



BOROUGH OF ST. LAWRENCE



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EASTER EGG HUNT CANCELED

SUMMER PLAYGROUND PROGRAM UNDER REVIEW

Borough Officials canceled the Easter Egg Hunt due to Covid. Planning for the summer playground program continues while opening remains under review pending guidance from the CDC and the State on operating the playground program safely.

**PLEASE DON'T FLUSH DISPOSABLE WIPES DOWN THE TOILET,
EVEN IF THEY ARE MARKED FLUSHABLE!**

Flushing any disposable wipe (i.e., disinfecting or personal hygiene), paper towel, hand towel, sanitary item or diaper often get stuck in pipes and sewers, creating clogs. These clogs can occur in your house plumbing or in municipal sewer line. The clogs may be massive and expensive to remove. Also, municipal sewer line clogs may result in Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSO), which are environmental incidents reportable to PA Department of Environmental Protection (PaDEP).

DOG WASTE BAGS BEING LEFT IN PEOPLE'S YARDS

Numerous Borough residents reported full dog poop bags being left in their yards or placed in their trash cans. **DOG OWNER'S BEAR THE RESPONSIBILITY OF CLEANING UP AFTER THEIR DOG AND TAKING THE WASTE HOME TO THEIR TRASH CAN.**

**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

OFFICE PHONE: 610-779-1430

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 - March 2021

Has winter finally passed? Almost four (4) feet of snow fell in our borough. Thanks to all residents cooperating with the February Snow Emergency. Snow plowing and salt spreading were completed with few minor glitches.

Have you noticed the installation of six (6) new LED street lights in various locations in our borough? With continued public safety in mind, the Borough will look for opportunities to replace the current Met-Ed street lighting with LED fixtures.

Daylight savings time is here. Time to plan outdoor activities. Perhaps there will be a summer playground program. Signs of the coronavirus pandemic lessening are not reason to stop wearing a mask when leaving your home.

Stay safe and well,

Barrie C. Kinsey, Mayor

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.

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.

* 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.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.

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**.

For more information, visit www.pa811.org



BERKS COUNTY HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

ALL RESIDENTS MUST PRE-REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT - BERKS COUNTY RESIDENT ONLY

APRIL 17, 2021 (8:00 AM - 2:00 PM) RAIN OR SHINE

INSTRUCTIONS: All waste must be in trunk of car or bed of truck; Stay in your vehicle; Wear your mask.

WHERE: GOVERNOR MIFFLIN INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL - 600 GOVERNOR DRIVE - SHILLINGTON

TO REGISTER GO TO: <https://www.co.berks.pa.us/dept/swa/Pages/default.aspx>

SELECT FROM THE MENU ON THE RIGHT: 2021 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE - ([Registration Required](#))

ABSOLUTELY NO LATEX PAINT ACCEPTED

DISPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS:

DO NOT MIX MATERIALS;
TIGHTEN LIDS & PLACE LEAKING CONTAINERS IN A LARGER CONTAINER; USE ORIGINAL CONTAINERS WITH LABELS ; OR MARK CONTAINER WITH CONTENTS

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS: SOLVENTS;DISINFECTANTS; RUG, OVEN & DRAIN CLEANER; BUTTON, LITHIUM & NiCAD BATTERIES; FLOOR & FURNITURE POLISH, FLUORESCENT BULBS
OIL PAINTS: TURPENTINE; WOOD PRESERVATIVE; PAINT THINNERS & SOLVENTS; OIL BASED PAINTS, VARNISHES & STAINS (ABSOLUTELY NO LATEX PAINT WILL BE ACCEPTED)
OUTDOORS: WEED KILLERS; PESTICIDES; ASPHALT & DRIVEWAY SEALANTS; POOL CHEMICALS; HERBICIDES & FUNGICIDES
AUTOMOTIVE: ANTIFREEZE; GASOLINE; TRANSMISSION & MOTOR OIL; AUTOMOTIVE PAINTS & FINISHES

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE AND OTHER ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS

- ◆ GRASS AND/OR WEED HEIGHT GREATER THAN 10 INCHES
- ◆ PILES OF JUNK LAYING AROUND YOUR PROPERTY (TRASH AND RUBBISH)
- ◆ BUSHES AND TREES ENCROACHING ONTO SIDEWALKS CAUSING HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS
- ◆ MOWING GRASS OR BLOWING DEBRIS FROM YARD ONTO THE STREET

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

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:** Variety of items and prices

ELECTION DAY MAY 18th, POLLS OPEN 7 AM

SPRING STREET SWEEPING - APRIL 8th & 9th

Annual Spring Street Sweeping of all curbed streets, including St. Lawrence Avenue, begins on April 8th, the even numbered addresses and should finish on April 9th, the odd numbered addresses, weather permitting.

