

# AMHERST TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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## Recycling Report

Amherst Township recycled the following quantities in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2021 through curbside pickup.

Newspaper	0.00	#1 PET	3.89
Cardboard	37.58	#2 HDPE Natural	0.97
Mixed Paper	32.22	# HDPE Color	0.97
Steel Cans	1.59	#3 - #7 Plastic Mixed	0.44
Alum. Cans	1.10	Residuals	24.61
Mixed Glass	19.03	Total	122.40

\* Above quantities are all listed in tons.

- 5.92 tons of various paper through the “ABITIBI Paper Retriever” program
- 4.64 tons of scrap metal through the dumpster program.

For questions concerning the “Curbside Recycling Program”, contact **RUMPKE** at **1-800-828-8171**.

## “2021” “Fall Cleanup” & Dumpster Days

Amherst Township has set the following dates for “Dumpster Days” in 2021.

**October 14, 15, 16**

Hours are from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Please note: **NO TIRES!**

**NO FREON!**

**NO PROPANE TANKS!**

## Drop-Off Hours for Yard Waste!!

Brush, limbs, grass clippings, and leaves may be brought to the Amherst Township property located on the **EAST** side of Oberlin Road (directly across from the Township Garage which is located at 7530 Oberlin Road) at the following times:

- 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Mon – Fri
  - 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Saturday
  - **8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays**
  - Amherst Township Residents only
  - I.D. may be checked
  - No Commercial
  - **No Plastic Bags** – place bags in 55 gal drum
- ➔ **Yard Waste Pile** is located at the far back of the property on the east side of Oberlin Road.

**Have a problem?** Complaint forms are available at the Township Hall, inside the white bulletin board, or they may be downloaded from the Township’s website.

## Township Hall & Garage 988-5894

Fax..... 988-5877

Fiscal Officer ..... **Ext. 104**

Email: [amhersttwpfo@gmail.com](mailto:amhersttwpfo@gmail.com)

Road Superintendent (garage)..... **Ext. 111**

Email: [amhersttwproads@gmail.com](mailto:amhersttwproads@gmail.com)

Zoning Inspector (Voicemail checked daily) ..... **Ext. 103**

Remi Cerrone, Zoning Inspector

Email: [amhersttwpzoning@gmail.com](mailto:amhersttwpzoning@gmail.com)

Office Hours: Mon., Wed., & Sat. – 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

## Trustees

**Dennis Abraham** .....(cell) 213-6775

(Ambulance, Cemetery, Park, Water, Buildings, Land, Roads, Ditches, Neighborhood Watch, Enterprise Zones, County Health Rep.)

**Neil Lynch** ..... 988-7681

(Sewer, Fire, Equipment, Personnel, Senior Services, Phase II Storm Water/ Environmental Strategy, LORCO, Facility Security, NIMS Primary Contact, Lorain County Community Alliance Rep, Lorain County Joint Police District Rep.)

**David C. Urig**..... 385-0333

(Lighting, Solid Waste, Zoning,)

## Fiscal Officer

Chris Kish .....(cell) 213-0659

## Road Superintendent

Kevin Smarsh..... (work cell) 370-5242

## Twp Administrator/Senior Service Office

Lynda Ashley ..... **Ext. 101**

Email: [amhersttwp@gmail.com](mailto:amhersttwp@gmail.com)

Email: [amhersttwpseniors@gmail.com](mailto:amhersttwpseniors@gmail.com)

Office Hours: Mon thru Fri – 8am to 12 Noon

## Fire Prevention Officer

Chris Niehart.....(cell) 597-0005

Email: [amhersttwpfire@gmail.com](mailto:amhersttwpfire@gmail.com)

## LifeCare Ambulance, Inc.

Dave Richards..... 323-6111

## Sheriff’s Department ..... 329-3710

A.T. Community Policing Officer: **Matthew Lawson**

Dpt Lawson’s Non-Emergency/Voicemail .....329-3752

Email: [mlawson@loraincountysheriff.com](mailto:mlawson@loraincountysheriff.com)

## Ohio Edison

(1-888-LIGHTTS)

Automated Outage Reporting Line..... 1-888-544-4877

## TRUSTEE MEETINGS:

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of each month at **7:00 p.m.**

- Trustee Meetings are viewable online on the “Meetings” page of the Township website or through the “Amherst Township” channel on YouTube.

# LORAIN COUNTY COLLECTION CENTER

The Lorain County Commissioners are pleased to announce that the Lorain County Collection Center will be open 3 days per week beginning July 12, 2021.

