



BOROUGH OF ST. LAWRENCE



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**TO REPORT ANY ENVIRONMENTAL INCIDENT WHICH ADVERSELY AFFECTS THE HEALTH & SAFETY OR THE ENVIRONMENT OF THE CITIZENS OF THE COMMONWEALTH: DEP 24/7/365 ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE: 1-866-825-0208
BOROUGH HOTLINE TO REPORT ILLICIT DISCHARGES (844) 207-6378 IF LIFE THREATENING PLEASE DIAL 9-1-1
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 .**

WHY IS STORMWATER RUNOFF A PROBLEM?

In undisturbed landscapes, rainwater runoff is part of the natural hydrologic cycle. Vegetation, soils, and a wide range of organisms filter, absorb, and use rainfall in their living processes. Evaporation and transpiration takes place. Excess precipitation infiltrates into groundwater and flows into surface waters, recharging aquifers and supporting aquatic life. The entire system is affected when the landscape is changed: impervious surfaces (paved streets, parking lots, rooftops, etc.) prevent runoff from percolating into the ground and cause it to pick up debris, sediments, chemicals, and other pollutants as it moves over the ground.



For Borough Residents and Businesses, there are many opportunities to dispose of items you no longer want, need or are broken. It is illegal for trash haulers to collect E-Waste. So don't put those old TV sets out at the curb. If the Borough needs to remove the E-waste from the curb, the property owner will be billed for the removal and disposal. **GOODWILL INDUSTRIES WILL ACCEPT ALL COMPUTER EQUIPMENT (SEE PAGE 8)**

There is no excuse to dump any items. The Borough provides weekly municipal curbside pickup of trash (including one bulk item per week), unlimited recycling and yard waste. Details are on the municipal insert included in this Newsletter. If you see someone dumping any item, please contact Borough Hall, the Police or Crime Alert Berks. It is illegal to dump in Berks County.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact Borough Hall. Information is also available on the Borough website at www.stlawboro.com

RECYCLE THOSE UNWANTED GOODS

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, that work. Opportunity House, Hope Rescue Mission and Habitat for Humanity will pick up larger items from your home, call them for details (See page 5). You can also drop-off goods at the **GOODWILL DONATION CENTER ACROSS FROM THE ANTIETAM VALLEY SHOPPING CENTER**. Your donation of goods may be tax deductible.

THE BOROUGH REMEMBERS COUNCILMAN CARY G. WHITMAN

We sadly report the passing of long time Councilman Cary G. Whitman on June 25th following a short illness. Mr. Whitman was also a member of the Planning Commission. Cary worked tirelessly for the community for almost 30 years and was on the ballot for re-election this fall. He was a familiar face at the playground and around the community, he will be missed.

At the July 13th meeting of Borough Council, Mayor Michael Fritz submitted his resignation. Council accepted his resignation and appointed Mr. Fritz to complete Mr. Whitman's term as Councilman, which ends December 31, 2017. He was sworn in following his appointment.

With Mr. Fritz's resignation, Council needed to fill the Mayor position. Council appointed Planning Commission member Gregory Zawilla to complete Mr. Fritz's term as Mayor, which ends December 31, 2017. He was sworn into office on July 14th.

At the July 13th Borough Council also appointed Tracy Whitman to complete her father's term on the Planning Commission.

ILLICIT DISCHARGE - ANY DISCHARGE TO THE STORM SEWER SYSTEM THAT IS NOT COMPOSED ENTIRELY OF STORM WATER, EXCEPT ALLOWABLE DISCHARGES PURSUANT TO AN NPDES PERMIT, INCLUDING THOSE RESULTING FROM FIRE FIGHTING ACTIVITIES. EXAMPLES BELOW EXPLAIN WHAT IS AN ILLICIT DISCHARGE, ALONG WITH SOLUTIONS

Car Care

Why is it a Problem?

Motor oil, gasoline, antifreeze, and other car fluids are all harmful to the environment and human health. Cars, boats, lawnmowers, and other vehicles and equipment can develop leaks if not maintained. When maintaining your own vehicles and equipment, it is easy to spill oil and fluids if you are not careful.

What's the Solution?