Our State and Federal mandated Stormwater management program requires removal of debris from the Borough's streets.

On April 7th, a **Code Red™** General Notification call will be made reminding residents to move or remove their vehicles from the street. Your cooperation in removing your vehicle from the street would be greatly appreciated.

If you are not signed up for **Code Red™** or you have any questions please contact the Borough office @ 610-779-1430.

THE 8th ANNUAL

TAKE A HIKE ON THE HILL

On Saturday, May 15th Councilman Warren Lubenow will lead a guided hike of the St. Lawrence Water Shed Property. The hike will start at the playground located at 3500 Jacksonwald Avenue and proceed up Adams Street at 9 AM and will last about 2 hours.

The trails through the Borough's woodlands, approximately 250 acres, may be steep, rocky, muddy and strenuous. Appropriate footwear (hiking boots) and clothing (no shorts) required.

If you would like to join the hike or would like more information please call Borough Hall @ 610-779-1430.

INVASIVE PEST - SPOTTED LANTERNFLY

INFORMATION PROVIDED BY



PennState Extension



Early nymph (actual size = 1/8") Found late April-July. Photo credit: PA 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

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR LINKS ON THE WEB GO TO:

<https://extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly-management-for-residents> or

<https://www.stlawboro.com/spotted-lanternfly.html>



Late nymph (actual size = 1/2") Found July-September. Photo credit: PA Department of Agriculture

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.

Tree traps, After the eggs hatch, nymphs will walk up the trees to feed on the softer new growth of the plant. Nymphs frequently fall to the ground, walk to trees, and walk back up the trunks. Take advantage of this behavior by wrapping tree trunks in tree traps to catch the nymphs. Traps can be used on any tree, but we recommend only banding trees where SLF is abundant. You can use either sticky bands or a funnel-style trap. Sticky bands may be purchased online or from your local garden center. Push pins



can be used to secure the band. While some bands may catch adults, banding trees is most effective for nymphs. Be advised that birds and small mammals stuck to the bands have been reported. To avoid this, you should cage your sticky bands in wire or fencing material wrapped around the tree. Alternately, try reducing the width of the band, so that less surface area is exposed to birds and other mammals. Both of these methods will still capture SLF effectively. To eliminate the risk of catching birds and mammals, you can use funnel-style traps that consist of mesh wrapped around the tree that leads into a container to trap SLF. Some companies may be producing these traps commercially, or you could also make your own. The mesh (e.g., plastic netting) should be wrapped around the entire circumference of the tree and funnel into a container (e.g., inverted peanut butter jar or plastic bag) with a hole in the lid to allow SLF nymphs and adults to pass through. Check and change traps at least every other week (or more often in highly infested areas). Be aware that this method may not reduce the number of nymph or adult SLF you see later in the year. PHOTO CREDIT: PA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE



LOST OR FOUND A DOG OR CAT? BERKS COUNTY ORGANIZATIONS THAT CAN HELP

THESE GROUPS DO NOT REHOME ANIMALS,
THEY HELP TO REUNITE ANIMALS WITH THEIR OWNERS

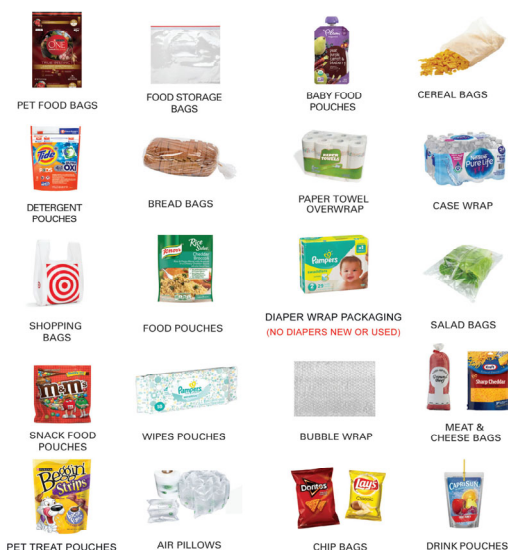
BERKS DOG SEARCH : POST A LOST OR FOUND DOG ON THEIR FACEBOOK PAGE,
BERKS COUNTY CAT SEARCH: POST A LOST OR FOUND CAT ON THEIR FACEBOOK PAGE

