



BOROUGH OF ST. LAWRENCE



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SEWER RATES TO INCREASE WITH OCTOBER WATER/SEWER BILL FROM MT. PENN BMA - FIRST RATE INCREASE SINCE 2009

Sewer rates increase in the October billing cycle. The quarterly base charge will increase by \$2.50, to \$37.50 and will no longer include 1,000 gallons of processing. The 1,000 gallon processing charge will increase by \$1.15 to \$7.50. Below is an example of how your sewer billing will increase based on water usage. Please remember that this increase affects the

Quarterly Billing Example	1,000 Gallons		5,000 Gallons		10,000 Gallons	
	Old Rate	New Rate	Old Rate	New Rate	Old Rate	New Rate
Base Charge	\$35.00	\$37.50	\$35.00	\$37.50	\$35.00	\$37.50
Per Thousand Gallon	\$ -	\$6.35	\$25.40	\$37.50	\$57.15	\$75.00
Sewer Bill Total	\$35.00	\$43.85	\$60.40	\$75.00	\$92.15	\$112.50

sewer portion of the bill you will receive from Mt. Penn Borough Municipal Authority and that your usage number on the bill represents thousands of gallons. Any questions concerning sewer billing, please contact the Borough office.

PA American increase sewer processing charges for the Borough by 39% since purchasing the Exeter Sewer System in October of 2019. PA American proposed a 30% rate increase in 2023.

In late 2021 through Spring of 2022, the Borough completed a comprehensive rehabilitation of the sanitary sewer collection system. Every ten years the Borough televises the entire system performing all necessary repairs to maintain the collection system. The televising and repairs totaled \$500,000, paid from saved funds.

The rate increase addresses the PA American sewer processing increases, saving for the next rehab project and the cost of routine operation and maintenance expenses.

BURN ORDINANCE #450 IMPACTING THE USE OF CHIMINEAS, FIRE PITS, ETC. BY HOMEOWNERS AND THEIR RESPONSIBILITY

Ordinance #450, adopted March 10, 2022, addresses the rules for the use, location and responsibility of the homeowner for small open fires. Only agricultural properties within the Borough are allowed to open burn brush with a permit.

Homeowners may burn a fire contained in a Small Open Fire receptacle, no more than three feet in diameter or length, that burns charcoal, natural gas, or other clean-burning fuels, such as dry and clean logs, twigs, or other wood products. A cover must be used that doesn't permit stray sparks and hot embers to fly around.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

- * A RESPONSIBLE ADULT MUST BE PRESENT AT THE FIRE AT ALL TIMES FROM IGNITION THROUGH EXTINGUISHMENT
- * MUST HAVE ADEQUATE MEANS PRESENT TO EXTINGUISH FIRE , FLAMES MAY NOT EXCEED TWO FEET IN HEIGHT
- * NO BURNING OF TRASH , RECYCLABLE MATERIALS, PLASTICS. ALSO, NO EXCESSIVE SMOKE, ODOR OR MALODOROUS EMISSIONS
- * MUST BE TEN FEET FROM STRUCTURE, ROADWAY, PROPERTY LINE, UTILITY, TREE OR OTHER COMBUSTIBLE MATERIALS
- * FULL DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE FROM THE ORDINANCE PAGE

ORDINANCES AVAILABLE ON THE BOROUGH WEBSITE - www.stlawboro.us

TO REPORT ANY ENVIRONMENTAL INCIDENT WHICH ADVERSELY AFFECTS THE HEALTH & SAFETY OR THE ENVIRONMENT OF THE CITIZENS OF THE COMMONWEALTH: DEP 24/7 ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE: 1-800-541-2050

IF ANY EMERGENCY IS LIFE THREATENING PLEASE DIAL 9-1-1

CONTACT BOROUGH OFFICE TO REPORT ILLICIT DISCHARGES: ANY DISCHARGE TO THE STORM DRAIN SYSTEM, SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM OR WATERWAYS THAT IS NOT THE RESULT OF FIRE FIGHTING OR A RAIN EVENT (SEE MUNICIPAL INSERT FOR BOROUGH STAFF EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION)

**ST. LAWRENCE BOROUGH HALL - ENTRANCES ARE LOCKED FOR SECURITY
PUBLIC PERMITTED ENTRY DURING REGULAR OFFICE HOURS**

OFFICE HOURS: Mon – Thurs 8:30 AM – 2:30 PM & Friday 8:30 AM – NOON

- ⇒ **FRONT DOOR ENTRY (HANDICAP RAMP) - PLEASE KNOCK ON WINDOW OR DOOR**
- ⇒ **REAR DOOR ENTRY (PARKING LOT) ELEVATOR ACCESS- PLEASE RING DOOR BELL TO THE RIGHT OF THE REAR DOOR, A STAFF MEMBER WILL OPEN THE DOOR, IT MAY TAKE SEVERAL MINUTES**
- ⇒ **BRUMBACH STREET DOOR IS AN EXIT ONLY.**

OFFICE PHONE: 610-779-1430

TRIM YOUR TREES AND OVERGROWN BUSHES

Low hanging trees over streets and sidewalks, along with bushes growing over the sidewalk hinder the safe passage of pedestrians and vehicles. Pedestrians need to duck for low hanging branches or walk in the street because of overgrowth. Lack of visibility of regulatory sign, such as speed limit and stop signs, can cause accidents.

Trees limbs need to be trimmed to 14’ above a street and 8’ above a sidewalk OR 5’ from roadway. All bushes must be trimmed to prevent any portion from hanging over a sidewalk or the street. It is the property owners responsibility to keep their trees and bushes trimmed.