Keep your car in good repair to prevent leaks. Watch for leaking fluids – this can be as simple as checking your driveway for puddles and discolored spots. When pouring fluids, use a funnel to reduce spills. When draining fluids, catch fluids in a container instead of draining them onto the ground. Clean up all leaks and spills using absorbent material such as kitty litter, then sweep with a broom. Never wash away spilled fluids with water. Take used motor oil to collection stations, usually available at recycling centers and auto repair shops (See Page 5). Never dispose of oil or car fluids down storm drains.

Car Washing

Why is it a Problem?

Soaps and detergents used to wash cars frequently contain phosphates. Too much phosphate in ponds and streams can lead to algal blooms and fish kills. Also, wash water from cars may contain heavy metals, oil and gasoline residue, and other gunk. As the wash water runs down the storm drain, it carries all these pollutants into natural waterways.

What's the Solution?

Residential car washing is usually exempt from illicit discharge laws. However, to prevent pollution, we recommend you wash your car on the lawn instead of the driveway. As the water filters through the grass and soil, some of the soaps and pollutants are removed. Use environmentally friendly soaps containing low or no phosphates. Or better yet, take your car to a commercial car wash. These businesses are required to send wash water to waste water treatment plants instead of down the storm drain.

Leaves and Yard Waste

Why is it a Problem?

Leaves and yard waste can clog storm drains. This causes flooding, which can make driving dangerous and damage property. Also, when leaves rot in a storm drain, they release nutrients, just like fertilizers, resulting in algal blooms and fish kills.

What's the Solution?

Keep leaves, grass, and other yard waste away from storm drains. Compost yard waste, and leave grass clippings on the lawn as natural fertilizer. If you do put your yard waste on the curb for collection, you must use a paper recycle bag to keep it from washing into storm drains in case of rain. And please don't use a leaf blower to blow grass and leaves into the street! Weekly Municipal Yard Waste Pickup - See the

Municipal Insert or Call Borough Hall for more information.

Litter and Illegal Dumping

Why is it a Problem?

Litter and illegal dumping are harmful to the environment and degrade the beauty of our community. This can decrease revenue from tourism, fishing, and outdoor recreation. Wildlife can mistake litter for food, and choke or be poisoned when they try to eat it. Electronics and appliances may contain heavy metals or harmful chemicals that leak out when exposed to rain and the elements. Debris can also clog storm drain systems, leading to flooding.

What's the Solution?

Littering and dumping are illegal and will result in a fine! Reduce, reuse, and recycle whenever possible. The Borough provides WEEKLY curbside residential trash, yard waste and recycling pickup. See the municipal insert for more details.



Cleaning Products, Chemicals, Paint, etc.

Why is it a Problem?

Many products that we frequently use in our homes and businesses are harmful to the environment. These products, collectively called household hazardous waste, include cleaning products, soaps, paint, batteries, pesticides, personal care products, medications, car care fluids, and other chemicals. If you wouldn't drink it, it shouldn't go into our waterways.

What's the Solution?

Only rain down the storm drain! Never pour out extra products onto the ground, onto the street, or into storm drains. Many of these products are not safe to pour down the sink either. Even empty containers may not be safe to throw in the garbage. For cleaners and chemicals, use the minimum amount that will do the job, and consider environmentally friendly products whenever possible. **Household Hazardous Waste Collection on October 21 at the Berks County Ag Center. SEE THE MUNICIPAL INSERT FOR MORE INFORMATION**

Septic Systems and Sewage

Why is it a Problem?

Sewage contains bacteria that can cause illness. Sewage also contains nutrients that lead to algae blooms and fish kills. Septic tanks can leak if not properly maintained, and sewer pipes can leak or rupture due to clogs, damage, or oth-

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er reasons.

What's the Solution?

Don't let fats, oil, grease, paint, food scraps, or other materials that may clog pipes go down the drain. Homes with septic tanks should NOT have a garbage disposal. If you have a septic tank, have it inspected and pumped every 3 to 5 years. Know where your septic tank leach field is, and never park or drive over it. If you smell or see signs of a sewer leak, report it to your local utility. If you have a camper or RV, always empty it's sanitary tank to a proper location, never down a storm drain. A storm drain is not a sanitary sewer!

Fats, Oils, and Grease

Why is it a Problem?

Fat, oil, and grease from cooking can clog sewage pipes, leading to sewer line breaks and human waste and bacteria entering our streams and rivers. Fat, oil, and grease can also be harmful to wildlife and damage sensitive habitats like wetlands.