VOLUNTEERS FROM BOTH ORGANIZATIONS HELP TO REUNITE DOGS AND CATS WITH THEIR OWNERS WITHOUT NEEDING TO HAVE SHELTER INTERVENTION. CHECK THE ORGANIZATIONS FACEBOOK PAGE FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO VOLUNTEER

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 ADDED TO THE RECYCLING LIST



- ✓ 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 (No Diapers New or Used)
- ✓ Air Pillows
- ✓ Bubble Wrap
- ✓ Pet Food Bags
- ✓ Cereal Bags
- ✓ Paper Towel Overwrap
- ✓ Chip/Snack Bags
- ✓ Meat Bags
- ✓ Cheese Bags

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

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

**TRASH CHANGE REMINDER
MEMORIAL DAY CHANGE
TRASH/RECYCLE PICKED UP ON
WEDNESDAY JUNE 1st**

NO CHANGES FOR THE 4TH OF JULY (PICKUP ON TUESDAY)

KEEP YOUR GRASS CLIPPINGS OUT OF THE STREET**NO DUMPING IN STORM DRAINS, CHANNELS OR WATERWAYS**

You are not permitted to dump anything into storm drains, storm channels or waterways. Grass clippings, leaves and other yard waste blown onto streets, dumped into storm drains or storm channels eventually wash into Antietam Creek. What's wrong with that? Decomposing yard waste acts as a fertilizer (great for your lawn but not for waterways), adding nutrients to the water speeding growth of plants, creating algae blooms and causing oxygen depletion making it difficult aquatic life to survive.

The Borough collects yard waste curbside weekly all year (weather permitting). See the Municipal Insert for instructions.

**WASHING YOUR CAR AT HOME?
DO IT ON YOUR YARD!**

Outdoor car washing causes large amounts of dirt, road grime, oil and heavy metals to enter local waterways. Soapy water flows down the street into the storm drains, eventually to be flushed through the system to Antietam Creek and the Schuylkill River. If you can't use a commercial car wash, wash your care on the lawn or other pervious surface so the wash water can soak into the ground and be filtered out.

**USE LAWN FERTILIZERS AND
HERBICIDES SPARINGLY**

Fertilizers add nutrients to Stormwater causing the same issues as grass clippings and yard waste. Herbicides and pesticides contain toxic contaminants that are harmful to aquatic organisms, humans and other animals. Use the minimum amount needed to achieve the desired result and follow the directions precisely.

ADOPT A STORM DRAIN

Have you noticed a storm drain clogged with leaves or trash? Have you seen how clogged storm drains can cause street flooding? Your help is needed to prevent the debris from blocking the storm drains or flowing into the Antietam Creek. Please contact Borough Hall if you see a clogged storm drain.

**POOPER SCOOP WHEN YOU WALK YOUR DOG
AND IN YOUR YARD**

Always clean up after your dog. Pet waste left on lawns and paved surfaces can be carried by rain water or snow melt into local storm drain system, which empty into Antietam Creek. Make sure you regularly pooper scoop your yard, it is a violation of Ordinance 442- Property Maintenance Code to allow your yard and property to be kept in an unsanitary condition.

PERMITS REQUIRED FOR WORK

**UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE (UCC) BUILDING,
PLUMBING, ELECTRICAL AND
MECHANICAL PERMITS - PA STATE LAW**

Building a deck more than 30" off the ground? Rewiring or adding electric circuits? Changing fixtures (sink, toilet, bathtub or shower) in your bathroom? Replacing a roof? Installing an inflatable pool? Pennsylvania State law requires that you, if you are doing the work yourself, or your contractor need to obtain a permit **PRIOR** to having any work completed on your property.

