



# BOROUGH OF ST. LAWRENCE



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

## **J. P. MASCARO & SONS AWARDED TRASH & RECYCLING CONTRACT FOR 2020 TO 2022**

In September, the Borough received bids for Municipal trash and recycling service for three years, beginning in 2020. We received five bids for the three-year contract ranging in price from \$485,263 to \$668,405. J.P. Mascaro and Sons, low bidder, was awarded the contract. In 2019, the annual cost per household for trash and recycling collection was \$180.00. With the new contract, the cost increases by 33% to \$239.40.

### **CHANGES TO 2020 TRASH/RECYCLING COLLECTION**

There will be one collection unit, which is 90 - 100 gallons of trash in a container or bags, per residential property, along with one bulk item per week. Multiple dwellings in one residential property are limited to one collection unit. The maximum size of a trash or recycling container is a 64-gallon tote style or a 40-gallon container, which may not weigh more than 65 pounds. For complete information visit the Borough website at [www.stlawboro.com](http://www.stlawboro.com)

Recycling collection will occur first, please notify the Borough if that doesn't occur. Any other issues you have with collection, please contact the Borough office. We will be maintaining a log of all issues to discuss with Mascaro.

## **BOROUGH PROPERTY TAX RATE INCREASES .62 MIL IN 2020 GENERAL FUND PROPERTY TAX 6.85 MILS FIRE TAX .66 MILS**

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

The property tax increase covers the .6 mil increase in three line items: police, 911 fees and a major increase in trash/recycling collection costs.

## **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)

**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 EMERGENCY IS LIFE THREATENING PLEASE DIAL 9-1-1**

**BOROUGH HOTLINE TO REPORT ILLICIT DISCHARGES: (844) 207-6378 ANY DISCHARGE TO THE STORM DRAIN SYSTEM, SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM OR WATERWAYS THAT IS NOT THE RESULT OF FIRE HYDRANT FLUSHING, FIRE FIGHTING OR A RAIN EVENT**

## 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



## BOROUGH SELECTS SAFETY NET SANCTUARY TO HANDLE STRAY ANIMALS

Council contracted with Safety Net Sanctuary to provide a holding facility for stray, lost or escaped domestic animals. Contact information: location - 187 Houck Road, Ruscombmanor Township; phone - 610-944-8099; email - [allaboutus0909@gmail.com](mailto:allaboutus0909@gmail.com)

Procedures and conditions for dropping off stray, lost or escaped domestic animals:

1. Borough residents must call prior to dropping off an animal to verify hours of operation
2. Borough residents will be asked their municipality: SAINT LAWRENCE
3. Services are available seven (7) days a week
4. They will not handle feral cats, rabid or hostile animals that display obvious signs of aggression and danger.



### SAFETY NET SANCTUARY GREATLY APPRECIATES DONATIONS

Safety Net Sanctuary, a 501(C)(3) non-profit animal sanctuary provides care and a forever home for senior and special needs farm animals.

Donations may be made:

- ◆ Oley Valley Feed to their account to provide food for the animals at the Sanctuary
- ◆ Donations may be made directly to the Sanctuary, We accept dog and cat food, blankets, towels, newspapers, Redner's receipts and paper towels.
- ◆ Direct monetary donations by check, payable to Safety Net Sanctuary may be mailed to 187 Houck Rd., Fleetwood PA 19522

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

Outdoor open burning (including incinerators, barrels or similar items) is banned in the Borough except for agricultural purposes with a permit. Fire pits, fire rings, outdoor fireplaces and chimineas are permitted so long as :

1. Used in a safe manner
2. Have a SPARK ARRESTOR in place during use.
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. (Ordinance #388)

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

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

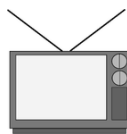
There are numerous organizations in Berks County that will take donated goods that are: gently used or new; in good condition; and in the case of appliances UNDER 15 YEARS OLD THAT WORK. CONTACT THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS FOR INFORMATION ON DROPPING OFF GOODS AND IN SOME CASES PICKING UP GOODS FROM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

Habitat for Humanity ReStore website: <https://www.habitatberks.org/restore/donate-to-the-restore/> or call 610-921-1315

Hope Rescue Mission's HOPE OUTLET website: <http://www.hopeoutlet.org> or call 610-741-1640

Opportunity House's OppShop website: <https://opphouse.org/shop/oppshop.aspx> for large item pickup or those not listed call 610-374-4696 ext. 221

Goodwill - Outlet & Donation Center website: <https://www.yourgoodwill.org/shop/stores-donation-centers/Goodwill-Outlet-Center-Donation-Center-3001-St-Lawrence-Ave-Reading-PA-19606> located in St. Lawrence across from Antietam Plaza



### NO ELECTRONICS IN THE TRASH

The municipal trash hauler, J.P. Mascaro, will not pickup any electronic devices (e-waste) with the trash collection. It is illegal to do so in Pennsylvania. **You have 24 hours to remove items that the hauler refuses. DO NOT PLACE E-WASTE ITEMS AT THE CURB FOR COLLECTION, you will receive a letter from the municipality requiring you to remove the object.** If it is not removed you will be charged with littering. Electronic waste may be disposed at the Berks county Electronic Recycling Center located at 1316 Hilltop Rd in Leesport.

