



BOROUGH OF ST. LAWRENCE



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**WISHING YOU
AND YOUR LOVED ONES
A HAPPY, HEALTHY AND SAFE
HOLIDAY SEASON & NEW YEAR!**

BOROUGH PROPERTY TAX RATES UNCHANGED FOR 2021 GENERAL FUND PROPERTY TAX 6.85 MILS * FIRE TAX .66 MILS

On a home assessed at \$100,000 the property taxes would be \$685 for the general fund and the fire tax \$66 for a total of \$751. The Fire Tax may only be used on expenditures related to providing Fire Protection.

- * Council approves a new contract for Police Services from Central Berks Regional Police. The five year contract extends coverage through December 31, 2025.
- * As of January 1, 2021, the Borough returns to the Animal Rescue League for full service animal control. Highlights of the services available to residents on **Page 4**.

YARD WASTE/LEAF/CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION REMINDERS

- * Collection day: Monday If the Borough office is closed on a Monday, there will not be a collection that week unless it is stated on the Municipal Calendar
- * YOU MUST CALL THE OFFICE FOR PICKUP, DON'T JUST PLACE YOUR BAGS AT THE CURB AND EXPECT THEM TO BE COLLECTED (SEE MUNICIPAL INSERT)
- * ANY CHANGES WILL BE POSTED ON THE BOROUGH WEBSITE - www.stlawboro.com
- * CHRISTMAS TREES - PLEASE REMOVE ALL DECORATIONS (LIGHTS, ORNAMENTS, TINSEL & GARLAND)

ST. LAWRENCE BOROUGH HALL ACCESS RESTRICTED ALL ENTRANCES ARE LOCKED, THE PUBLIC WILL BE PERMITTED ENTRY DURING REGULAR OFFICE HOURS - MASKS ARE REQUIRED

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

UCC Permit Applications, Zoning Permit applications and any other applications may be placed in the drop box at the rear of the building.

OFFICE HOURS: M – TH 8:30 AM – 2:30 PM, F 8:30 AM – NOON

COUNCIL MEETINGS LIVE ON THE BOROUGH YOUTUBE CHANNEL

Monthly Council meetings available live on YouTube (second 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.com , for the channel and meeting email.

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: 1-866-825-0208

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)

SOMETHING FROM THE MAYOR - DECEMBER 2020

As we come to the close of this most extraordinary year our thoughts shift to the hope of the holidays, family and our loved ones. Our new “normal” certainly was not planned for.

This is a pandemic Christmas where illness and death have reached new records. The pandemic may change how we physically celebrate. It should not change the meaning of the holidays.

Take care of those around you by following the recommendations from the Public Health experts. Wear a mask when in the presence of people who are not your immediate family, practice social distancing with frequent handwashing and stay at home as much as possible. We are all in this pandemic and we will survive to see it end.

For the Borough Staff and the Council Members, best wishes for a blessed and safe holiday season.

Respectfully, Barrie C. Kinsey, Mayor



ICE & SNOW TAKE IT SLOW SAFETY AROUND SNOW PLOWS

First Snow or Ice – Drivers usually aren't prepared for winter driving and forget to take it slow. Remember to drive well below the posted speed limit and leave plenty of room between vehicles.

Black Ice – Roads that seem dry may actually be slippery and dangerous. Take it slow when approaching intersections, off-ramps, bridges or shady areas. All are hot spots for black ice.

Limited Visibility – Stay attentive and reduce your speed. Know what's going on around you.

Distance – Give snowplows room to work. The plows are wide and can cross the centerline or shoulder. Don't tailgate or try to pass. If you must pass, take extreme caution and beware of the snow cloud.

Vision – A snowplow operator's field of vision is restricted. If you cannot see the plow's side mirrors, the driver cannot see you. Stay two to three car lengths behind the plow and watch for sudden stops or turns.

Ice & Snow ... Take It Slow – Snowplows travel well below the posted speed limit. Be patient. Try not to pass the plow.

Beware of Snow Clouds – Snowplows often create clouds as they clear the roads. These snow clouds can reduce your ability to see.

SNOW EMERGENCIES WILL BE ANNOUNCED/POSTED ON THE WEBSITE, CodeRed, AND WFMZ TV.

