



BOROUGH OF ST. LAWRENCE



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NEW YARD WASTE PHONE NUMBER FOR MESSAGES - 610.401.0720

OR SEND A TEXT MESSAGE TO 610.655.5243

MESSAGES MUST BE RECEIVED BY 9 AM THE DAY OF PICKUP CHECK CALENDAR FOR ANY CHANGES

NEW EMS TAX TO BE ENACTED FOR 2024

A .5 MIL EMS TAX, TO BE ENACTED THIS FALL & INCLUDED ON YOUR COUNTY/BOROUGH REAL ESTATE TAX BILL, TO BEGIN IN 2024. TO SUPPORT THE AMBULANCE SERVICE PROVIDED TO THE BOROUGH BY LOWER ALSACE AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION- COMPLETE DETAILS OF COVERAGE FOR BOROUGH RESIDENTS IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER.

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 - MONDAYS

PLEASE CHECK THE CALENDAR IN THE NEWSLETTER OR ON THE WEBSITE FOR CHANGES TO THE SCHEDULE (NO PICKUP OR DAY CHANGE) - NO PICKUP OCTOBER 9 OR CHRISTMAS WEEK

YARD WASTE VOICE MESSAGE LINE 610.401.0720 OR TEXT MESSAGE LINE 610.655.5243



The weekly curbside pickup program continues year round on a Monday (except for changes noted on the calendar), weather permitting. All yard waste, including leaves, must be bagged in **paper** yard waste bags, or placed in reusable **plastic yard waste bags (pictured)** or it will be left at the **curb**. You may also place 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. WEIGHT LIMIT FOR BAGS - 25 POUNDS.**

You must call and leave a voice or text message, by 9 AM Monday for pickup that day. When you leave or text a message, please state the following: street address and number of bags and/or bundles for pickup. **DO NOT PLACE YOUR BAGS CURBSIDE UNTIL THE MORNING OF PICKUP.** In January, Christmas trees, with all decorations including lights removed, may be placed at the curb for pickup. **DO NOT** place Christmas trees or yard waste out for trash pickup, it is not part of the Borough contract. Remember that pickup is cancelled for winter weather events (snow & ice), do not leave yard waste at the curb.



NO BURNING OF LEAVES OR BRUSH ALLOWED IN THE BOROUGH -

ORDINANCE #450 DETAILS THE HOMEOWNER'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE USE OF CHIMINEAS, FIRE PITS, ETC.

The Ordinance has 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 - <https://stlawboro.us>

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 or 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.



WHAT HAPPENS TO UNPAID REAL ESTATE TAX BILLS - COUNTY, BOROUGH & SCHOOL

County/ Borough Real Estate Taxes:

Reminder Notices for have been mailed. If you received a notice, your taxes have not been paid and are due by December 31, 2023

School District Real Estate Taxes:

Reminder Notices will be mailed in November and Installment reminders will be mailed in early December. If you receive a notice, your taxes have not been paid and are due by December 31, 2023

ALL UNPAID REAL ESTATE TAX BILLS ARE TURNED OVER FOR COLLECTION IN JANUARY 2024 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

Contact information for collections can be found on the Borough Web-site @ <https://stlawboro.us> Select - Tax Information Page

WHAT HAPPENS TO UNPAID SCHOOL PER CAPITA TAX BILLS

The Per Capita (head tax) bill was mailed at the same time as the School real estate tax bills. In November, the School District will mail out reminder notices. If you receive a notice, your tax is not paid. The closeout of Per Capita taxes occurs May 31, 2024.

The School District turns over unpaid Per Capita taxes to Statewide Tax Recovery LLC.



LOW INCOME HEAT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Berks County Office:
610-736-4228
866-215-3911
OR
LIHEAP Toll Free
1-866-215-3912



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.

BERKS COUNTY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY EVENTS - BERKS COUNTY RESIDENTS ONLY

ALL RESIDENTS MUST PRE-REGISTER FOR HAZARDOUS WASTE & PAPER SHREDDING EVENTS

TO REGISTER GO TO: <https://www.countyofberks.com/departments/solid-waste-authority>

COLLECTION LOCATION FOR THE EVENTS: BERKS COUNTY AG CENTER 1238 COUNTY WELFARE RD, LEESPORT PA

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION - OCTOBER 23, 2023 OR PAPER SHREDDING - OCTOBER 14, 2023

UNDER EVENTS: SELECT HAZARDOUS WASTE OR PAPER SHREDDING

ELECTRONICS & TIRE DROP OFF AVAILABLE WEEKLY - TUESDAY, THURSDAY & SATURDAY 8 AM - NOON

NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED - FEES MAY APPLY (SEE COUNTY WEBSITE)

COLLECTION LOCATION FOR ELECTRONICS & TIRE DROP OFF: 1316 HILLTOP RD, LEESPORT PA

Did you know that cooking fires are the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries?
Cooking safety starts with YOU.