Depending upon the type and the complexity of the work you may need to have plans submitted for review and approval prior to having a Permit issued to complete the work. Permit applications are available online or in the Borough office. Permits are issued by the Borough's Building Code Official - State Inspection Authority Inc.

Additionally, all contractors and sub-contractors working on your property are required to obtain a **BOROUGH TRADE REGISTRATION** from the Borough office.

GET RID OF YOUR TRASH/JUNK WEEKLY

There is no reason to allow trash and/or junk to accumulate on your property. Residential trash collection allows for three - 32 gallon containers of trash and one bulk item per week, which can be one additional bag of trash, a mattress, sofa, etc. You are in violation of Ordinance 442 - Property Maintenance Code if you accumulate junk on your property.

NOISE ORDINANCE

Be kind to your neighbors. Your taste in music is not necessarily that of your neighbors. Your music or any other noises, should not cross the property line or occur from 10:00 PM until 7:00 AM, this includes power tools, revving of engines, yelling, shouting, singing, etc.

You are not allowed to operate construction equipment at any time on a **SUNDAY** or **HOLIDAY** (which can be heard on neighboring properties.)

NEW SWIMMING POOL - PERMITS REQUIRED

ALL SWIMMING POOLS THAT HOLD MORE THAN 24 INCHES OF WATER REQUIRE CONSTRUCTION PERMITS - INCLUDING INFLATABLE POOLS

**THE PLACEMENT OF A POOL REQUIRES
BOROUGH ZONING APPROVAL**

BURNING OF LEAVES, BRUSH AND TRASH- PROHIBITED

Outdoor open burning (including incinerators, barrels or similar items) banned in the Borough.

DO NOT BURN TRASH OR CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS.

- 1. Fire pits, fire rings, outdoor fireplaces and chimineas are permitted so long as they are used in a safe manner.** (Ordinance #388)
- 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.**



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.

A message from Central Berks Regional Police on gift card scams.

Many different kinds of imposters ask you to pay with gift cards. Someone might call you and claim to be from the IRS, collecting back taxes or fines. The caller might say he's from tech support, asking for money to fix your computer. The caller might even say she's a family member with an emergency and needs money right now.

But they all have in common an urgent need for you to send money right away. Imposters will sometimes ask you to wire money to them but, increasingly, they tell you to go put money on a gift card. Here's what happens: the caller will often tell you to go buy a popular gift card, frequently, iTunes, Google Play, or Amazon. The caller will tell you to get the card at a particular store near you – often Walmart, Target, Walgreens, or CVS. They may even have you buy several cards at several stores. Sometimes, the caller will stay on the phone with you while you go to the store. Once you buy the card, the caller then will demand the gift card number and PIN on the back of the card. Those numbers let them immediately get the money you loaded onto the card. And once they've done that, the scammers and your money are gone, usually without a trace.

Other kinds of scammers, some of them also imposters, who might demand payment by gift card include:

- callers pretending to be from a utility company, telling you to pay your bill by gift card or they'll cut off your power or water
- sellers on online auction sites who ask for gift cards to "buy" big items like cars, motorcycles, boats, RVs, tractors and electronics
- someone posing as a servicemember to get your sympathy, saying he has to sell something quickly before deployment and needs you to pay by gift card
- callers who say you've won a so-called prize, for a sweepstakes you probably never entered – but first, you have to use a gift card to pay fees or other charges
- someone buying something from you, probably online, who sends a check for more than the purchase price – and asks you to give them the difference on a gift card. That check will turn out to be fake.

These are all scams. In fact, if anyone tells you to pay by gift card, or by wiring money for any reason that's a sure sign of a scam. Every time. Please call the Central Berks Regional Police if you have any questions.

Detective Taimanglo, Central Berks Regional Police Department

- ◆ **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.**
- ◆ **Remember windows are open, enjoy the outdoors, but keep your noise level down after 10 PM!**
- ◆ **As you drive, watch for children playing outdoors and riding wheeled vehicles.**
- ◆ **You may not like my music and I may not like your music - keep the music on your property.**

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 - 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
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
Joseph Ravert
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:
JULY 5, 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:

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 2021

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: 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.



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.

STOP ILLEGAL DUMPING



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