The Borough will place Courtesy hang tags on the front doors of properties that have violations. The hang tag will state what is in violation and the amount of time to correct the violation. The use of hang tags seek voluntary compliance in addressing these safety issues; but begins the enforcement process. **If the violation remains uncorrected, a Notice of Violation will be sent requiring compliance, along with stating the consequences of failing to comply.**

In the winter, the weight of ice and snow cause low hanging limbs to droop further. In addition to vehicle and pedestrian safety, without the removal of overgrowth along streets and hanging limbs, vehicle parking and snow plowing becomes more difficult.



COUNCIL MEETINGS LIVE ON THE BOROUGH YOUTUBE CHANNEL

Monthly Council meetings available live on YouTube (2nd Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM), along with previously recorded meetings. During the live meeting, questions can be asked of Council by email. See the links on the Borough website: www.stlawboro.us , for the channel and meeting email.

PARKING RESTRICTIONS BY ORDINANCE ON BOROUGH STREETS

The following shall not be parked or stored on Borough Streets except for a 24- hour time period in which they are loaded or unloaded. All trailers must be attached to a motor vehicle. The parking or storage of these items on the streets is deemed to be a traffic hazard injurious to the public interest. The Police are authorized to enforce this ordinance.

- * Truck Tractor
- *Boat Trailer
- * Truck Tractor Trailer
- *Trailer
- *Tent Trailer
- *Recreational Equipment
- *Boat
- *Cargo Trailer
- *Motorized Dwellings
- *Motor Homes
- *Travel Trailer
- * Equipment Trailer

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM



The Borough uses the Code Red System to notify residents and businesses about emergencies and general notifications, such as trash pickup changes.

If you are signed up, please verify that all your contact information is correct. **If you have made any changes to you email, cell number and/or landline, it must be changed or removed from the CodeRed system.**

If you are new to the Borough please sign up for notifications with CodeRed. Access the CodeRed system through the link on the home page of the Borough website @ www.stlawboro.us . CodeRed will be used for emergency notifications (snow emergency, etc.) and general notifications (trash day change). Any questions, please contact the Boro Office.

If you no longer wish to receive calls, texts or emails and/or are moving out of the Borough, please call the Borough Office and provide all your contact information so we may add it to the DO NOT CONTACT list.

This is the quickest method we have for contacting the Borough residents in Case of Emergency. We avoid making excessive contacts.

WHAT ARE THOSE PAINTED LINES DOING ON MY YARD? WHO PUT THEM THERE?

Temporary Marking Guidelines

-  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 of Conduit and Traffic Loops
-  Blue - Potable Water
-  Purple - Reclaimed Water, Irrigation and Slurry Lines
-  Green - Sewer and Drain Lines

COLOR CODES USED BY THE UTILITY COMPANIES, MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES TO MARK UNDERGROUND UTILITIES

Do I have to call if I am digging on my own property?

Yes, you are required to inform the utilities of any type of work involving the movement of earth with **powered equipment**.

Who should make the call?

The person who is doing the digging should place the one call notification. If you are a homeowner and you've hired an excavator to do the work, the excavator is required by law to call to have lines located (refer to Section 5 of PA Act 287).

How deep must I dig before I am required to call?

If you are digging with powered equipment the person operating the equipment must call. It does not matter how deep you are digging or where you are digging within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

What are PA One Call's hours of operations?

The call center is open 24-hours a day, 7 days a week, every day of the year.

How many days do I have to wait before I can begin digging?

State law requires a three (3) business day notice (does not include state holidays or weekends), but not more than ten (10) business days prior to the start of excavation. A business day begins at 12:00:00 a.m. and ends at 11:59:59 p.m. The first lawful start date for your excavation is determined by your scheduled excavation date (the day you plan to start digging), work should not begin prior to your first lawful start date but no later than 10 business days from the day of your call.

Why should you call?

Safe digging is no accident! If you are installing a fence or deck, or digging for a mailbox post, patio or other excavation project, it is important to KNOW WHAT'S BELOW.



NOTICE: DO NOT RAKE OR BLOW LEAVES ONTO ANY STREET OR SIDEWALK FOR COLLECTION - YOU WILL GET CITED.

THE BOROUGH ONLY COLLECTS BAGGED LEAVES

CURBSIDE WEEKLY YARD WASTE/LEAF PICKUP PROGRAM - MONDAY'S

The weekly curbside pickup program continues year round on a Monday, weather permitting. All yard waste, including leaves, must be bagged in **paper** yard waste bags, **plastic bags will be left at the curb**, or small bundles of branches that can be picked up by one person without falling apart. **IF YOU HAVE MORE THAN 3 BUNDLES OF BRANCHES FOR PICKUP PLEASE CALL THE BOROUGH OFFICE TO ARRANGE PICKUP.**

You must call the Borough office by 9 AM every Monday for pickup that day. If you leave a message, please state the following: address and number of bags and/or bundles for pickup. **DO NOT PLACE YOUR BAGS CURBSIDE UNTIL THE NIGHT BEFORE PICKUP.** In January, Christmas trees, with all decorations including lights, removed may be placed at the curb for pickup. **YOU MUST CALL THE OFFICE FOR PICKUP. DO NOT** place Christmas trees or yard waste out for trash pickup, it is not part of the Borough contract. Pickup day will change to Wednesday's beginning January 4, 2023 until March 1, 2023, due to the number of Monday Holidays. Remember that pickup is cancelled for weather events (snow & ice).

