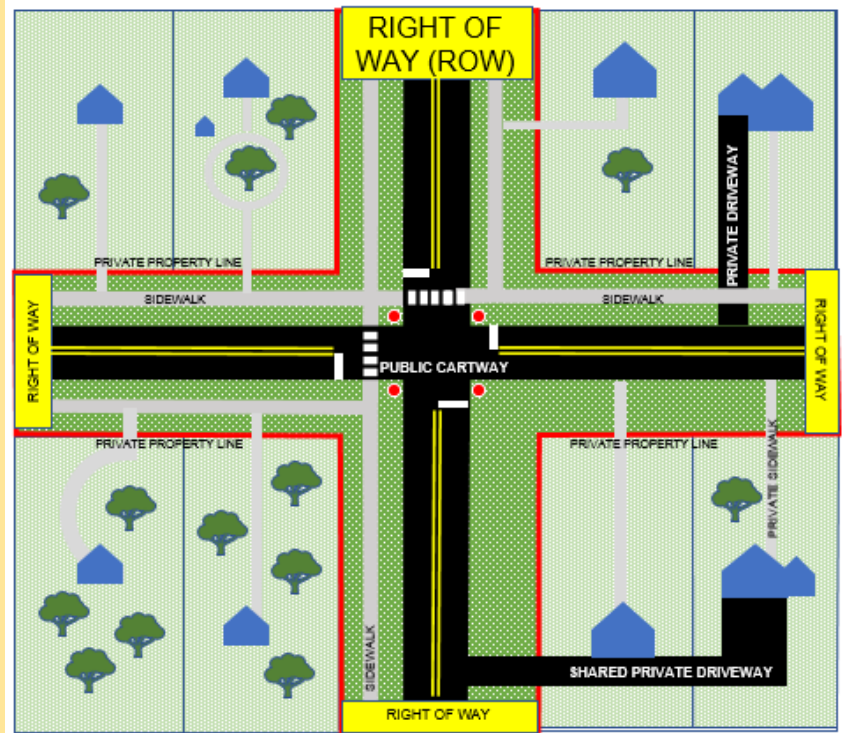
While we maintain limited operation of the Woody Waste Facility during the winter, the hours are significantly reduced. **We open for full operation on Monday April 1st, 2024. Please see the attached calendar for our hours between April 1st and November 27th, 2024, as well as some operational notes.** Make sure to monitor Township communications for the winter changes later this year.

For any questions, visit the Website [HERE](#) or contact Public Works.

Understanding the Right-of-Way: What Residents Need to Know

Understanding the concept of "Right-of-Way" is vital for residents to navigate their neighborhoods effectively. Essentially, it refers to the areas regulated by the Township for public use. This encompasses the surface, airspace, and subsurface of any real property in the Township. It includes streets, highways, avenues, roads, public alleys, sidewalks, tunnels, viaducts, bridges, skyways, or any other public place, area, or property under the Township's control.

This is why the Township requires Right-of-Way permit applications for items like driveway/sidewalk repairs, dumpsters, moving or delivery trucks, and any other obstruction to the Right-of-Way. These situations at a minimum usually require temporary "No Parking" signs when authorized, but more complex projects may require land or road closures. Here's what you as a resident need to know:



A diagram that shows a generic Right-of-Way and some of the potential items that may be in it, such as sidewalks and driveways.

1. **Permits and Safety:** If you plan any activities within these areas, permit applications are required. The Township will determine if a permit is necessary. This isn't just bureaucratic; it's about safety. Permits ensure that the work adheres to safety standards and doesn't disrupt the public.
2. **Shared Responsibility:** While the Township oversees these areas, residents also play a role. Simple tasks like maintaining your sidewalk or ensuring clear utility access contribute to the overall well-being of the community.
3. **Respecting the Space:** Activities "in the Right-of-Way" encompass everything from surface repairs to underground maintenance. It's crucial to respect these spaces and follow guidelines to protect public welfare.

Understanding and respecting Right-of-Way is essential for residents to contribute to the functionality and safety of the community. By adhering to these regulations, we ensure that public areas remain safe, accessible, and enjoyable for everyone. So, remember the importance of Right-of-Way regulations when planning any work on your property.

Grass and Weed Inspections in Progress

It's that time of year; the Township is performing grass and weed inspections. Our goal is to seek compliance with Chapter 105-3 of the Lancaster Township Code of Ordinances. While we are out, we also look for vehicles that are unregistered, uninspected, or in a state of disrepair, as well as commercial vehicles parked in unauthorized areas. Here are some general tips and reminders:

- Keep grass cut to under 6"
- Weed your garden beds frequently
- **Do not discharge grass clippings into the street**
- Store commercial and non-compliant vehicles in garages
- Do not park on grass, only driveways or similarly paved surfaces



Managing Stormwater at Your Home though Maintenance

Whether attributed to renowned architect Frank Lloyd Wright or the fictional character Doctor Who, the saying is just as true that “Water Always Wins.” Slightly acidic, intrinsically fluid, ever-present, and always flowing downhill, water can end up in places we don’t want it. It can cause the tiniest bits of erosion that we sometimes don’t even notice. Exposed to cold temperatures, a little bit of water freezes, expands, and can be a powerful force of destruction.