What's the Solution?

Avoid letting fat, oil, and grease go down the drain, and **never pour these into storm drains or on the ground**. Pour or wipe cooled cooking oil and grease into the garbage, instead of down the sink. Avoid cooking foods in ways that require or generate a lot of oil and grease. Some communities are introducing used cooking oil recycling programs. The oil can be used to create a type of bio-fuel.

Swimming Pools

Why is it a Problem?

Swimming pools contain chlorine and other chemicals used to control algae, bacteria, and other organisms harmful to human health. Chlorine is toxic to fish and other aquatic life.

What's the Solution?

Swimming pool discharges are generally not considered illegal, but the water must be dechlorinated first. There are two options for dechlorinating your pool:

1. Dechlorinate your pool naturally: sunlight and evaporation will naturally remove chlorine from the swimming pool in 10 days or less.
2. Or use chemical additives to dechlorinate your pool if it is necessary for the water to be dechlorinated more quickly. This option is much less healthy for the environment.

Whichever option you choose, test your water to be sure dechlorination is complete. Requirements vary by community, but generally chlorine levels should be below 0.1 mg/L before you discharge the water. Chlorine test kits can be purchased from swimming pool supply stores. Check the pH. Ideally, the pH should be between 6.5 and 7.5. A pH of less than 5 and greater than 8.5 can be harmful to aquatic life. To minimize erosion, don't discharge water onto bare or loose soil. Drain the pool as slowly as is practical.

NEW PERMIT CYCLE IN 2018: ALL DISCHARGES FROM SWIMMING POOLS THAT ENTER THE STORMDRAIN SYSTEM WILL BE CONSIDERED ILLEGAL AND AN ENFORCEABLE ILLICIT DISCHARGE

Medications

Why is it a Problem?

Previously, people were advised to flush unused medications down the toilet. Recently, scientists have found that these medications might not be removed by waste water treatment plants. Consequently, medications flushed down the toilet may contaminate drinking water or affect fish and wildlife. For more information from the Environmental Protection Agency, visit www.epa.gov/ppcp.

What's the Solution?

Do not flush medications down the toilet. Instead, dispose of them in a Medication Drop Box. Central Berks Regional Police have a drop box in their office at 2147 Perkiomen Ave. in Mt. Penn.

ORDINANCE VIOLATION PREVENTION

1. DO NOT blow leaves into the street. The Borough only collects bagged leaves. You will be cited for illegal dumping.
2. DO NOT discharge grass clippings from mowing into the street.
3. DO NOT burn any brush, trash or leaves. It is illegal in the Borough, except for farm operations. The Borough collects bagged yard waste/leaves weekly. Residents also can purchase a Trout Run Card for access to the leaf and brush depository located at Trout Run. Cost: \$10/ annually calendar year.
4. PLEASE TRIM LOW HANGING TREE LIMBS AND CUT BACK VEGETATION FROM SIDEWALKS

BERKS COUNTY ELECTRONIC RECYCLING CENTER

1316 HILLTOP RD. , LEESPORT PA

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

ELECTRONIC ITEMS ACCEPTED:

- ◆ Computers, Monitors, Laptops, Keyboards, Modems, Printers, Copiers, etc.
- ◆ Microwaves, Stereos, VCRs, Telephones, Answering Machines, etc.
- ◆ Television (Maximum of two per resident/vehicle per day)
- ◆ Fluorescent Bulbs, Air Conditioners and Dehumidifiers
- ◆ Rechargeable and Lead Acid Batteries (ONLY)- **NO ALKALINE BATTERIES ACCEPTED**



FEE SCHEDULE

RESIDENTIAL

- ◆ All Electronic Items Listed Above (Residents ONLY)..... FREE OF CHARGE

COMMERCIAL/INSTITUTIONAL - BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

- ◆ **As of 2015, NO TELEVISION OR MONITORS ACCEPTED FROM COMMERCIAL/INSTITUTIONAL**
- ◆ All Electronic Items..... \$ 1.00 per item
- ◆ Fluorescent tubes, CFL Bulbs & Rechargeable Batteries..... \$ 1.00 per pound
- ◆ Air Conditioners and Dehumidifiers..... FREE OF CHARGE



For Additional Information: Berks County Solid Waste Authority - 610-478-6362

www.co.berks.pa.us/swa

Flush Responsibly!