BERKS COUNTY HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

**ALL RESIDENTS MUST PRE-REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT - BERKS COUNTY RESIDENT ONLY
OCTOBER 15, 2022 (8:00 AM - NOON) RAIN OR SHINE**

**WHERE: BERKS COUNTY AG CENTER 1238 COUNTY WELFARE RD, LEESPORT PA
TO REGISTER GO TO: www.countyofberks.com/swa**

SELECT FROM THE MENU ON THE RIGHT: 2022 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE - ([REGISTRATION REQUIRED](#))

ABSOLUTELY NO LATEX PAINT ACCEPTED - SEE WEBSITE FOR INSTRUCTIONS

BERKS COUNTY COMMUNITY PAPER SHREDDING EVENT

**ALL RESIDENTS MUST PRE-REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT - BERKS COUNTY RESIDENT ONLY
OCTOBER 8, 2022 (8:00 AM - NOON)**

**WHERE: BERKS COUNTY AG CENTER 1238 COUNTY WELFARE RD, LEESPORT PA
TO REGISTER GO TO: www.countyofberks.com/swa**

SELECT FROM THE MENU ON THE RIGHT: 2022 PAPER SHREDDING - ([REGISTRATION REQUIRED](#))

THE BOROUGH CONTRACTS WITH THE ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE FOR 2022 ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES

Services offered to residents of the Borough through the contract, began January 1, 2022:

- ◆ Transport (when available) and animal holding services for stray domestic cats and dogs regardless of behavior, medical or capacity status. They will pursue contact of owner. 24/7-365.
- ◆ Animal holding services for stray domestic dogs regardless of behavior, medical or capacity status. Emergency overnight service. Limited, emergency-only transportation available for aggressive or severely injured animals or by request of a police officer. They will pursue contact of owner. 24/7-365.
- ◆ Enforce Dog Law with Pennsylvania State Certified Humane Law Officers, including dogs at large, dog bites, dog licenses and cat/dog vaccinations
- ◆ Support local and state police, county sheriffs and constables with search warrants; investigations of dangerous dogs; and removal of animals following evictions or involved in accidents.
- ◆ Support state and county health department with investigation/confirmation of dog/cat bites/scratches; and implementation, compliance and completion of home/shelter quarantines.
- ◆ Investigate animal cruelty and neglect complaints with Pennsylvania State Certified Humane Officers
- ◆ Priority access to owners who wish to surrender their pets (owner pays \$50 fee)
- ◆ Hoarding case management and humane removal of live/deceased animals
- ◆ Pickup of rabid, seriously injured, diseased or dangerous animals. Testing of rabid animals.
- ◆ Community access to reduced-price microchip, vaccine or spay/neuter clinics. ARL pursues animal-related grants to expand these services and offer them at low or no cost to eligible municipal residents.
- ◆ Comprehensive and targeted spay/neuter, vaccination and microchipping programming to control and reduce the free-roaming community cat population. Outcomes include adoption or Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR).
- ◆ Access to an ARL representative **during business hours**, 7 days a week, for questions concerning humane law, animal control and non-cruelty concerns.
- ◆ Includes an answering service and emergency response by an ARL representative 24/7 - 365, including holidays.

GENERAL HOURS:

MONDAY - FRIDAY: 9 AM - 7 PM

SATURDAY - SUNDAY: 9 AM - 5 PM

PHONE: 610-373-8830

FAX: 610-372-6374

ADDRESS: 58 KENNEL ROAD, BIRDSBORO PA 19508

Website: www.berksarl.org

- ◇ Go to the website, click on ABOUT US for additional information and service procedures due to Covid.
- ◇ Volunteer and donation opportunities are available.
- ◇ Verify office hours

HAVE A U.S. FLAG THAT NEEDS TO BE RETIRED

The P.O.S.of A (Patriotic Order Sons of America) Camp #230, which meets in Borough Hall, placed a drop box inside the rear entrance of Borough Hall to receive any U.S. Flag you need to retire. The retired flags are burned during a special ceremony.



WOMAN'S CLUB ELECTION DAY SALE

The Woman's Club will have the following on sale for Election Day in the rear parking lot of Borough Hall, until sold out. It is recommended that you pre-order sandwiches by calling Martha Wentzel @ 610-780-6384



- * **Sandwiches:** Italian, Turkey & Ham
- * **Soup by the Quart:** a variety of flavors
- * **Baked Goods:** Apple Dumplings, etc.

ELECTION DAY November 8th, POLLS OPEN 7 AM

CLEANING OUT A CLOSET? TIRED OF THE BOXES STACKED IN THE ATTIC OR BASEMENT?

RECYCLE THOSE UNWANTED GOODS - CLOTHES, COATS, SMALL APPLIANCES, COOKWARE, ETC

There are numerous organizations in Berks County that will take donated goods that are: gently used or new; in good condition; and in the case of appliances UNDER 15 YEARS OLD THAT WORK. CONTACT THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS FOR INFORMATION ON DROPPING OFF GOODS AND IN SOME CASES PICKING UP GOODS FROM YOUR HOME. The websites of the various organizations list items that will be accepted for donation and donation policies.

- ◆ Habitat for Humanity ReStore website: <https://www.habitatberks.org/berks-restore/> or call 610-921-1315
- ◆ Hope Rescue Mission's HOPE OUTLET website: <http://www.hopeoutlet.org> or call 610-741-1640
- ◆ Opportunity House's OppShop website: <https://opphouse.org/how-to-support/oppsop/> for large item pickup or those not listed call 610-374-4696 ext. 221
- ◆ Goodwill - Outlet & Donation Center website: <https://www.yourowoodwill.org/shop/stores-donation-centers/Goodwill-Outlet-Center-Donation-Center-3001-St-Lawrence-Ave-Reading-PA-19606> located in St. Lawrence across from Antietam Plaza

Fire won't wait. Plan your escape.

Meeting Place x

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FIRE PREVENTION WEEK™

Smoke alarms save lives. They are a key part of a home fire escape plan. When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast. Working smoke alarms give you early warning so you and your family can get outside quickly. Install smoke alarms inside and outside each bedroom and sleeping area. Install alarms on every level of the home, including the basement and attic.

