

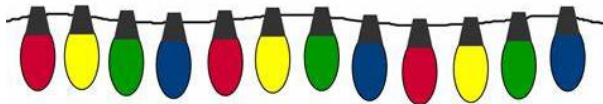


# BOROUGH OF ST. LAWRENCE



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**Happy  
Holidays!**

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

## **BOROUGH PROPERTY TAX RATES INCREASE FOR 2022 GENERAL FUND PROPERTY TAX 7.00 MILS \* FIRE TAX .68 MILS**

On a home assessed at \$100,000 the Borough property taxes would be \$700 for the general fund and \$68 for the fire tax for a total of \$768. The Fire Tax may only be used on expenditures related to providing Fire Protection (fire hydrants, 911 fees for dispatching fire service, payments to Exeter Township Volunteer Fire Company & Mt. Penn Fire Company )

## **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](http://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 NOT 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**

**BRUMBACH STREET DOOR: THIS DOOR IS AN EXIT ONLY - NO ENTRY**

**Borough payments, UCC Permit Applications, Zoning Permit applications and all other Borough 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](http://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

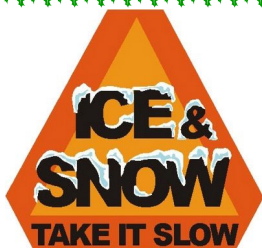
Holiday activities and family gatherings can get hectic. We enjoy the fellowship at these events. But that also brings a greater risk of fire.

Here are a few important fire safety tips every family member should know:

1. Have a fire emergency plan to vacate if necessary.
2. Never leave candles burning in an unattended room.
3. Lighted candles do not belong on greenery or trees.
4. Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
5. Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. **DO NOT OVER-LOAD EXTENSION CORDS.**
6. Test your smoke alarms.
7. Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stovetop.
8. Before heading to bed blow out lit candles and turn off all light strings and decorations.

As always - be well and safe

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](http://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 2022 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](http://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.

- |                 |                 |                         |
|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| * 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:

## BOROUGH OF ST. LAWRENCE

Bake and/or provide refreshments \_\_\_\_\_

Help at Book &amp; 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

## NO TELEVISIONS IN THE TRASH IT'S AGAINST STATE LAW

### 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.

#### 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

#### 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





**TAX COLLECTOR  
INFORMATION  
ALL REAL ESTATE TAXES  
& PER CAPITA TAXES**

**ARE DUE BY DECEMBER 31<sup>st</sup>**

**PAYMENTS MAY BE PLACED IN THE DROP  
BOX AT THE REAR OF BORO HALL.**

**IF USING USPS, PLEASE MAIL PAYMENTS  
BY DECEMBER 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

**BORO OFFICE  
CLOSED**

**December 24<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>**

**January 17<sup>th</sup>**

**February 21<sup>st</sup>**



**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.



**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.**



Licensing your dog: it's part of being a responsible pet owner. Do it for them, do it for every dog in PA.

- **If a dog gets lost, a license is the best way to get him/her back.** A license helps animal control and shelters identify a dog and its rightful owners.
- **It's the law.** All dogs three months and older must be licensed by January 1<sup>st</sup>.
- **The cost of a license is less than the penalty for being caught without one.** Owners who fail to license their dogs could face a fine of up to \$300 for each unlicensed dog.
- **License fees support animal control.** The annual fee to license a dog helps keep shelters running and supports the work of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement, which provides a number of vital services to protect dogs and the public. Last year, the Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement:

- Enforced health and safety regulations in kennels by licensing 2,428 such operations and conducting more than 5,200 inspections.
- Helped to secure more than 4,500 stray dogs, placing them in shelters until those that were licensed could be reunited with their owners.
- Issued more than 3,000 citations and filed 115 misdemeanor complaints for violations of the Dog Law, including failing to license dogs, abandoning dogs, and allowing them to run at large.
- Investigated nearly 1,500 dog bites, and they investigated and monitored 587 dogs that were deemed dangerous by magisterial judges.