**Mondays: 9am – 3pm**

**Wednesday: 12pm – 6pm**

**Saturdays: 9am – 3pm**

The Lorain County Collection Center is located at:  
540 S. Abbe Rd., Elyria.

The Lorain Tire Site, located at 114 E 35th Street, Lorain will be open on Tuesdays from 9am to 1pm. The Grafton Tire Site located at 17109 Avon Belden Rd, Grafton will be open on Saturdays from 9am to 1pm.

All hours/days are subject to change for all sites. Please check the website for current schedule & Holiday closures.

## Collection Center Participation Guidelines:

1. New entrance located in south parking lot
2. Pack materials in truck bed or car trunk
3. Do not place next to personal belongings
4. Stay in vehicle at all times
5. No smoking permitted
6. Provide proof of Lorain County residency (ID)
7. Vehicle height limitation of 8 feet

For more information about specific materials, costs, or other programs that Lorain County Solid Waste District provides, call (440) 329-5440 or visit their website at:

[www.loraincounty.us/solidwaste](http://www.loraincounty.us/solidwaste)



## TIPS ON PROPER DISPOSAL & RECYCLING

The following items should never be placed in your Rumpke trash or recycling containers:

**Propane** or helium tanks

**Hazardous** items including pool chemicals. Check the label. A lot of household cleaning supplies contain dangerous chemicals. If the container is labeled “**Danger**” or “**Poison**”, this is an indication of hazardous waste. Do not place the item in your trash or recycling container.

**Flammable/Combustible** items: Charcoal embers and fireworks do NOT belong in your recycling, but can be placed in your trash AFTER soaking them in water.

**Paint:** If disposing of paint, please make sure the paint is completely dried out prior to placing it in the garbage. Cat litter is a great way to solidify the material.

**Lithium-ion Batteries:** These days, lithium-ion batteries can be found in a variety of everyday items, such as cell phones, laptops, tablets, lawn equipment, car batteries, and power tools. Smaller lithium-ion batteries are also used to power toys, cameras, remotes, and a variety of electronics. Lithium-ion batteries are perfectly safe when intact;

however, cracked they are a ticking time bomb. It does not take much for a cracked battery to spark up and start a fire. Please don’t place batteries in your trash or recycling.

Many of the above items can be taken to the Lorain County Collection Center. For more information about what items are and are not accepted, call them at (440) 329-5440 or visit their website at:

[www.loraincounty.us/solidwaste](http://www.loraincounty.us/solidwaste)

**For more effective recycling,** do not place dirty or contaminated items in your recyclables. Items that are not clean and dry (such as peanut butter jars) cannot be used for recycling and can also cause contamination of other recyclables it comes in contact with. Other items such as plastic bags and fast food containers also contribute to the high amount of unusable “residuals” that are collected as recyclable. These items must be sorted and removed from the recycling stream and contribute to the high cost of recycling.

## **When in doubt...throw it out!**

For more information about your curbside pickup, please contact RUMPKE at **1-800-828-8171** or visit their website at: [www.rumpke.com](http://www.rumpke.com).



# Burning Prohibited



The burning of leaves, grass clippings, brush, and limbs is prohibited in the township. Unnecessary tax dollars are spent when the fire department responds to a fire call that is not a true emergency.

If you have any questions, please contact Amherst Township's Fire Prevention Officer Chris Niehart of the Amherst City Fire Department by cell at:

**440-597-0005**

for "Amherst Fire Prevention Bureau"

or by email at

[amhersttwpfire@gmail.com](mailto:amhersttwpfire@gmail.com) or contact one of your township trustees.

Yard waste may be brought to the Amherst Township Garage for disposal. For drop-off times, days, and location, see the front page of this newsletter.

For more information about Ohio's Open Burning Regulations, read the Ohio EPA's brochure at:

[www.epa.state.oh.us/portals/47/facts/openburn.pdf](http://www.epa.state.oh.us/portals/47/facts/openburn.pdf)

## Fall Clean Up & Dumpster Days

**October 14, 15, and 16, 2021**

**8:00 am – 3:00 pm**

During these designated days, residents are encouraged to bring household items for disposal to the large dumpsters located at the Township Hall & Garage Facility. Please note that Propane, Freon, and Tires are NOT accepted.