- ◆ Large homes may need extra smoke alarms.
- ◆ It is best to use interconnected smoke alarms. When one smoke alarm sounds they all sound.
- ◆ Test all smoke alarms at least once a month. Press the test button to be sure the alarm is working
- ◆ There are two kinds of alarms. Ionization smoke alarms are quicker to warn about flaming fires. Photoelectric alarms are quicker to warn about smoldering fires. It is best to use both types of alarms in the home.
- ◆ A smoke alarm should be on the ceiling or high on a wall. Keep smoke alarms away from the kitchen to reduce false alarms. They should be at least 10 feet from the stove.
- ◆ People who are hard-of-hearing or deaf can use special alarms. These alarms have strobe lights and bed shakers.
- ◆ **Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old.**
- ◆ **ESCAPE planning for all ages.** Plan for your abilities, making a home fire escape plan for yourself and/or the older adults in your household. Reduce the risk of trips/falls by reducing clutter to provide a clear safe path out of your home. Make sure all windows and doors open and that walkers or wheelchairs fit through doorways. Keep eyeglasses, mobile phones and a flashlight by your bed/where you sleep.
- ◆ **Make sure your flashlights are in operating condition.**

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PENNDOT ST. LAWRENCE AVENUE (ST 562) PROJECT TO BEGIN SOON
FROM PERKIOMEN AVE TO SHELBOURNE ROAD

⇒ **FALL 2022 - CONTRACTOR TO PLACE/REPLACE 31 HANDICAP RAMPS ALONG THE AVENUE IN PREPARATION FOR LATE SPRING PAVING. WORK WILL OCCUR DURING THE DAY**

⇒ **LATE SPRING 2023 - MILLING AND PAVING OF THE AVENUE**

- ⇒ **WORK WILL BE FROM 6 PM TO 6 AM**
- ⇒ **ONE LANE WILL BE CLOSED AT A TIME**

2022 COUNTY, BOROUGH & SCHOOL REAL ESTATE TAX PAYMENT DUE DATES

- * **COUNTY/BOROUGH REAL ESTATE TAXES ARE IN PENALTY - ALL PAYMENTS DUE BY DECEMBER 31ST**
- * **SCHOOL REAL ESTATE TAXES ARE IN THE FLAT RATE DUE BY OCTOBER 31ST**
- * **SCHOOL REAL ESTATE TAXES INSTALLMENT COUPON 3 DUE BY NOVEMBER 30TH**
- * **SCHOOL REAL ESTATE TAXES PAID AFTER OCTOBER 31ST ARE IN PENALTY**

**ALL 2022 COUNTY, BOROUGH & SCHOOL REAL ESTATE TAX PAYMENTS
 MUST BE RECEIVED BY DECEMBER 31ST**

WHAT HAPPENS TO UNPAID REAL ESTATE TAX BILLS - COUNTY, BOROUGH & SCHOOL
ALL UNPAID REAL ESTATE TAX BILLS ARE TURNED OVER FOR COLLECTION IN JANUARY 2023 TO THE FOLLOWING:

Borough Portion of Tax Bills

- * **Fire Tax Portion collected by the Borough Office**
- * **Real Estate Portion sent for collection to Berks County Tax Claim**

County Portion of Tax Bills

- * **Sent for Collection to Berks County Tax Claim**

School District Tax Bills

- * **Sent for Collection to Portnoff Law Associates**



Central Berks Regional Police Department

Raymond R Serafin - Chief of Police

2147 Perkiomen Avenue, Reading, PA 19606

Hours 8 AM - 4 PM

610-779-1100 (Office) 610-779-7135 (Fax)

Call with complaints or questions.

To contact a Central Berks Officer for a non-emergency situation call 610-655-4911.

- ◆ DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE - BUCKLE UP! IT'S THE LAW - DON'T TEXT WHILE DRIVING
- ◆ LOCK YOUR VEHICLES PARKED IN YOUR DRIVEWAY AND ON THE STREET - DON'T LEAVE CHANGE OR OTHER ITEMS VISIBLE TO THIEVES WALKING BY
- ◆ All vehicles must have current registration and inspection in order to park on a public street; otherwise they are considered abandoned and are subject to towing and fines.
- ◆ Going on vacation? Notify the police department, and the officers will be sure to patrol the area while you are away. Tell your neighbors to report anything suspicious immediately.
- ◆ Prepare your vehicle for the winter. Remove all snow and ice from the vehicle before you drive.
- ◆ As you drive, watch for children walking to or from the school bus, playing outdoors and riding wheeled vehicles.
- ◆ Car Seat Safety Check - Call the office to schedule an appointment
- ◆ Some other services provided by the Police Department are fingerprinting, Notary seal services, passport photos, and security services. Inquire at the office.
- ◆ SCHOOLS ARE OPEN. DRIVE CAREFULLY.

Remember, residents and the police are one team, we need to work together to keep our community safe. If you see something that does not seem or feel right please call 911 so we can check it out. It is better to be safe than to be sorry.

GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 8th - POLLS OPEN 7 AM - 8 PM

IN PERSON VOTING IS AT THE ST. LAWRENCE BOROUGH HALL - 3540 SAINT LAWRENCE AVE

BUILDING ENTRY: REAR DOOR FROM PARKING LOT

LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE BEFORE NOVEMBER ELECTION: OCTOBER 24th

LAST DAY TO APPLY FOR MAIL-IN OR CIVILIAN ABSENTEE BALLOT: NOVEMBER 1st

LAST DAY FOR COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO RECEIVE VOTED MAIL-IN OR ABSENTEE BALLOTS: NOVEMBER 8th BY 8:00 PM

YOU CAN REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.PAVOTERSERVICES.PA.GOV

UNDER 18 CURFEW HOURS EXTENDED FOR HALLOWEEN

Council extends, by Resolution, the normal curfew time (Midnight to 5:00 AM, official prevailing time) to **9 PM to 6 AM, official prevailing time, from October 24th until November 1st**. All minors under the age of 18 may not be out upon any of the streets, alleys, parks or public places during the curfew unless accompanied by a parent or person charged with control after an event or activity, traveling to or from an event or activity or going to or from work. If you have any questions, contact the Borough office.