FIRE PREVENTION WEEK IS OCTOBER 8th - 14th

"COOK WITH CAUTION"

- Be on alert! If you are sleep or have consumed alcohol don't use the stove or stove top.
- Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, boiling, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- If you are simmering, baking, or roasting food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you are cooking.
- Keep anything that can catch fire - oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains - away from your stovetop.



If you have a small grease cooking fire and decide to fight the fire...

- On the stovetop, smother the flames by sliding a lid over the pan and turning off the burner. Leave the pan covered until it is completely cooled.
- For an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed.

If you have any doubt about fighting a small fire...

- Just get out! When you leave, close the door behind you to help contain the fire.
- Call 9-1-1

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.**



SAFETY TIP SHEETS AVAILABLE - CONTACT THE BOROUGH OFFICE

CAUSES OF FIRES

- ◆ COOKING
- ◆ CANDLES
- ◆ RELIGIOUS CANDLES
- ◆ HEATING
- ◆ SMOKING
- ◆ ELECTRICAL

FIRE & SAFETY EQUIPMENT

- ◆ SMOKE ALARMS
- ◆ SMOKE ALARMS FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE DEAF & HARD OF HEARING
- ◆ HOME FIRE SPRINKLERS
- ◆ CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS

HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT

- ◆ 9-VOLT BATTERIES
- ◆ CFL LIGHT BULBS

- ◆ CLOTHES DRYERS
- ◆ GEL FUEL SAFETY
- ◆ LITHIUM ION BATTERIES
- ◆ MEDICAL OXYGEN
- ◆ MICROWAVE OVENS
- ◆ PORTABLE FIREPLACES
- ◆ PORTABLE GENERATORS
- ◆ PORTABLE SPACE HEATERS
- ◆ SECURITY BARS
- ◆ WOOD & PELLET STOVES

SEASONAL

- ◆ GET AHEAD OF THE WINTER FREEZE
- ◆ HALLOWEEN
- ◆ WINTER HOLIDAYS
- ◆ THANKSGIVING
- ◆ CHRISTMAS TREES
- ◆ WINTER STORMS, HURRICANES & FLOODS

OUTDOORS

- ◆ OUTDOOR ELECTRICAL SAFETY

- ◆ FIREWORKS
- ◆ LIGHTNING
- ◆ GRILLING
- ◆ CAMPFIRE

POPULATIONS

- ◆ BABYSITTING SAFETY
- ◆ CHILDREN AND FIRE
- ◆ HOARDING AND FIRE
- ◆ PET FIRE SAFETY
- ◆ PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
- ◆ SHABBAT FIRE SAFETY

MISCELLANEOUS

- ◆ ESCAPE PLANNING
- ◆ CAR FIRE SAFETY
- ◆ SCALD PREVENTION
- ◆ HOTEL/MOTELS



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 7th - 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 23rd

LAST DAY TO APPLY FOR MAIL-IN OR CIVILIAN ABSENTEE BALLOT: OCTOBER 31st

LAST DAY FOR COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO RECEIVE VOTED MAIL-IN OR ABSENTEE BALLOTS:

NOVEMBER 7th 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 21st until November 4th.** 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 8 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.**



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 your 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.

2023 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 2023 COUNTY, BOROUGH & SCHOOL REAL ESTATE TAX PAYMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY DECEMBER 31ST**

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)**



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**

DO NOT PLACE RECYCLING INTO A BAG, IT WILL NOT BE PROCESSED

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

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
- * **ELECTION DAY November 7th - 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 Thrift Distributing: <https://www.hopeforreading.org/donateitems> (list of donation bin locations) or call 610-741-1640
- ◆ Opportunity House's OppShop website: <https://opphouse.org/how-to-support/oppsshop/> for large item pickup or those not listed call 610-374-4696 ext. 221
- ◆ Goodwill - Outlet & Donation Center website: <https://www.yourgoodwill.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



**TURN CLOCKS BACK ON
NOVEMBER 5th
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME
ENDS AT 2:00 AM**

**CHANGE SMOKE
ALARM BATTERIES**

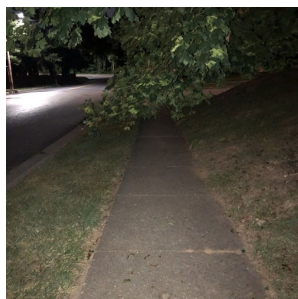


ST. LAWRENCE BOROUGH HALL FOR SECURITY - ENTRANCES LOCKED

**PUBLIC PERMITTED ENTRY DURING REGULAR
OFFICE HOURS**

- ⇒ 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 HOURS: M – Thurs 8:30 AM – 2:30 PM & Friday 8:30 AM – NOON
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.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 YARD WASTE	3 TRASH/RECYCLE	4	5	6	7
8	9 OFFICE CLOSED NO YARD WASTE COLLECTION	10 TRASH/RECYCLE	11	12 BOROUGH COUNCIL 7:30 PM	13	14
15	16 YARD WASTE	17 TRASH/RECYCLE	18	19	20	21 HALLOWEEN CURFEW BEGINS
22	23 YARD WASTE	24 TRASH/RECYCLE	25 PC MEETING 7:30 PM	26	27	28
29	30 YARD WASTE TRICK OR TREAT	31 Halloween TRASH/RECYCLE				
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETS 4th WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH IF THERE IS BUSINESS NO YARD WASTE COLLECTION THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 9th						