Don't pour household products such as cleansers, beauty products, medicine, auto fluids, paint, medicines and lawn care products down the drain. Properly dispose of them at your local household hazardous waste collection.



Medications may be disposed of at the Central Berks Regional Police Department in Mt. Penn.

Wastewater treatment facilities are designed to treat organic materials, not hazardous chemicals. If you pour hazardous chemicals down the drain, they might end up in your local rivers, lakes, and coastal waters.

Dispose of excess household grease (meat fats, lard, cooking oil, shortening, butter and margarine, etc.) diapers, condoms, and personal hygiene products in the garbage can. These materials can clog pipes, and could cause raw sewage to overflow in your home or yard, or in public areas.

Overflows often occur during periods of high rainfall or snowmelt and can result in basement backups, overflows at man-holes, or discharges directly to rivers, lakes, and coastal waters. Don't pour used motor oil down the drain.

Used motor oil can diminish the effectiveness of the treatment process, and might allow contaminants to be discharged. The contaminants could pollute local waterways or harm aquatic life.

If you're a dark room hobbyist, dispose of spent fixer, developer, and other photographic chemicals in separate containers and transport them to a hazardous waste facility. Like household hazardous wastes and used motor oil, photographic chemicals can interfere with the wastewater treatment process and could result in pollutants being discharged into local waterways.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION PROGRAM - October 21, 2017 Berks County Ag Center

1238 County Welfare Road, Leesport from 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM Rain or Shine

RECYCLING PROVIDERS CONTACT FOR ANY FEES FOR DISPOSAL - * FEES APPLY	Bricks, Concrete, Asphalt	Construction Debris	Fluorescent Bulbs	Land Clearing	Oil Filters	MICROWAVE OVEN	Motor Oil
Advance Auto							X
Berks Transfer		X					
CJ's Tire							X
Cougles Recycling							
Exeter Twp Municipal Building					X		X
Ridgewood Soils - Landscaping	X	X		X			
Berks County Recycling Center			x			X	
Zwicky Processing - Fleetwood	X	X					
Zwicky Processing - Robesonia				X			

	Propane Tanks	Metal	Tires *	Brass, Lead & Copper	Appliance with Freon	Appliance Without Freon	Textiles	CFL'S
Allgehy Towing		X	X*	X	X	X		
Berks County Recycling Center			X*		X	X	X	x
CJ's Tire			X*					
Cougles Recycling		X		X		X		
Fehl's Home Center-Temple	X*							
Home Depot - Exeter	X							X
Laurel Street Recycling		X		X		X		
Lowe's - Exeter								X
Pioneer Crossing Landfill		X				X		