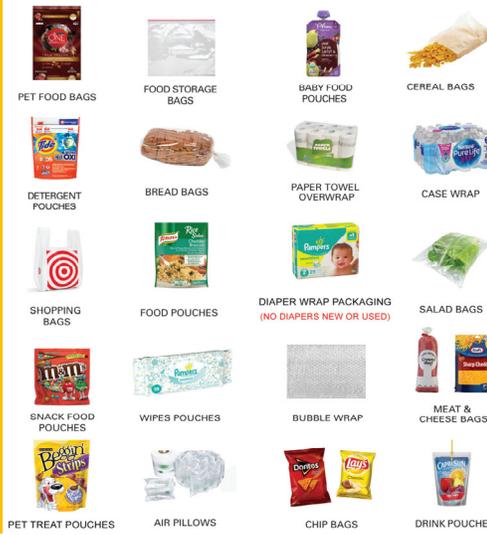
TRICK OR TREAT NIGHTS - OCTOBER 30th & 31st - 5 PM TO 9 PM

The Borough asks that a parent, guardian or responsible adult accompany children during the Halloween Trick or Treat Nights. If kids are on their own, remember the curfew. Those willing to have Trick or Treaters stop by, please turn on your outside lights. Those who are trick or treating, please do not stop at a home with no exterior lights turned on.

DISPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS

- ◆ FLEXIBLE PLASTIC PACKING SHOULD BE PLACED IN A LIDDED RECYCLING CONTAINER, OTHERWISE IT MAY BLOW AWAY.
- ◆ MUST BE EMPTY, CLEAN, AND DRY
- ◆ BE PLACED LOOSE IN CONTAINER, NOT BUNDLED
- ◆ AIR PILLOWS - USED IN PACKAGING SHOULD BE DEFLATED
- ◆ NO PLASTIC CUTLERY
- ◆ NO VINYL ITEMS (ie. SHOWER CURTAINS, INFLATABLE TOYS, ETC.)
- ◆ NO HOSES, CHAINS, CORDS OR STRING

FLEXIBLE PLASTIC PACKAGING MAY BE RECYCLED



- * Grocery/Shopping Bags
- * Retail Bags
- * Pet Treat Pouches
- * Detergent Pouches
- * Case Wrap
- * Shrink Film
- * Food Storage Bags - Zip Top
- * Snack Food Pouches
- * Salad Bags
- * Wipes Pouches
- * Candy/Snack Food Pouches
- * Baby Food Pouches
- * Bread Bags
- * Diaper Wrap Packaging
- * Air Pillows
- * Bubble Wrap
- * Pet Food Bags
- * Cereal Bags
- * Paper Towel Overwrap
- * Chip/Snack Bags
- * Meat Bags
- * Cheese Bags
- * Drink Pouches

NO DIAPERS (USED OR NEW) IN RECYCLING

PLACE YOUR TRASH & RECYCLING IN PLASTIC BAGS (CLEAR FOR RECYCLING) BEFORE PLACING IN YOUR LIDDED CONTAINERS IT WILL PREVENT RECYCLING & TRASH FROM LITTERING THE NEIGHBORHOOD

DO NOT PLACE YARD WASTE IN YOUR TRASH - THE CAN WILL BE LEFT AT THE CURB

TRASH/RECYCLING REMINDERS

- * NO PIZZA BOXES IN RECYCLING, THEY ARE TRASH
- * WHEN PLACING AT CURB, PLEASE SEPARATE YOUR TRASH CONTAINERS FROM YOUR RECYCLING CONTAINERS BY AT LEAST TWO FEET
- * MAKE SURE YOUR RECYCLING CONTAINERS ARE MARKED (FREE STICKERS AVAILABLE AT BORO HALL)
- * FLATTEN CARDBOARD BOXES
- * CLEAR RECYCLING BAGS MAY BE USED TO PLACE RECYCLING CURBSIDE FOR PICKUP (NO BLACK TRASHBAGS - WILL BE TAKEN AS TRASH)

WHAT CAN YOU RECYCLE?

- Food grade glass bottles and jars (clear, brown & green)
- Aluminum & metal food cans
- Aluminum trays & foil
- Aseptic packaging & gable top containers (milk & juice cartons)
- Steel cans and tins
- Plastics #1 - #7, NO STYROFOAM
 - #1 - clear & green plastic resin - PET
soda, milk, water and flavored beverage bottles
 - #2 - colored plastic resin - HDPE
detergent and fabric softener containers
 - #3 - plastic resin - PVC narrow neck containers only
health & beauty aid products, household cleaners
 - #4 - plastic resin - LPDE grocery containers
Margarine tubs, frozen dessert cups, six and twelve pack rings
 - #5 - plastic resin - PP grocery containers
Yogurt cups, narrow neck syrup and ketchup bottles
 - #6 - plastic resin - PS
Aspirin bottles, compact disc cases, egg cartons
 - #7 - plastic - Other - Narrow neck containers only
- Paper and Cardboard:
 - Newspaper, including inserts
 - Magazines, catalogues and telephone books
 - Kraft (brown) paper bags
 - Office, computer, notebook and gift wrap (non-metallic) paper
 - Chipboard (cereal, cake & food mix boxes, gift boxes, etc.)
 - Carrier stock (soda & beer can carrying cases)
 - junk mail & envelopes
 - paperback books
 - cardboard - PLEASE FLATTEN



MATTRESSES AND BOX SPRINGS MUST BE SEALED IN PLASTIC FOR REMOVAL - ANY MATTRESS LEFT BY THE HAULER AT THE CURB MUST BE REMOVED IMMEDIATELY

WHAT YOU CAN'T RECYCLE!