REMINDER: VEHICLES NEED TO BE REMOVED FROM SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTES OR THEY WILL BE TOWED. PLEASE SAVE THE POLICE TIME & EFFORT BY REMOVING YOUR VEHICLES PROMPTLY.



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.com. 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.

SNOW PLOWING INFORMATION

The Borough is not responsible for plowing the streets from curb to curb or for cleaning the space around your mailbox or driveway. Residents should park their vehicles off of the street to prevent your vehicle from being plowed in; providing the plow driver the space required to clean the roadway. The plow makes one pass to open the street and returns later to clear the driving lanes. Please do not clear your driveway until after the plow truck has finished.

When a snow emergency is declared promptly remove your vehicle from the snow emergency routes. If your vehicle is parked on a Borough Street that is not a Snow Emergency Route and you have space to move the car off the street, please do so. Any vehicle removed from the streets makes plowing easier and safer for the plow drivers.

As a reminder, Perkiomen Avenue, St. Lawrence Avenue and Oley Turnpike Road are state roads and will not be plowed by the Borough. Contact PennDOT Berks County Maintenance @ 610-929-0766 with any issues concerning the State Roadways (Perkiomen Avenue, Oley Turnpike Road and Saint Lawrence Avenue).

If you see an unsafe condition or an emergency on Borough roads that needs attention please call Derrek Rhoads at 484-577-9981 or contact the Borough office at 610-779-1430. Please do not call to ask when your road will be plowed. Please note that if a snow emergency is declared, your cooperation is required in order to properly clear the roadways.

All residents are reminded that by state law and Borough Ordinance your sidewalk must be cleared within 24 hours after the snow has stopped. Please be aware that children walk to and from bus stops and if your sidewalk is not cleared children may be forced to walk in the street which can be extremely dangerous especially along St. Lawrence Avenue.

DO NOT THROW, SNOWBLOW OR PLOW SNOW ONTO OR ACROSS ANY PUBLIC STREET IN THE BOROUGH. IT IS A VIOLATION OF LAW AND YOU WILL BE TICKETED BY THE POLICE.

SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTES

YOU MUST REMOVE YOUR VEHICLE IN A DECLARED EMERGENCY OR IT WILL BE TOWED

If you will be out of town, make arrangements for someone to move your vehicle or don't park your vehicle on a Snow Emergency Route.

**IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO CHECK FOR EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS -
CODE RED, WFMZ AND THE BOROUGH WEBSITE.**

THE FOLLOWING ROADS OR PORTIONS OF ROADS ARE SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTES:

St Lawrence Ave - Entire Length Of The Borough On Both Sides

Oley Turnpike Rd - Entire Length Of The Borough On Both Sides

Adams Street: Both Sides For Its Entire Length

Jacksonwald Ave: From Chestnut St. To Ganster St. : The Even Number (South) Side

Jacksonwald Ave.: Around The Circle

Ganster St: Both Sides

Stoner Ave: From Adams St. To Chestnut St. : Odd Number (North) Side

Elm St.: Even Number (West) Side For Its Entire Length

Patton St.: Walnut St To Brown St Both Sides

Patton St: Brown St To Elm St. : Even Number (South) Side

Lynn Court: Entire Length Both Sides And Circle

Orchard Court: Entire Length Both Sides And Circle

Penn's Court: Entire Length Both Sides And Circle

Poplar Drive: Intersection Of Teak Drive To The Cul-De-Sac: Both Sides And Circle



THE BOROUGH CONTRACTS WITH THE ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE FOR 2021 ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES

Services offered to residents of the Borough through the contract, beginning January 1, 2021:

- ◆ 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

Located immediately off of Rt. 422 and Rt. 176 along Rt. 724 in Cumru Township

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
- ◇ Report a lost or found pet

PARKING RESTRICTIONS BY ORDINANCE ON BOROUGH STREETS

The following shall not be parked or stored on Borough Streets except for the 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.

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

ELECTRONIC TRASH (E-WASTE)

E-WASTE: DESKTOP AND NOTEBOOK COMPUTERS; COMPUTER MONITORS; AND COMPUTER PERIPHERALS - keyboards, printer or any other device sold exclusively for external use with a computer that provides input into or output from the computer.