ADVANCE AUTO - WILL DISPOSE OF TRANSMISSION FLUID; HYDRAULIC AND GEAR OIL; AND POWER STEERING & BRAKE FLUID

WEIS, GIANT & REDNERS - USED GROCERY BAGS MAY BE RETURNED LOOK FOR BARREL AT ENTRANCE

ADDITIONAL COMMERCIAL/INSTITUTIONAL RECYCLING RESOURCES



WASTE OIL RECYCLERS

FREE RECYCLING OF USED FRYER OIL FROM COMMERCIAL AND INSTITUTIONAL OPERATIONS

<https://wasteoilrecyclers.com>



FREE LOCAL BUSINESS PICKUP

CONTACT TO SEE IF YOU QUALIFY

FREE DROP OFF

WWW.IGREENRECYCLING.COM



COMMERCIAL
INDUSTRIAL
INSTITUTIONAL

WWW.RESPONSIBLERECYCLINGSERVICES.COM

RECYCLING DIRECTORY

Name	Address	City	Zip	Telephone
Advance Auto	2544 Perkiomen Ave	Reading	19606	(610) 370-1187
Allegheny Towing	475 Poplar Neck Rd	Birdsboro	19508	(610) 372-8014
Berks County Recycling Center	1316 Hilltop Rd	Leesport	19533	(610) 478-6362
Berks Transfer	59 Willow Creek	Reading	19506	(610) 926-7626
CJ's Tire - Birdsboro	91 Ben Franklin Highway West	Birdsboro	19508	(610) 582-4266
Cogle's Recycling	1000 S 4th St.	Hamburg	19526	(610) 562-8336
Exeter Twp Municipal Building	4975 DeMoss Rd	Reading	19606	(610) 779-5660
Fehl's Home Center-Temple	5369 Allentown Pike	Temple	19560	(610) 929-5794
Goodwill Outlet & Donation Center	3001 St. Lawrence Ave	Reading	19606	(484) 525-4075
Habitat for Humanity ReStore	5370 Allentown Pike	Temple	19560	(610) 921-1315
Home Depot	5410 Perkiomen Ave	Reading	19606	(610) 582-7064
Hope Rescue Mission - Hope Outlet	645 N 6th St	Reading	19601	(610) 375-3611
iGreen Electronics	250 Corporate Drive	Reading	19605	(610) 926-1717
Laurel Street Recyclers	761 Laurel St.	Reading	19602	(610) 376-2997
Lowe's	4535 Perkiomen Ave	Reading	19606	(610) 370-4860
Opportunity House	430 N 2nd St.	Reading	19601	(610) 374-4696
Opportunity House - OppShop	3045 N 5th St Highway	Reading	19605	(484) 509-2087
Pioneer Crossing Landfill	727 Redlane Rd	Birdsboro	19508	(610) 582-2900
Ridgewood Soils - Landscaping	175 Angstadt Lane	Birdsboro	19508	(610) 816-0364
Zwicky Processing - Fleetwood	220 Buena Vista Rd	Fleetwood	19522	(484) 248-5300
Zwicky Processing - Robesonia	10 Zwicky Lane	Robesonia	19551	(610) 693-5606

INFORMATION RESOURCES CONCERNING STORMWATER, RECYCLING & THE ENVIRONMENT

Berks County Planning Commission

Berks County Services Center
633 Court St 14th Floor
Reading PA 19601
(610) 478-6300
planning@countyofberks.com

www.co.berks.pa.us/Planning

**Berks Nature
(Berks County Conservancy)**

25 N 11th St
Reading PA 19601
(610) 372-4992
www.berksnature.org

Berks County Conservation District

1238 County Welfare Rd Suite 200
Leesport PA 19533
(610) 372-4657
www.berkscd.com

Partnership for the Delaware Estuary

110 South Poplar Street Suite 202
Wilmington, DE 19801
(800) 445-4935 or
(302) 655-4990

www.delawareestuary.org

StormwaterPA

c/o GreenTreks Network, Inc.
1420 Walnut Street, Suite 1304
Philadelphia, PA 19102
215-545-5880

www.StormwaterPa.org

Schuylkill Action Network

www.schuylkillwaters.org

Pennsylvania State University

Penn State Extension
Penn State College of
Agricultural Sciences

www.extension.psu.edu

Berks County Solid Waste Authority

Services Center, 14th Floor
633 Court Street
Reading, PA 19601
Phone: 610-478-6362
Fax: 610-478-3470

Email: swa@countyofberks.com

<http://www.co.berks.pa.us/Dept/SWA/Pages/default.aspx>

US EPA REGION 3 (Mid-Atlantic)

Philadelphia Office
1650 Arch St
Philadelphia PA 19103-2029
(800) 438-2474 OR (215) 814-5122
www.epa.gov

PA DEP- SOUTH CENTRAL

REGIONAL OFFICE

909 ELMERTON AVE

HARRISBURG PA 17110

(717) 705-4700

ENVIRONMENTAL EMERGENCY 24/7/365:

1-866-825-0208

www.dep.pa.gov/About/Regional/SouthcentralRegion

U.S. EPA

NATIONAL POLLUTANT

DISCHARGE ELIMINATION

SYSTEM (NPDES)

<https://www.epa.gov/npdes>

Goodwill

www.yourgoodwill.org/donate/goods

- ◆ Clothing, Footwear, Shoes, Boots, etc.
 - ◆ Outerwear, Coats, Hats, Jackets, etc.
 - ◆ Jewelry & Accessories, Handbags, Belts, Ties, Scarves, etc.
 - ◆ Antiques & Collectibles
 - ◆ Books, CDs, Records, Videotapes, DVDs & Blu-Ray
 - ◆ Games & Toys, Musical Instruments
 - ◆ Housewares, Linens & Rugs, Art
- ◆ Sports Equipment (No Large Exercise Equipment)
 - ◆ Furniture
 - Shag carpets
 - Tubs, toilets and sinks
- ITEMS WE CAN'T ACCEPT
- ⇒ Air Conditioners
 - ⇒ Any Recalled Items
 - ⇒ Dehumidifiers
 - ⇒ Hazardous Chemicals
 - ⇒ Household Chemicals
 - ⇒ Kerosene Heaters
 - ⇒ Large Appliances

- ⇒ Large Exercise Equipment
- ⇒ Weapons
- ⇒ Lawn Mowers
- ⇒ Mattresses
- ⇒ Small Engines
- ⇒ Tires
- ⇒ TVs
- ⇒ Infant Furniture (Cribs, Highchairs, Car Seats, Strollers, etc.)