- ◆ WINDOW GLASS, DINNERWARE & TEMPERED GLASS
- ◆ CERAMICS
- ◆ PIZZA BOXES
- ◆ FOOD ENCRUSTED ALUMINUM TRAYS & FOIL
- ◆ NO FOOD, WOOD OR VEGETATION
- ◆ PROPANE TANKS

NO TRASH OR RECYCLING PICKUP CHANGES THROUGH THE END OF THE YEAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 YARD WASTE	4 TRASH/RECYCLE	5	6	7	8
9	10 OFFICE CLOSED	11 TRASH/RECYCLE	12 YARD WASTE	13 BOROUGH COUNCIL 7:30 PM	14	15 CURFEW
16	17 YARD WASTE	18 TRASH/RECYCLE	19	20	21	22
CURFEW	CURFEW	CURFEW	CURFEW	CURFEW	CURFEW	CURFEW
23	24 YARD WASTE	25 TRASH/RECYCLE	26 PLANNING COMMISSION 7:30 PM	27	28	29
CURFEW	CURFEW	CURFEW	CURFEW	CURFEW	CURFEW	CURFEW
30 TRICK OR TREAT NIGHTS 5 PM TO 9 PM	31 Halloween YARD WASTE	PLANNING COMMISSION MEETS 4th WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH IF THERE IS BUSINESS Curfew: Under 18, 9 PM to 6 AM From Oct 15 - Nov 1; see newsletter for details				
CURFEW	CURFEW					

November 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 TRASH/RECYCLE	2	3	4	5
		CURFEW ENDS				
6 Daylight Saving	7 YARD WASTE	8 Election Day TRASH/RECYCLE	9	10 BOROUGH COUNCIL 7:30 PM	11 Veterans Day OFFICE CLOSED	12
13	14 YARD WASTE	15 TRASH/RECYCLE	16 PLANNING COMMISSION 7:30 PM	17	18	19
20	21 YARD WASTE	22 TRASH/RECYCLE	23	24 Thanksgiving OFFICE CLOSED	25 OFFICE CLOSED	26
27	28 YARD WASTE	29 TRASH/RECYCLE	30			
HOLIDAY CHANGE: PLANNING COMMISSION WILL MEET ON THE 3RD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH, IF NECESSARY						

December 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5 YARD WASTE	6 TRASH/RECYCLE	7	8 BOROUGH COUNCIL 7:30 PM	9	10
11	12 YARD WASTE	13 TRASH/RECYCLE	14	15	16	17
18	19 YARD WASTE	20 TRASH/RECYCLE	21 PLANNING COMMISSION 7:30 PM	22	23	24 Christmas Eve
25 Christmas Day	26 OFFICE CLOSED	27 TRASH/RECYCLE	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve
HOLIDAY CHANGE: PLANNING COMMISSION WILL MEET ON THE 3RD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH, IF NECESSARY NO YARD WASTE PICKUP BETWEEN CHRISTMANS & NEW YEAR						

BOROUGH OF ST. LAWRENCE MUNICIPAL INFORMATION

3540 St. Lawrence Ave.
Reading PA 19606
Telephone: 610-779-1430
Fax: 610-779-9148
Email: stlawboro@ptd.net

Website: www.stlawboro.us

An answering machine is available when we are closed, away from our desks or on the other line. Please leave a message and we will return your call at our first opportunity.

Office Hours:
Monday - Thursday
8:30 AM - 2:30 PM
Friday
8:30 AM - Noon

EMERGENCY: 9-1-1 County 911 Dispatch Non Emergency - 610-655-4911

To report any incident which adversely affects the health and safety or the environment of the citizens of the Commonwealth:

DEP 24/7/365 ENVIRONMENTAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE - 1-800-541-2050

To report any discharge to the storm drain system, sanitary sewer system or waterways that is not the result of hydrant flushing, fire fighting or a rain event:

SANITARY SEWER EMERGENCY OR ILLICIT DISCHARGE: CALL BOROUGH HALL OR AFTER HOURS CALL DERREK RHOADS OR

ALLISON LEINBACH (NUMBERS BELOW)

Borough Officials - Appointed

Manager/Treasurer/Zoning & Codes Officer

Allison Leinbach Office: 610-779-1430
manager@stlawboro.us Home: 610-779-0112
Cell: 610-207-8469

Secretary/Asst. Codes & Asst. Zoning Officer

Susan Eggert Office: 610-779-1430
Cell: 484-269-0749

GIS/MS4, Roadmaster & Asst. Codes Officer

Derrek Rhoads Cell: 484-577-9981

YARD WASTE PICKUP TEXT MESSAGE OR VOICE MESSAGE

Cell: 610-655-5243

Borough Engineer/ Asst. - Codes & Zoning Officer

Ty Leinneweber, PE - Systems Design Eng.
610-916-8500

Borough Solicitor

Joan London, Esq. - Kozloff Stoudt
610-670-2552

UCC Building Codes Inspectors/Asst - Codes & Zoning

State Inspection Authority, Inc.
610-450-4600

Sewer Engineer

Kevin Conrad - SSM Group 610-621-2000

Central Berks Regional Police

Ray Serafin, Chief Office: 610-779-1100

Emergency Management Coordinator

David W. Eggert 484-797-5615

Borough Appointed Board/Commission

Planning Commission

Warren Lubenow, Chairman
Joseph Ravert, Vice- Chairman

Barry Kinsey

James Lewars

Tracy Whitman

Zoning Hearing Board

Dave Smith, Chairman

Dorothy Jurasinski

Kristen Livingood

2022 Borough Officials- Elected

Mayor

Barrie C. Kinsey 610-779-1430

Borough Council

Robert J. May, President 610-370-1236
rjmay@aol.com

David W. Eggert, VP 484-797-5615

Mike Bennethum 610-779-9645

Michael Fritz 610-587-9794

Steven Geibel 610-370-5361

Warren Lubenow 610-779-3632

Gregory Zawilla 610-370-1519

Tax Collector

Susan D. Eggert 610-779-1430

School District

Exeter Township SD Admin 610-779-0700
Exeter Twp Sr High School 610-779-3060
Exeter Twp Jr High School 610-779-3320
Reiffton School 610-779-7640
Jacksonwald Elementary 610-779-1820
Owatin Creek 610-406-4580