THESE DEVICES MAY NOT BE PLACED IN MUNICIPAL TRASH, IT IS A VIOLATION OF STATE LAW. IF ANYONE PLACES AN E-WASTE DEVICE FOR CURBSIDE TRASH PICKUP, THE HAULER WILL LEAVE THE ITEM AT THE CURB. **YOU MUST REMOVE THE ITEM FROM THE CURB IMMEDIATELY.**

YOU CAN DONATE THESE ITEMS AT THE GOODWILL DONATION CENTER AS PART OF DELL RECONNECT™

IF THE BOROUGH MUST REMOVE THE ITEM YOU WILL BE CHARGED FOR THE COST OF REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL.

FRIENDS OF THE EXETER LIBRARY - 4569 Prestwick Dr., Reading PA 19606

Please print or use a mailing label. Make checks payable to: FRIENDS OF THE EXETER LIBRARY

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ EMAIL: _____

Basic Membership: \$10 _____ Contributor: \$15 _____ Patron: \$25 _____ Sponsor: \$50 _____

Special Friend: \$100 or more _____ Business/Organization \$25 or more _____

I can also help in this way:

Bake and/or provide refreshments _____

Help at Book & Bake Sale _____

Help at Library Program _____

Join the Friend of the Exeter Community Library and you will enjoy helping the library in many different ways. We are sorry to say we can no longer have a special preview night for "Friends Only" due to the limitations in the way we have our Book Sales in the future

INVASIVE PEST - SPOTTED LANTERNFLY

INFORMATION PROVIDED BY



The spotted lanternfly (SLF) adults have laid their eggs on any surface they may find, including trees, rocks, side of a building and cement blocks. Through the winter months, egg scraping or smashing eggs remains the management option for controlling the spread. The Department of Agriculture recommends removal of the egg masses by scraping them into a bag or container with rubbing alcohol or hand sanitizer and throwing it in the trash. An easier method would be to crush the egg mass. A wallpaper seam roller works well crushing the egg masses. To assist in identification, below are pictures of the SLF egg masses. The eggs are covered by wax when first laid, with the wax looking light gray, but dries to a mud like appearance.



A SPOTTED LANTERNFLY EGG MASS
IMAGE: EMELIE SWACKHAMER

Any effort to control the SLF on your property or in your community helps to prevent their spread.

Egg scraping, an effective means of removing eggs from trees and other surfaces. Walk around your property to check for egg masses on trees, cement blocks, rocks, and any other hard surface. If you find egg masses on your property from September to May, you can scrape them off using a plastic card or putty knife. Scrape them into a bag or container filled with rubbing alcohol or hand sanitizer and keep them in this solution permanently.

Egg masses can also be smashed. Remember that some eggs will be unreachable at the tops of trees, in other well-hidden areas, and

throughout your neighborhood and community. Be aware that this method may not reduce the number of nymph or adult SLF you see later in the year.

REMOVE AILANTHUS TREES

Ailanthus altissima, the tree preferred by the spotted lanternfly is itself an invasive plant. You can't just cut down the tree. If you do it will sprout many shoots.

- ◆ Destroy approximately 90% of the *Ailanthus altissima* trees, leaving only a few that are most attractive to the insect. They will serve as "trap" trees. It is recommended that you try to kill all the female *Ailanthus altissima* trees, because they produce seed and contribute to the spread of this invasive tree.
- ◆ Be careful handling *Ailanthus altissima* wood, leaves and branches. Chemicals in the sap of this tree can cause headaches, nausea and possible heart problems. Wear gloves and protect yourself from exposure.
- ◆ When you cut down *Ailanthus altissima* trees, they will sprout profusely from the stumps and can grow back in a few years. Because they regenerate so easily, it is recommended that you treat the stumps with an herbicide to kill them and prevent them from sprouting new shoots.


Herbicides that are labelled for this use usually contain one of the following active ingredients triclopyr, dicamba, imazapyr or glyphosate. Use the herbicide carefully and according to directions on the label. Alternative methods for using herbicides to kill *Ailanthus altissima* trees include foliar sprays, basal bark applications and a method called frill application or "hack and squirt".

FOR MORE INFORMATION: easiest website PSU EXTENSION go to <https://extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly>

On the bottom of the page are easy links to the PA Department of Agriculture and the US Department of Agriculture

STEPS OF SPOTTED LANTERNFLY MANAGEMENT

1. Stop the spread
2. Scrape egg masses
3. Use tree traps to catch nymphs
4. Remove host plants
5. Apply insecticides



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PUBLIC SAFETY IN YOUR HANDS

Join the CRIMEWATCH community and directly connect with local law enforcement. Stay up to date on crime, browse incidents, and submit tips.