Dog license available from the County Treasurers office or online at [www.padoglicense.com](http://www.padoglicense.com)

#### Pennsylvania's Dog Laws:

- \* If your dog is not licensed, you may be fined up to \$300 per dog. Get a license at your county treasurer's office.
- \* Your dog must be under control and supervised at all times. You are responsible for any damages caused by your dog on someone else's property.
- \* It is illegal to mistreat or abuse animals. Report suspected abuse to your local humane organization or police.
- \* Purposely poisoning a dog, whether it is yours or someone else's, is illegal.
- \* You may not abandon or attempt to abandon any dog. You could be fined \$1,000 plus court costs.
- \* Puppies under eight weeks old cannot be bartered, traded, sold, or transferred.
- \* You must have a kennel license if you keep, sell, transfer, adopt or foster at least 26 dogs in a calendar year.
- \* If your dog attacks or kills a human or domestic animal without provocation, it may be considered dangerous. You may face extensive fines and restrictions.

#### Pennsylvania's Rabies Law:

Ignoring Pennsylvania's rabies vaccination law can be costly – in more ways than one. Dogs and cats are exposed to the rabies virus through wild and stray animals, posing a threat to their health and yours.

- \* Dogs and cats three months or older must have a current rabies vaccination
- \* Owners of non-vaccinated pets may be fined up to \$300 plus court costs
- \* Licensed veterinarians can vaccinate dogs and provide a vaccination certificate
- \* Dog wardens perform random checks to ensure rabies vaccinations are current

INFORMATION PROVIDED BY: PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE | BUREAU OF DOG LAW ENFORCEMENT

**CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR  
DOG IT'S YOUR  
RESPONSIBILITY  
AS A PET OWNER**

#### **DOG COMPLAINTS RECEIVED BY THE BOROUGH OFFICE:**

1. DOG WALKER DOESN'T CLEAN UP THEIR DOGS POOP
2. DOG OWNER LETS DOG OUT OF HOUSE AND IT POOPS ON NEIGHBORS YARD
3. DOG WALKER LEAVES POOP BAGS ON NEIGHBORS' YARDS
4. DOG WALKER LEAVES POOP BAGS IN NEIGHBOR'S TRASH CAN
5. DOGS RUNNING FREE - NO LEASH

**PLEASE KEEP YOUR SIDEWALKS CLEAN OF LEAVES,  
TWIGS, ETC. THEY ARE A TRIP & SLIP HAZARD**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 New Year's Day
2	3 COUNCIL REORGANIZATION 7:30 PM YARD WASTE	4 TRASH/RECYCLE	5	6	7	8
9	10 YARD WASTE	11 TRASH/RECYCLE	12	13 BOROUGH COUNCIL SEE JAN 3	14	15
16	17 ML King Day OFFICE CLOSED NO YARD WASTE	18 TRASH/RECYCLE	19	20	21	22
23	24 YARD WASTE	25 TRASH/RECYCLE	26 PLANNING COMMISSION 7:30 PM	27	28	29
30	31	COUNCIL MEETING JANUARY 3, 2022: REORGANIZATION AND MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING 7:30 PM NO YARD WASTE COLLECTION THE WEEK OF THE 17th - CHRISTMAS TREES ARE YARD WASTE				

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	YARD WASTE	1 TRASH/RECYCLE	2	3	4	5
6	7 YARD WASTE	8 TRASH/RECYCLE	9	10 BOROUGH COUNCIL 7:30 PM	11	12 Lincoln's B-Day
13	14 YARD WASTE	15 TRASH/RECYCLE	16	17	18	19
20	21 Presidents' Day OFFICE CLOSED NO YARD WASTE	22 TRASH/RECYCLE	23 PLANNING COMMISSION 7:30 PM	24	25	26
27	28 YARD WASTE					
		PLANNING COMMISSION MEETS 4th WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH IF THERE IS BUSINESS NO YARD WASTE COLLECTION THE WEEK OF THE 21st				