District Judge Court 23-2-03

Hon. Sandra L Fegley 610-779-5137
6112 Perkiomen Ave Fax: 610-779-4681
Birdsboro PA 19508
Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Utilities

Mt. Penn Water 610-779-4900
They also handle sewer billing for the Borough.
AVMA 610-779-0150
PA American Water 1-800-565-7292
Met-Ed (Electric) 1-800-545-7741
UGI (Gas) 610-375-4441
Service Electric (Cable) 610-582-5317
PA ONE CALL (Call before you dig) 811
J. P. Mascaro 1-800-334-3403

Legislators

STATE

PA House District 126

Hon. Mark Rozzi
District Office
4933 Kutztown Road 610 - 921-8921
Temple, PA 19560 Fax: 610 - 921-9369

Capitol Office

111 Irvis Office Bldg 717 - 783-3290
PO Box 202126 Fax: 717 - 787-7517
Harrisburg, PA 17120-2126

Senate District 11

Senator Judith Schwank

Capitol Office
Senate Box 203011 717 - 787-8925
457 Main Capitol BLDG FAX: 717 - 772-0578
Harrisburg, PA 17120-3011

District Office

210 George Street 610 - 929-2151
Suite 201 FAX: 610 - 929-2576
Reading, PA 19605

FEDERAL

US House District 6

Rep. Chrissy Houlahan

Washington DC Office
1218 Longworth HOB 202 - 225-4315
Washington DC 20515 Fax: 202 - 225-8440

Berks County Office -

815 Washington St, 2-48 610-295-0815
Reading PA 19601

US Senate

Sen. Robert P. Casey Jr

Washington DC Office
393 Russell Senate Office Bldg
Washington DC 20510
Toll Free: 866 - 802-2833 Fax: 202 - 228-0604

Lehigh Valley Office

840 W Hamilton St. STE 301 610 - 782-9470
Allentown PA 18101 Fax: 610 - 782-9474

Sen. Patrick J Toomey

Washington DC Office
455 Dirksen Senate Office Bldg
Washington DC 20510
202 - 224-4254 Fax: 202 - 228-0284

Lehigh Valley Office

1150 S Cedar Crest Blvd STE 101
Allentown PA 18101
610-434-1444
Toll Free: 855 - 552-1831 Fax: 202-228-2727

Municipal Governments

Amity Township (610)689-6000
Exeter Township (610)779-5660
Lower Alsace Township (610)779-6400
Mt. Penn Borough (610)779-5151

Libraries

Exeter Community (610)406-9431
Reading Public Library-Main (610)655-6350
Reading Public Library-SE Branch (610)655-6362

County Government Office

Services Center (General) (610)478-6100
Aging (610)478-6500
Assessment (610)478-6262
Berks Heim (610)376-4841
CareerLink (610)988-1300
Children & Youth Service (610)478-6700
Clerk of Courts (610)478-6550
Commissioners (610)478-6136
Domestic Relations (610)478-2900
Election Services (610)478-6490
Emergency Services (610)374-4800
Parks & Recreation (610)372-8939
Prothonotary (610)478-6970
Public Defender (610)478-6650
Recorder of Deeds (610)478-3380
Register of Wills (610)478-6600
Sheriff (610)478-6240
Tax Claim (610)478-6625
Treasurer (610)478-6640
Veterans Affairs (610)378-5601

State Government

Autism Services 1(866)539-7689
COMPASS/Benefits Helpline 1(800)692-7462
Berks Cty Assistance Office 1(866)215-3912
Childline 1(800)932-0313
CHIP Helpline 1(800)986-5437
Consumer Protection 1(800)441-2555
Disability Services 1(800)753-8827
Elder Abuse 1(800)490-8505
Healthy Baby 1(800)986-2229
Healthy Kids 1(800)986-5437
Lead Information Line 1(800)440-5323
LIHEAP (Home Heating) (610)736-4228
Welfare Fraud Tipline 1(844)347-8477

TRASH/RECYCLING COLLECTION

CURBSIDE ON TUESDAYS BY J P MASCARO & SONS: 1-800-334-3403

TRASH: 3-32 GAL CONTAINERS OR EQUIVALENT (MAX SIZE CONTAINER - 64 GALLON) AND 1 BULK ITEM
MATTRESS MUST BE WRAPPED IN PLASTIC & SEALED WITH TAPE

RECYCLING: UNLIMITED SINGLE STREAM

- * PLEASE SEPARATE TRASH AND RECYCLING CONTAINERS BY AT LEAST ONE FOOT
- * FLATTEN CARDBOARD BOXES
- * SEE BOROUGH WEBSITE FOR NEW INSTRUCTIONS FOR RECYCLING FLEXIBLE PLASTIC PACKAGING AND MATTRESSES



The Goodwill donation center in St. Lawrence accepts computers and related accessories. Residential donors can drop off any brand of used

computer equipment including monitors, desktops, laptops, printers, scanners, keyboards, mice and speakers in any condition at a Goodwill donation center. It's free and donors can receive a receipt for tax purposes.

**PHARMACEUTICAL DROP BOX AVAILABLE AT CENTRAL BERKS REGIONAL POLICE OFFICE
 2147 PERKIOMEN AVE., MT. PENN**



Accepted: Prescription medication in standard container or sealed bag, over the counter medication, vitamins, drug samples, pet medications and liquid medications in plastic, leak proof containers.