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GET IT ON Google Play

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CentralBerks.org
CentralBerksRegionalPolice

CRIMEWATCH.NET

BURNING OF LEAVES, BRUSH AND TRASH- PROHIBITED IN THE BOROUGH

Outdoor open burning (including incinerators, barrels or similar items) is banned in the Borough. **DO NOT BURN TRASH OR CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS.**

One farm in the Borough may open burn for agricultural purposes with a permit.

1. Fire pits, fire rings, outdoor fireplaces and chimineas are permitted so long as (Ordinance #388):
 1. Used in a safe manner
 2. Have a **SPARK ARRESTOR** in place during use **AND BE A MINIMUM OF 10 FEET FROM A BUILDING.**
 3. Burn only dry wood.
 4. NO TRASH IS BURNED, especially plastics.
 5. **Don't cause a nuisance. If asked by your neighbor to put out your fire, do it. Your neighbor doesn't want to smell your fire pit.**
 6. Before lighting your fire, check weather conditions. Don't burn if it is windy, the ground is excessively dry or if there is low cloud cover.

HOLIDAY HOURS

December 24 & 31
8:30 AM to 12:00 PM

BOROUGH OFFICE CLOSED

December 25
January 1
January 18
February 15

A trash pile is not only a shame; it's a crime!

Stop Dumping on Berks!

REWARDS of up to \$5,000

CRIME ALERT
BERKS COUNTY
Toll Free 1-877-373-9913

Please visit our website at:
www.alertberks.org
E-Mail: alertberks@aol.com

If you witness illegal trash dumping, please contact the Berks County Crime Alert tipline at 1-877-373-9913.



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.
- ◆ **REMOVE ALL SNOW AND ICE FROM YOUR VEHICLE BEFORE YOU DRIVE**
- ◆ Be careful driving on wet leaves. Getting a monitored home alarm system - you need a permit, call the Borough for details.
- ◆ As you drive, watch for children 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.

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.

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.com
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 - 866-825-0208

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
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

Borough Engineer/ Asst. - Codes & Zoning Officer

Ty Leinnenweber, 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

James Lewars, Chairman
Warren Lubenow, Vice- Chairman
Barry Kinsey
Greg Zawilla
Tracy Whitman

Zoning Hearing Board

Dave Smith, Chairman
Dorothy Jurasinski
Kristen Livingood

2020 Borough Officials - Elected/

Appointed

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

Constable

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
10 Fairlane Rd Fax: 610-779-4681
Reading PA 19606

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
103B East Wing 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
Room: 457 Main Capitol 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 Hamilton St. STE 301 610 - 782-9470
Allentown PA 18101 Fax: 610 - 782-9474

Sen. Patrick J Toomey
Washington DC Office
248 Russell 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
Toll Free: 855 - 552-1831 Fax: 610 - 434-1844

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

J P MASCARO & SONS: 1-800-334-3403

TRASH: 3-32 GAL CONTAINERS AND 1 BULK ITEM

RECYCLING: UNLIMITED SINGLE STREAM

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



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 & CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP

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. 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
3. 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.
4. Excessive quantities will not be picked up without prior approval.
5. DO NOT PLACE ANY BAGS, BUNDLES, OR ANY OTHER VEGETATION IN THE STREET
6. 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
7. You may call the Borough office @ 610-779-1430 by 8:30 AM the morning of pickup to be added to the list, LEAVE A MESSAGE IF NO ONE ANSWERS.

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

**YOU MUST CALL BORO HALL TO BE
PLACED ON THE LIST FOR PICKUP.**

**DO NOT PLACE BAGS AT CURB UNTIL
THE MORNING OF PICKUP.**

**NO YARD WASTE PICKUP:
DECEMBER 21, 2020
JANUARY 18, 2021
FEBRUARY 15, 2021**

ELECTRONICS & TIRE RECYCLING CENTER

1316 HILLTOP RD., LEESPORT

OPEN EVERY TUESDAY, THURSDAY & SATURDAY: 8AM - NOON

VISITORS MUST WEAR A MASK AND REMAIN IN THEIR CAR, WHILE ON SITE.