### TRIM YOUR TREES AND SHRUBS

Please remember to trim your tree branches, overgrown bushes, and any other vegetation that extend over sidewalk areas and hinder the passage of pedestrians and/or vehicles. Ord 325 - Nuisance Ordinance.

### POOPER SCOOP YOUR YARD AND GET RID OF YOUR TRASH/JUNK

Regularly pooper scoop your yard. It is a violation of Ordinance 442 - International Property Maintenance Code 2015 to allow your yard and property to be kept in an unsanitary condition. Which includes allowing trash and/or junk to accumulate on your property. There is no reason to allow trash and/or junk to accumulate on your property. Residential trash collection allows one bulk item per week in the trash or one additional bag of trash.

### EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM PREPARE FOR WINTER WEATHER

The Borough used the Code Red System to notify residents and businesses of two snow emergencies this past winter. If you didn't receive a call, are you signed up for CodeRed,? 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.

When you sign up, you may choose to keep your telephone number private (the Borough doesn't get to see the number). 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. We all receive too many phone calls.



### 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      |

### ALL OUTSTANDING 2019 REAL ESTATE TAX BILLS - COUNTY/BOROUGH AND SCHOOL DUE BY DECEMBER 31, 2019

PAYMENTS MAY BE PLACED IN THE DROPBOX AT THE REAR OF  
BOROUGH HALL - NO CASH PLEASE

### BOROUGH MAYOR POSITION OPEN BEGINNING JANUARY 6, 2020

IF INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT THE  
BOROUGH OFFICE AT 610-779-1430  
FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Just \$10 can make a difference!

Please fill out and mail (or drop off at the library)

Find out more about FRIENDS of the Exeter Community Library in the lobby alcove at the library, in our monthly newsletter, and on Facebook

- ◆ Join the friends
- ◆ Donate Books
- ◆ Donate items for accessory or indoor yard sale
- ◆ Help with events
- ◆ Bake for the Book & Bake Sale
- ◆ Drop off Redner's receipts at the Library
- ◆ Attend our events
- ◆ Amazon Smile (ask at the library)

### Love Your Library - Join the Friends



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: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Basic Membership:	\$10 _____	Sponsor	\$50 _____
Contributor:	\$15 _____	Special Friend	\$100 or more _____
Patron:	\$25 _____	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

# 2020



## RECYCLING: THE RIGHT WAY OR THE WRONG



### THE RIGHT WAY

- Plastic Bottles & Containers
- Cardboard & Paperboard
- Aluminum, Tin & Steel Cans
- Magazines & Newspapers
- Glass Bottles & Containers

### THE WRONG WAY



- Plastic bags or plastic film
- Recyclables in plastic bags
- Food Waste
- Propane tanks
- Disposable polystyrene (Styrofoam) containers even if they have a recycle symbol
- Ceramics, crystal and leaded glass
- Plastic toys, bins and bulk items
- Any soiled/wet/greasy material - This includes PIZZA BOXES
- Broken glass

**Clean Recyclables.** A quick rinse in most cases is adequate in removing food waste residue. However, if the container or material is heavily soiled with food waste residue or grease, and cannot be cleaned, it should be discarded in the trash.

**Dry Recyclables.** After rinsing out containers, ensure all containers are free of excessive moisture. Moisture itself can contaminate the recycling stream as it greatly degrades the quality and recoverability of cardboard and other fiber-based materials.

**Don't Break Glass.** Aside from being a hazard to collectors and workers on the sorting line, broken glass degrades the quality and recoverability of fiber-based materials. It is important to follow your local recycling program guidelines concerning glass and only include it in the approved manner.

**Put in the Correct Recyclables.** Only include recyclables your program collects. Some material may potentially be recyclable; however, if your local recycling program does not collect the material, do not include it in your bin. Incorrect material causes contamination and good recyclable material can end up in a landfill.

**WHEN IN DOUBT THROW IT OUT!**



## 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.**



# CRIMEWATCH

**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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**CRIMEWATCH.NET**

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CENTRAL BERKS REGIONAL  
POLICE DEPARTMENT**

CentralBerks.org  
CentralBerksRegionalPolice

**BOROUGH OFFICES****CLOSED:**December 25<sup>th</sup>January 1<sup>st</sup>January 20<sup>th</sup>February 17<sup>th</sup>April 10<sup>th</sup>**BOROUGH OFFICE****HOLIDAY HOURS:**December 24<sup>th</sup>

8:30 AM to 12:00 PM

December 31<sup>st</sup>

8:30 AM to 12:00 PM

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

**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.

- ◆ **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, 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.**