Residents are also encouraged to drop off their yard waste at the "Yard Waste Drop Off" on this weekend. The "Yard Waste Drop Off" area is offered at no cost to the residents of the township and is located on the East side of Oberlin Road, across from the Township Hall & Garage Facility.

Proof of residency is required for both the "Yard Waste" and "Dumpster" drop offs.

Amherst Township was awarded a \$1500.00 "Event Sponsorship Grant" from NOPEC. As part of the grant requirements, we have incorporated "Fall Clean Up Days" to coincide with the October "Dumpster Days". Amherst Township would like to thank NOPEC for the Event Sponsorship Grant which will help offset part of the cost for yearly grinding of the yard waste pile.

### Yard Waste Recycling Center Extended Fall Hours

The Amherst Township Yard Waste Recycling Center will be open for extended hours in the Fall to accommodate the recycling of leaves and other yard waste. Beginning **October 15<sup>th</sup>**, and continuing through **December 1<sup>st</sup>**, the Yard Waste Recycling Center will open at 8:00 am and close at sunset. The Yard Waste Recycling Center is a self-service operation. Please place your empty plastic bags in the 55-gal drum at the center or take bags with you.

### Attention!

### Hidden Valley Residents

As a reminder, please do not rake leaves onto the street as it restricts water flow into the catch basins when it rains, causing drainage problems for you and your neighbors! The township does not pick up leaves. However, you can bring leaves and other yard waste to the Township Yard Waste Recycling Center, located across the road from the Township garage, for disposal.

### WHAT IS YARD WASTE?

Yard waste includes grass clippings, leaves, tree and shrub trimmings, and plant materials from vegetable and flower gardens.

**Amherst Township  
Senior Service Office Hours:  
8:00 A.M. – NOON (M-F)  
Ph: 440-988-5894 – Ext. 101  
Lynda Ashley, Director**

Email: [amhersttwpseniors@gmail.com](mailto:amhersttwpseniors@gmail.com)

Callers are strongly encouraged to leave a message with your name, number, and a brief description of the reason for the call. All messages will receive a call back.



Amherst Fire Dept's Response To Amherst Township	2nd Quarter 2021	
<b>Fire Calls (N of Turnpike):</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>18.9%</b>
<b>Fire Calls (S of Turnpike):</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>17.6%</b>
<b>EMS-First Responder (N):</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>50.0%</b>
<b>EMS-First Responder (s):</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>13.5%</b>
<b>Total Calls:</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>100%</b>

## PERMITS REQUIRED

Residents are reminded that permits are needed for pools, decks, porches, patios, gazebos, fences, ponds, signs, garages, new construction, building additions, accessory buildings, and driveways. When a permit is obtained before the start of construction, the fee will be reduced by 50%. Be sure you or your contractor has obtained a permit. **Payments must be made by check only. Cash is not accepted.**

Please contact Remi Cerrone, Amherst Township Zoning Inspector for these permits. Office hours for the Zoning Inspector are from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays. He can be reached at 988-5894. Voice Mail is checked daily.



Parking is prohibited on all township streets and highways in Amherst Township during a snow emergency, which may be declared when snowfall exceeds 2 inches or severe snow or ice condition exists.

A fine for violation of this resolution will be **\$50** if paid within seven days of the violation and **\$100** if paid more than seven days of the violation.

**To avoid having your vehicle towed or ticketed, residents are asked not to park on the street when the snow exceeds 2 inches.**

## Preparing for Winter

Before the snow falls and the plows are out, residents should check their mailbox posts. Rotted posts will cause the mailbox to break if the snow becomes too heavy.

While the township's plow drivers take every precaution to avoid broken mailboxes, sometimes it does occur. Please note, IF the mailbox is broken due to the township plowing the road AND there is NO evidence of a rotted post, the township will replace the mailbox with a standard-type box. IF the post is rotted OR it is hit by a vehicle or any other damage not sustained from our plows, Amherst Township is NOT responsible for replacement.

If you live on a County or State owned road, you should contact the County or ODOT concerning your mailbox. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the township office at 988-5894 ext. 101.

## Safety Tip

When walking or riding along roadways, always wear something reflective during the early morning, dusk and evening hours. **Don't assume that drivers can see you!** Carrying a flashlight will also make you more visible to drivers. For added safety, when a vehicle is passing you, move over to the edge of the road or onto the lawn.

# Yard Waste and Storm Water Pollution

When it rains, whatever doesn't soak into the ground runs off roofs and yards, down streets and ditches, into storm drains and then directly into rivers, lakes, creeks, and other local water bodies. If that runoff is polluted, it is most likely due to our own actions.