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 TRASH/RECYCLE	2	3	4	5
6	7 YARD WASTE	8 TRASH/RECYCLE	9	10 BOROUGH COUNCIL 7:30 PM	11	12
13 Daylight Saving	14 YARD WASTE	15 TRASH/RECYCLE	16	17	18	19
20	21 YARD WASTE	22 TRASH/RECYCLE	23 PLANNING COMMISSION 7:30 PM	24	25	26
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		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: [www.stlawboro.com](http://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 REPONSE - 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

##### **YARD WASTE PICKUP TEXT MESSAGE**

Leave message Cell: 610-655-5243

##### **Borough Engineer/ Asst. - Codes & Zoning Officer**

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

##### **Borough Solicitor**

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

##### **UCC Building Codes Inspectors/Asst - Codes & Zoning**

State Inspection Authority, Inc.  
610-450-4600

##### **Sewer Engineer**

Kevin Conrad - SSM Group 610-621-2000

##### **Central Berks Regional Police**

Ray Serafin, Chief Office: 610-779-1100

##### **Emergency Management Coordinator**

David W. Eggert 484-797-5615

#### **Borough Appointed Board/Commission**

##### **Planning Commission**

James Lewars, Chairman  
Warren Lubenow, Vice- Chairman  
Barry Kinsey  
Joseph Ravert  
Tracy Whitman

##### **Zoning Hearing Board**

Dave Smith, Chairman  
Dorothy Jurasinski  
Kristen Livingood

#### **2021 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

#### **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  
Reiffon 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  
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 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  
610-434-1444  
Toll Free: 855 - 552-1831 Fax: 202-228-2727

#### **Municipal Governments**

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

#### **Libraries**

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

#### **County Government Office**

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

#### **State Government**

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

## TRASH/RECYCLING COLLECTION

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

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

RECYCLING: UNLIMITED SINGLE STREAM

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



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

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

## CURBSIDE BRUSH, LEAF & XMASTREE 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. **PLEASE LIMIT THE WEIGHT OF BAG TO 25 LBS.**
3. **Only vegetative yard waste may be placed in the recycle bag. If there are any issues - you will receive a door tag that states the problem. Any violations of bag content will result in being permanently removed from the pickup list**
4. Bundled branches 6' in length or less and able to be picked up by one person AND NOT FALL APART. **Limit of 3 bundles OR limbs without prior authorization from the Borough.**
5. Excessive quantities will not be picked up without prior approval.
6. **DO NOT PLACE ANY BAGS, BUNDLES, OR ANY OTHER VEGETATION IN THE STREET**
7. **You may leave a message on the yard waste answering machine @ 610-401-0568 THROUGH SUNDAY EVENING FOR THAT WEEK'S PICKUP. DO NOT EMAIL THE OFFICE. OR**
8. **You may call the Borough office @ 610-779-1430 by 8:30 AM the morning of pickup to be added to the list, LEAVE A MESSAGE IF NO ONE ANSWERS. OR**
9. **TEXT MESSAGE: (610) 655-5243 - INCLUDE YOUR ADDRESS AND THE NUMBER OF BAGS OR BUNDLES TO BE COLLECTED**

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

**NO PICKUP: 01/17/2021 & 02/21/2022**

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

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

Berks County  
 Assistance Office:  
 610-736-4228 OR  
 866-215-3911  
 OR  
 LIHEAP hotline  
 1-888-857-7095



## 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](http://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 brush, grass clippings and Christmas trees only.

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 to 6 PM 11/7/2021 - 03/12/2022

Daylight Savings Time: 8 AM - 8 PM 03/13/2022 - 11/05/2022

Times are subject to change without notice

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



### STREET LIGHT OUT

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



### NEED FOOD ASSISTANCE

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

## STOP ILLEGAL DUMPING