## January 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1 OFFICE CLOSED	2	3	4
5	6 COUNCIL REORGANIZATION COUNCIL MEETING 7:00 PM YARD WASTE	7 RECYCLING/TRASH	8	9 COUNCIL MEETING SEE JANUARY 6	10	11
12	13 YARD WASTE	14 RECYCLING/TRASH	15	16	17	18
19	20 OFFICE CLOSED NO YARD WASTE	21 RECYCLING/TRASH	22 PLANNING COMMISSION 7:30 PM - IF NEEDED	23	24	25
26	27 YARD WASTE	28 RECYCLING/TRASH	29	30	31	1
2	3	Notes YARD WASTE COLLECTION INCLUDES CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP - YOU MUST CALL TO BE ADDED TO THE PICKUP LIST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION - PLEASE SEE THE MUNICIPAL INSERT ALL YARD WASTE COLLECTION IS WEATHER PERMITTING - CHANGES AND CANCELLATIONS POSTED ON THE BOROUGH WEBSITE <a href="http://www.stlawboro.com">www.stlawboro.com</a>				

## February 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3 YARD WASTE	4 RECYCLING/TRASH	5	6	7	8
9	10 YARD WASTE	11 RECYCLING/TRASH	12	13 CONDITIONAL USE HEARING RECONVENED 7 PM COUNCIL MEETING 7:30 PM	14	15
16	17 OFFICE CLOSED	18 RECYCLING/TRASH	19	20	21	22
23	24 YARD WASTE	25 RECYCLING/TRASH	26 PLANNING COMMISSION 7:30 PM - IF NEEDED	27	28	29
1	2	Notes YARD WASTE: YOU MUST CALL FOR PICKUP, SEE MUNICIPAL INSERT FOR INSTRUCTIONS				

BOROUGH COUNCIL REORGANIZES ON JANUARY 6, 2020. THE MONTHLY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING WILL IMMEDIATELY FOLLOW THE REORGANIZATION MEETING

## March 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 YARD WASTE	3 RECYCLING/TRASH	4	5	6	7
8	9 YARD WASTE	10 RECYCLING/TRASH	11	12 BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING 7:30 PM	13	14
15	16 YARD WASTE	17 RECYCLING/TRASH	18	19	20	21
22	23 YARD WASTE	24 RECYCLING/TRASH	25 PLANNING COMMISSION 7:30 PM - IF NEEDED	26	27	28
29	30 YARD WASTE	31 RECYCLING/TRASH	1	2	3	4
5	6	Notes YARD WASTE: YOU MUST CALL FOR PICKUP, SEE MUNICIPAL INSERT FOR INSTRUCTIONS				

COUNTY/BOROUGH REAL ESTATE TAX BILLS MAILED MARCH 1, 2020. 2% DISCOUNT PERIOD IS MARCH AND APRIL.

## April 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6 YARD WASTE	7 RECYCLING/TRASH	8	9 BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING 7:30 PM	10 OFFICE CLOSED	11
12	13 YARD WASTE	14 RECYCLING/TRASH	15	16	17	18
19	20 YARD WASTE	21 RECYCLING/TRASH	22 PLANNING COMMISSION 7:30 PM - IF NEEDED	23	24	25
26	27 YARD WASTE	28 RECYCLING/TRASH ELECTION DAY OFFICE CLOSED	29	30	1	2
3	4	Notes YARD WASTE: YOU MUST CALL FOR PICKUP, SEE MUNICIPAL INSERT FOR INSTRUCTIONS				



# 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 - 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: **BORO HOTLINE TO REPORT ILLICIT DISCHARGE - 844-207-6378**

**SEWER EMERGENCY: DURING OFFICE HOURS CALL BOROUGH HALL OR AFTER HOURS CALL ALLISON LEINBACH, SUSAN EGGERT or DERREK RHOADS**

### 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  
Lynn Leinbach, Vice Chairman  
Dorothy Jurasinski

### 2020 Borough Officials - Elected/

#### Appointed

##### **Mayor**

TO BE APPOINTED

##### **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**

Bart Ganster 610-587-3894

#### **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

### 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

## 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
- \* DO NOT PLACE RECYCLABLES INTO PLASTIC BAGS, IT WILL BE CONSIDERED TRASH

## E-WASTE DISPOSAL

J P MASCARO - PIONEER CROSSING LANDFILL

727 REDLANE RD., BIRDSBORO

SATURDAYS 7 AM - 11 AM

NO TV'S OR CRT MONITORS

COMPUTERS \* FLAT SCREEN MONITORS

KEYBOARDS \* MOUSE \* CONSUMER PRINTERS

HARD DRIVES \* DVD/CD/DVR \* STEREOS \* ETC.

**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. Any violation 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 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>  
JANUARY 20<sup>th</sup>  
FEBRUARY 17<sup>th</sup>**

## ELECTRONICS & TIRE RECYCLING CENTER

1316 HILLTOP RD., LEESPORT

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

### 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 2019

#### 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   | \$1.00 /pound  |
| • AIR CONDITIONERS & DEHUMIDIFIERS                    | Free of Charge |

#### AUTOMOTIVE TIRE ONLY

- \* 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 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 Daily  
Daylight Savings Time: 8 AM - 8 PM Daily

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 the Greater Berks Food Bank @ 610-926-5802 x 201 to be guided to food assistance.



**Berks County Assistance Office:**  
**610-736-4211**  
**LIHEAP hotline @**

**1-888-867-7095**

**LOW INCOME HEATING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**