Yard waste includes grass clippings, leaves, tree and shrub trimmings, and plant materials from vegetable and flower gardens. As vegetation decays in water, it contaminates the surface waters and the excess water gets carried to Lake Erie.

Too much fertilizer in lawns and gardens, pet waste, littering, improper disposal of household waste and chemicals are sources of pollution. Poorly maintained or leaking septic systems are also storm water pollutants.

Polluted storm water closes beaches, kills wildlife, poisons drinking water resources, and destroys fish and shellfish habitat.

## You Can Make a Difference!

- Clean up after your pets. Pet waste contains nutrients and pathogens that can contaminate surface water.
- DO NOT dump yard or pet waste onto the banks of or into any creek, ditch, street, or storm drain. Waterways need to stay free of waste in order to prevent polluting our surface waters. Excess waste also blocks waterways causing flooding.
- Identify storm drains and ditches near you and remove any potential blockages and pollutants. Especially in the fall, keep storm drains clear of fallen leaves. Unlike many cities, the township does not have a "leaf pickup" program. Do not pile your leaves in your yard near the street. You can also help the road crew by clearing fallen leaves from storm drains near you property.

- Leave mulched lawn clippings on your lawn so that nutrients in the clippings are recycled and less yard waste goes to landfills. If you do want to dispose of lawn clippings, take them to the township's "Yard Waste Drop Off" area as opposed to putting them in your garbage cans. If composting at home, locate the compost pile away from waterways.
- Flushing unused medication in the toilet or throwing away with the trash can also contribute to drinking water contamination and may cause harm to aquatic life. Safely dispose of leftover pharmaceuticals by taking them to a collection event or permanent pharmaceutical drop-off.
- Use road salt sparingly and sensibly and sweep up and reuse any extra.

## Why Should I Care About Lake Erie?

The twelfth largest lake in the world (in area), Lake Erie provide us with water, food, jobs, recreation, economic growth and much more! Lake Erie provides drinking water to over 11 million people and has more consumable fish than all the other Great Lakes combined!

## Sanitary System use and Maintenance

- **Disposable is not Flushable but is Clog-able!** Convenience wipes such as baby, hygienic, cleaning and disinfectant, as well as toilet bowl scrubbers and even paper towels might be labeled as "Disposable or Flushable" but these items should not go down the Sanitary Sewer.
- Check where your sump pump drain is going to. If your sump pump is discharging to the sanitary sewer then your home is contributing storm water into a system not designed for it. Contact your local Sanitary Sewer Facility or Provider for information.



Milkweed is the sole host plant for Monarch butterflies. The density of Common Milkweed plants present on our landscape is on the decline and having direct effect on Monarch populations. Please join the effort to replenish this essential plant in Ohio by collecting

milkweed pods in your area and bringing them to the **Lorain SWCD** office located at 42110 Russia Road, Elyria, during Sept-Oct. There will be a tall recycling bin in the foyer of the building.

**All you can – Where you can!**



# TRICK OR TREAT



“Trick-or-Treat” in Amherst Township will be held on:

**Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021**

**from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.**

Residents that wish to pass out candy should turn on their outside lights. This newsletter will be the only notification given by Amherst Twp.

The City of Amherst Fire Department has cancelled the “Costume Contest” and Halloween Parade” this year.

Please note that residents of Westwood Mobile Home Park will be observing “Trick-or-Treat” on Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. They should check with management for the time. Residents of Amherst Trail Mobile Home Park will be notified by management of their date and time.



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## REMEMBER TO VOTE!



This year’s general election will be on Tuesday, **November 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Polls will be open from 6:30 am to 7:30 pm. Remember to bring your identification with you to the polls. Please exercise your right to vote.

Early voting begins October 5<sup>th</sup>. Dates and hours for “In-Person” voting can be found by going to the LCBOE website, selecting the “Office Hours” tab and scrolling down to the October/November 2021 calendar. “Mail-In Absentee” voting requires that you first complete an “Absentee Ballot Request Form” (found on the website) and return it to the LCBOE.

The Lorain County Board of Elections is located at 1985 North Ridge Road East, in Lorain. For more information about voting you can call them at 326-5900 or visit their website at:

<http://voteloraincountyohio.gov>

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<b>Monthly Meeting Dates &amp; Times:</b>	<b><u>Trustees:</u> 2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. <u>Zoning Commission:</u> 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.</b>
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