CURBSIDE BRUSH & LEAF Information and Requirements

1. Yard waste must be in a paper recycle bag. Plastic bags will be left at the curb and must be removed.
2. **PLEASE LIMIT THE WEIGHT OF BAG TO 25 LBS.**
3. **Only vegetative yard waste may be placed in the recycle bag. If there are any issues - you will receive a door tag that states the problem. Any violations of bag content will result in being permanently removed from the pickup list**
4. Bundled branches 6' in length or less and able to be picked up by one person AND NOT FALL APART. **Limit of 3 bundles OR limbs without prior authorization from the Borough.**
5. Excessive quantities will not be picked up without prior approval.
6. **DO NOT PLACE ANY BAGS, BUNDLES, OR ANY OTHER VEGETATION IN THE STREET**
7. **You may leave a message on the yard waste answering machine @ 610-401-0568 THROUGH SUNDAY EVENING FOR THAT WEEK'S PICKUP. DO NOT EMAIL THE OFFICE. OR**
8. You may call the Borough office @ 610-779-1430 by 8:30 AM the morning of pickup (talk to a person). OR
9. **TEXT MESSAGE: (610) 655-5243 - INCLUDE YOUR ADDRESS AND THE NUMBER OF BAGS OR BUNDLES TO BE COLLECTED**

WEEKLY CURBSIDE PICKUP - MONDAYS *- Weather Permitting

NO PICKUP THE WEEK BETWEEN XMAS & NEW YEARS

WEEKLY CURBSIDE PICKUP CHANGE WEDNESDAYS FROM JANUARY 4 THROUGH MARCH 1, 2023

DO NOT PLACE BAGS AT CURB UNTIL THE MORNING OF PICKUP, AS ALWAYS WEATHER PERMITTING (DON'T PLACE BAGS OR TREE IF IT IS SNOWING)

ELECTRONICS & TIRE RECYCLING CENTER

1316 HILLTOP RD., LEESPORT

OPEN EVERY TUESDAY, THURSDAY & SATURDAY: 8AM - NOON
 ALL VISITORS MUST REMAIN IN THEIR CAR, WHILE ON SITE.

ELECTRONIC ITEMS ACCEPTED:

PLEASE HAVE ALL ELECTRONICS IN THE TRUNK OF YOUR CAR OR BED OF PICKUP TRUCK

MAXIMUM OF 10 ITEMS PER VEHICLE (NO EXCEPTIONS)

- * Computers, Monitors, Laptops, Keyboards, Modems, Printers, Copier, etc.
- * Microwaves, Stereos, VCRs, Telephones, Answering Machines, etc.
- * **Television (Maximum of two per resident/vehicle per day)**
- * Fluorescent bulbs
- * Rechargeable and Lead Acid Batteries (ONLY) – **NO ALKALINE BATTERIES**
- * Air Conditions & Dehumidifier

FEE SCHEDULE 2022

RESIDENTIAL

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|---|----------------|
| • All Electronic Items (Residents ONLY) | Free of Charge |
| • Fluorescent tubes, CFL Bulbs & Rechargeable Batteries | Free of Charge |
| • Air Conditioners & Dehumidifiers | Free of Charge |

COMMERCIAL INSTITUTIONAL - BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

- **NO TELEVISIONS OR MONITORS ACCEPTED FROM BUSINESSES**
- ALL ELECTRONIC ITEMS (BUSINESSES) \$1.00 /item
- FLUORESCENT TUBES, CFL'S & RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES \$1.50 /pound
- AIR CONDITIONERS & DEHUMIDIFIERS Free of Charge

AUTOMOTIVE TIRE ONLY - FOUR (4) PER VEHICLE MAXIMUM

- * Standard passenger and light truck tires shall have diameter between twenty inches (20") and thirty-two inches (32" and a width between six inches (6") and twelve inches (12" and shall be free of dirt, water and foreign objects.
- * The tires must not be deformed and must have the normal geometry of a typical tire.

FEE SCHEDULE (Effective 05/09/2022)

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| * Tires without rims | \$ 5.00 each |
| * Tires with rims | \$ 7.00 each |

Berks County Solid Waste Authority www.co.berks.pa.us/swa
 610-478-6362 OR swa@countyofberks.com

TROUT RUN BRUSH DEPOSITORY

The Trout Run Brush Depository is a joint project of Exeter Township and the Borough and managed by the Township Highway Crew. The facility, located at the intersection of W. Neversink and E. Neversink Roads, accepts brush, grass clippings and Christmas trees only, delivered by the Property Owner.

The facility is monitored by cameras 24/7 and entry/exit requires an access card to open the gate. There is a \$10 annual fee for an access card and are available by application at the Exeter Township Municipal Building. There is a limit of one card per household and proof of residency or ownership is required. If Access card is lost or stolen, please notify EXETER TOWNSHIP and the card will be deactivated. To replace a card, the fee is \$10 and the previously issued card will be deactivated.

Landscaping companies doing work on residents' properties are not permitted to use Trout Run. Dumping construction debris or trash of any kind is expressly prohibited and carries a fine of up to \$600 per offense.

Operating Hours (every day): 8 AM - 8 PM EDST or 8 AM - 6 PM EST

Times are subject to change without notice

GATES WILL LOCK PRECISELY AND YOU MUST BE OUTSIDE THE GATE OR YOU WILL BE LOCKED IN!



STREET LIGHT OUT

If you see any street lights that are out please call Borough Hall with the 10 DIGIT Pole Number



NEED FOOD ASSISTANCE

Not sure where to go when you need help? Call HELPING HARVEST @ 610-926-5802 x 206 to be guided to food assistance.

STOP ILLEGAL DUMPING