Habitat for Humanity ReStore



www.habitatberks.org/restore/

- ◆ Appliances (Washer, Dryer, Fridge, etc.)
- ◆ Cabinets (Kitchen and Bath)
- ◆ Carpet and Pads (Brand new only)
- ◆ Ceiling Fans and Lighting (no PCB Ballasts)
- ◆ Hardware (door knobs, hinges, locks, etc.)
- ◆ Chipboard, OSB, Plywood (full sheets)
- ◆ Flooring (Hardwood, laminate, tile, etc.)
- ◆ Knick-knacks
- ◆ Roofing (Packaged Shingles)
- ◆ Tools (Hand, Garden, Working power tools)
- ◆ Plumbing (Clean & useable sinks, toilets, bathtubs, etc.)
- ◆ Furniture
- ◆ Windows
- ◆ Doors
- ◆ Countertops

Hope Outlet

www.hopeforreading.org/store/

- ◆ New or lightly used household goods
- ◆ Furniture in good, usable condition
- ◆ Working appliances, including TVs and Computers
- ◆ Lightly worn clothing and linens



OppShop

3045 North 5th Street Highway
www.opphouse.org

- ◆ Working Appliances (Fridge, freezer, washers, dryers, dishwashers, etc.)
- ◆ Arts & Crafts, Knick-knacks, baskets and other decorative items
- ◆ Bedding and Linens
- ◆ Most metal equipment (bikes, cans, lawn & garden equipment, old barbecues, etc.)
- ◆ Clothing, shoes, hats, outerwear, belts, ties, scarves, purses, handbags & Jewelry
- ◆ Computer Equipment (no monitors), electronics, stereos, VCRs (working) etc.
- ◆ Holiday Decorations including Halloween Costumes
- ◆ Household and Office Furniture
- ◆ Pots, pans, dishes, glasses, cutlery and other kitchen equipment
- ◆ pictures and picture frames
- ◆ CDs, DVDs, VHS tapes, books, magazines
- ◆ Stuffed animals, toys & play equipment



Items We Can't Accept:

- Chemicals
- Console TV's and Stereo's
- Copiers
- Doors, windows, blinds and other building supplies
- Fluorescent lights
- Infant/toddler furniture (cribs, playpens, car seats, high chairs, strollers, etc.)
- Monochrome computer monitors
- Office chairs with fewer than 5 wheels

ADDITIONAL RECYCLING/DISPOSAL RESOURCES



250 Corporate Drive
 Reading PA 19605
 (610) 926-1717

Free recycling for personal electronics is currently available for all residents of Pa. Drop-off and recycle all types of electronic devices, computers, appliances, auto parts and more at our location. This service is available to all businesses and professional offices located within the US.

- **We can no longer accept CRT televisions and there is a \$20 fee to recycle CRT computer monitors.**
- **We recycle all types of electronics - if it plugs into the wall or takes batteries.**

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| Computers | DVD Players |
| Printers | Appliances |
| Fax Machines | Microwaves |
| Computer Cables | Cable Boxes |
| Wires | Satellite Boxes |
| Radios | Flat Panel Monitors |
| CD Players | Flat Panel Televisions |
| Record Players | Gaming Consoles |
| Christmas Lights | Cell Phone |
| Car Batteries | Keyboards |
| Rechargeable Batteries | Speakers |
| Copiers |And More |

Call for more information , fees or ask questions.

Scoop your Dog Poop It's Toxic to the Environment!

The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) labeled dog waste a non-point (widely distributed) source pollutant. The same category as herbicides and insecticides; grease; oil; toxic chemicals and acid drainage from abandoned mines. A typical 30 pound dog generates .56 pounds of poop per day (16.8 pounds/month , 205 pounds/year).