November 2023

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

December 2023

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 New Year's Day OFFICE CLOSED	2 COUNCIL REORG & MTG 7:30 PM	3 TRASH/RECYCLE	4	5	6
7	8 YARD WASTE	9 TRASH/RECYCLE	10	11 BOROUGH COUNCIL SEE JAN 2	12	13
14	15 ML King Day OFFICE CLOSED	16 TRASH/RECYCLE	17	18	19	20
21	22 YARD WASTE	23 TRASH/RECYCLE	24 PLANNING COMMISSION 7:30 PM	25	26	27
28	29 YARD WASTE	30 TRASH/RECYCLE	31			
COUNCIL MEETING JANUARY 2, 2024: REORGANIZATION AND MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING 7:30 PM NO YARD WASTE COLLECTION THE WEEK OF THE 15th - CHRISTMAS TREES ARE YARD WASTE						

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 Lincoln's B-Day YARD WASTE	13 TRASH/RECYCLE	14	15	16	17
18	19 Presidents' Day OFFICE CLOSED NO YARD WASTE	20 TRASH/RECYCLE	21	22	23	24
25	26 YARD WASTE	27 TRASH/RECYCLE	28 PLANNING COMMISSION 7:30 PM	29		
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETS 4th WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH IF THERE IS BUSINESS NO YARD WASTE COLLECTION THE WEEK OF THE 19th						

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3	4 YARD WASTE	5 TRASH/RECYCLE	6	7	8	9
10 Daylight Saving	11 YARD WASTE	12 TRASH/RECYCLE	13	14 BOROUGH COUNCIL 7:30 PM	15	16
17	18 YARD WASTE	19 TRASH/RECYCLE	20	21	22	23
24	25 YARD WASTE	26 TRASH/RECYCLE	27 PLANNING COMMISSION 7:30 PM	28	29 OFFICE CLOSED	30
31 Easter		PLANNING COMMISSION MEETS 4th WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH IF THERE IS BUSINESS				

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: <https://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

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

County 911 Dispatch Non Emergency - 610-655-4911

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**

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

Phone: 610-401-0720

Borough Engineer/Asst. - Codes & Zoning Officer

Pamela Stevens, PE - Systems Design Eng.
610-916-8500

Borough Solicitor

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

UCC Building Codes Inspectors

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
Robert Gaston
James Lewars
Tracy Whitman

Zoning Hearing Board

Dave Smith, Chairman
Dorothy Jurasinski
Kristen Livingood

2023 Borough Officials

Mayor

Corrie Zana

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

Animal Control Officers

Berks Animal Rescue League 610-373-8830
<https://berksarl.org/>

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 19560-1569 Fax: 610 - 921-9369

Capitol Office
152 Main Capitol 717 - 783-3290
PO Box 202126
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. John Fetterman
Washington DC Office
B40B Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington DC 20510
202-224-4254
Harrisburg Office
320 Market St STE 475E
Harrisburg PA 17101
717-782-3951

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
Human Services (610)478-6194
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
DHS HELPLINE 1(800)692-7462
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 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 promptly.
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 repeated 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) 401-0720 BY 9 AM THE DAY OF PICKUP. DO NOT EMAIL OR CALL THE OFFICE.**
8. You may call the Borough office @ 610-779-1430 by 9:00 AM the morning of pickup (talk to a person). OR
9. **PREFERRED TEXT MESSAGE: (610) 655-5243 - INCLUDE YOUR ADDRESS AND THE NUMBER OF BAGS OR BUNDLES TO BE COLLECTED - MOST RELIABLE METHOD**

**WEEKLY CURBSIDE PICKUP -
 MONDAYS *- Weather Permitting**

WEEKLY CURBSIDE PICKUP MONDAY

**NO PICKUP - WEEK OF OCTOBER 9th
 CHRISTMAS WEEK**

**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 2023

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

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| • 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) Subject to Change

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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 \$15 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 \$15 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): -Now through November 4th: 8 AM - 8 PM EDST

-November 5th to March 9th: 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!**

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.



**STREET
 LIGHT OUT ?**

If you see any street lights that are out report online to https://www.firstenergycorp.com/service_requests/report-lighting-problem.html.

You may also contact Borough Hall with the **10 DIGIT Pole Number** or the closest address with cross streets.