In Lancaster Township, we have many historical buildings that require maintenance on and around the structures. Home roof gutters need to be cleaned or repaired. Downspouts need to be checked for clogs, leaks, or being directed in a way that can cause inadvertent damage to one’s own property. Old concrete areas that were once flat and sealed tightly can become cracked, shift away from their original position, or unfortunately direct water against gaps along the wall of a house.

Getting water to soak into the ground is not always as easy as we sometimes expect it should be. Aside from impervious surfaces, the ground can become overly saturated from rainwater, or it might not have the gentle slope it once did so that positive drainage can occur. In winter, water close to the ground surface can sometimes freeze sufficiently to prevent infiltration. Aeration, minor grading to reestablish sheet flow conditions, or even mixing in amended soils are all worthwhile remedies to consider.

In summary, please consider these suggestions to keep your home dry:

1. Keep gutters and roof water drainpipes clear and leak-free.
2. Ensure downspouts don't direct water towards your house.
3. Check adjacent impervious areas for cracks and repair them to prevent water seepage.
4. Seal cracks or gaps in outdoor entry steps to your basement.
5. Add water sealant material like clay-rich soils next to basement walls to redirect subsurface water.
6. Consider installing amended soils to improve rain absorption in your yard.

Downspout Disconnection

Instead of discharging onto pavement or into piped systems, roof gutter downspouts can be directed to flow onto grass or landscaped areas where the water can soak into the ground and be filtered. Disconnecting downspouts reduces the volume of water that urban drainage systems need to handle, which helps protect local waterways from erosion and pollution. This is one of the cheapest and most-effective practices.



Conservation Landscaping

Conservation landscaping replaces grass with native vegetation. It captures rainwater more effectively than a traditional lawn does because of increased infiltration from deeper-rooted plants and rainfall interception. Conservation landscaping can absorb runoff from small impervious areas such as walkways and blends in easily with existing landscaping. Conservation landscaping is a useful tool to deploy when soils are highly compacted and do not infiltrate well. Conservation landscaping benefits the environment by improving water quality, preserving native plant species and providing wildlife habitat. Mowing, irrigating and fertilizing also can be reduced by using conservation landscaping.



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Street Sweeping Begins in April



Starting the week of April 1st, Street Sweeping operations are in full swing. Street Sweeping is a task we do as part of our Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) operations.

By sweeping the streets, we prevent dirt, debris, sediment, and litter from entering the waterways. Lancaster Township always welcomes resident efforts to decrease litter and other pollution. Remember, do not put yard waste like grass clippings or tree trimmings in the street.

Parking enforcement will be in effect and no warnings will be issued.

LANCASTER TOWNSHIP 2024 STREET SWEEPING/LEAF COLLECTION--SIGNED STREETS

Starting in April, on signed streets, street sweeping, and leaf collection 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.

Police will enforce prohibited parking. **No warning notices will be issued!** To avoid receiving a ticket, abide by the schedule as it appears on the posted street sign. Parking restrictions will remain in force thru January 23, 2025, to allow for a final street sweeping (*weather permitting*).

ALL weather, equipment, and volume of leaves can affect both street sweeping and leaf collection at any time. ABSOLUTELY NO grass clippings, tree branches, or yard waste are to be placed on the street for the street sweeping/leaf collection process. This will clog and/or break the equipment resulting in delays to the collection schedule for the entire township. Grass, branches, or yard waste found on the street or mixed in with leaves will be left for the resident to clean up and dispose of.

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*The **FINAL DATES** in December in your area that leaves may be raked to the curb for leaf collection on parking-restricted signed streets will be posted on the township website and listed in the September newsletter. Any leaves raked out to the curb after the December posted dates will not be picked up and will be the responsibility of the resident to remove them.

Lancaster Township Woody Waste Facility Schedule (April to November) 2024

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COLOR KEY	
	CLOSED
	Open 3PM to 7PM
	Open 3PM to 7PM with Bulk Mulch Loading from 3:30PM to 4:15PM
	Open 8AM to 1PM
	Open 8AM to 1PM with Bulk Mulch Loading ALL DAY
	Open 2PM to 6PM
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Operational Notes:

- This facility is free for Township **RESIDENTS**. Businesses that operate or are owned within the Township must find alternatives.
- BioBags are not available or accepted at the facility; all bags must be emptied and taken away.
- **No Grass Clippings**
- No Construction lumber waste
- Operations may be halted for severe weather.
- After May 23rd, all bulk mulch loading is only by appointment.
- After November 27th, we switch to a limited Winter Operation Schedule. Follow Township communications for seasonal changes.