ELECTRONIC ITEMS ACCEPTED:

- * 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 2020

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

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| * Tires without rims | \$ 2.00 each |
| * Tires with rims | \$ 3.00 each |

For Additional Information: Berks County Solid Waste Authority
www.co.berks.pa.us/swa or 610-478-6362

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 and chips brush, grass clippings and Christmas trees.

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: Standard Time : 8 AM - 6 PM 11/01- 03/14/21
Daylight Savings Time: 8 AM - 8 PM 03/15 - 11/07/2021

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.

If you don't report it, it won't be fixed.



NEED FOOD ASSISTANCE

Not sure where to go when you need help?
Call HELPING HARVEST @ 610-926-5802 x 2227 to be guided to food assistance.



**Berks County
Assistance Office:**
**610-736-4228 OR
866-215-3911
LIHEAP hotline @
1-888-867-7095
LOW INCOME HEATING
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 New Year's Day OFFICE CLOSED	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 ML King Day OFFICE CLOSED	19 TRASH/RECYCLE	20	21	22	23
24	25 YARD WASTE	26 TRASH/RECYCLE	27 PLANNING COMMISSION 7:30 PM	28	29	30
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14	15 Presidents' Day OFFICE CLOSED	16 TRASH/RECYCLE	17	18	19	20
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Borough of St. Lawrence

TRASH & RECYCLING COLLECTION INFORMATION



FOR CUSTOMER SERVICE PLEASE CALL OUR LOCAL BERKS COUNTY DIVISION

TRASH & RECYCLING COLLECTION INFORMATION

Trash Collection: **Tuesday Collection**

Trash and recycling (90-100 gallons) are not to be placed out for collection earlier than 6:00 p.m. the evening before scheduled pickup. Absolutely no yard waste with the trash (resident must call Boro)

Bulk Item Collection: **Tuesday Collection**

One (1) bulk item collected once a week. A fourth trash (32 gallon) container can count as a bulk item will be collected with normal collection. All residents may place one (1) bulk item curbside for collection per week on trash day. These items can include furniture, carpets, certain restrictions apply, mattress and box spring must be wrapped in plastic. Carpets and padding must be cut into 3-foot widths, rolled, tied or taped. Only 10 rolls of carpet/padding per pick up. Windows, mirrors, glass panels in doors, etc., must be taped in a crisscross pattern to prevent breakage. **No washing machines, dryers or dishwashers.**

Recycling Collection: Tuesday Collection

Place Borough recycling container out evening before your pickup day. Place a reasonable distance from trash cans on Monday night (See calendar for details).

WHAT CAN YOU RECYCLE?

- Food grade glass bottles and jars (clear, brown, green) does not include window glass, dinnerware, tempered glass or ceramics
- Aluminum and metal food cans
- Aluminum trays and foil
- Aseptic packaging and gable top containers (milk and juice cartons)
- Steel cans and tins

PLASTICS #1 - #7:

- PET soda, milk, water and flavored beverage bottles (#1 clear and green plastic resin)
- HDPE detergent and fabric softener containers (#2 colored plastic resin)
- PVC narrow neck containers only (#3 plastic resin); examples include health and beauty aid products, household cleaners
- LDPE grocery containers (#4 plastic resin); examples include margarine tubs, frozen dessert cups, six and twelve pack rings
- PP grocery containers (#5 plastic resin); examples include yogurt cups, narrow neck syrup and ketchup bottles
- PS (#6 plastic resin); examples include aspirin bottles, compact disc cases, egg cartons
- Other (#7 plastic); 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 and food mix boxes, gift boxes, etc.)
- Carrier stock (soda and beer can carrying cases)
- Junk mail and envelopes
- Paperback books
- Cardboard — Please flatten

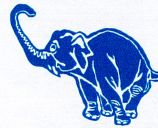


E-WASTE ALERT! DISPOSAL BAN:

Recycling Act (Act 108) No person may dispose of a covered device, or any of its components, with their municipal solid waste.



Covered devices include desktop computers, laptops computers, computer monitors and televisions. Please refer to Berks County website: www.co.berks.pa.us.



J. P. Mascaro & Sons

If it's service, it's us!

QUESTIONS OR SERVICE ISSUES

800-334-3403

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