When pet waste is tossed into a storm drain or left on the sidewalk, street or yard, it is carried by rainwater through the storm sewer system directly into our local water bodies, without any treatment.

Pet waste is a threat to human and environmental health because it contains harmful bacteria and pathogens, some of which can cause serious diseases in humans.

Pet waste, bagged or unbagged, washed into waterways create nutrients for weeds and algae to thrive, which limits light penetration resulting in a decrease of oxygen levels upsetting the delicate balance of the natural habitat (EPA). It is also an Illicit Discharge punishable by fine.

SO SCOOP YOUR POOP AND DISPOSE OF PROPERLY

FLUSH IT: The best way to dispose of pet waste is to flush it down the toilet, just remember to remove the waste from the bag or litter before putting it in the toilet.

SCOOP THE POOP: Bag it and put it in the trash for disposal at a landfill.

Sources: EPA and CDC



Reading Store # 0298
 4711 Perkiomen Avenue
 Reading, PA, 19606

*Limit 7 items per customer per day. All brands of items are accepted regardless of where purchased. Store management has the right to refuse to accept items that may pose a health or safety risk (e.g., broken monitors not packed in a box, laptops with damaged batteries, etc.).

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| Accessories/adapters/cables | Laptops - Trade-in eligible |
| All-in-one computers | Mobile phones - Trade-in eligible |
| Cable/satellite receivers | Modems |
| Calculators | Monitors (LCD,LED,CRT) |
| Camcorders | Printers & multifunction devices (desktop) |
| CD/DVD/Blu-ray players | Routers |
| Computer speakers | Scanners (desktop) |
| Copiers (desktop) | Shredders |
| Cordless phones | Small servers |
| Desktop computers | Stereo receivers |
| Digital cameras | Tablets - Trade-in eligible |
| eReaders | UPS/battery backup devices |
| Fax machines (desktop) | Video streaming devices (Apple TV®, Roku Player, etc.) |
| Flash Drives | Webcams |
| Gaming consoles/handhelds | |
| GPS devices | |
| Hard drives | |
| iPods® / MP3 players - | |
| Keyboards & Mice | |

Prohibited items not accepted for recycling:

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| Appliances | Large servers |
| Floor model printers and copiers | Large speakers |
| Kitchen electronics | Non-rechargeable batteries |
| Lamps or bulbs | Smoke detectors |
| | Televisions |



Dell has made it easy for you to recycle your used computer equipment through Dell Reconnect, a partnership with Goodwill Industries. **NO TELEVISION SETS.**

BROKEN GLASS ON A MONITOR OR SCANNER - LINE A
CARDBOARD BOX WITH TRASH BAG - PLACE ITEM IN TRASH BAG, TIE SHUT AND SEAL CARDBOARD BOX.
CLEARLY LABEL THE BOX WITH BROKEN MONITOR OR SCANNER.

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

EMERGENCIES - DIAL 911

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 REPOSE - 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

Codes & Asst. Zoning Officer

Bill Daniels Cell: 610-655-5243

GIS/MS4, Roadmaster & Asst. Codes Officer

Derrek Rhoads Cell: 484-577-9981

Borough Engineer/ Asst. - Codes & Zoning Officer

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

Borough Solicitor

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

UCC Building Codes Inspectors/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

Robert J. May, PE 610-370-1236

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

Borough Officials - Elected

Mayor

Gregory Zawilla 610-370-1519

Borough Council

Robert J. May, President 610-370-1236
rjmay@aol.com

David W. Eggert, VP 610-779-6855
Mike Bennethum 610-779-9645
Rick Davidson 610-779-4037
Michael Fritz 610-370-0733
Steven Geibel 610-370-5361
Warren Lubenow 610-779-3632

Constable

Bart Ganster 610-370-0800

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

District Judge Court 23-2-03

Hon. Sandra L Fegley 610-779-5137
10 Fairlane Rd Fax: 610-779-4681
Reading PA 19606

Stray/Abused Animals

Animal Rescue League 610-373-8830
After Hours Lost/Found 610-373-6064

Utilities

Mt. Penn Water 610-779-4900
They also handle sewer billing for the Borough.
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. Ryan Costello
Washington DC Office
427 Cannon House Office Bldg (202) 225-4315
Washington DC 20515 Fax: (202)225-8440

Berks County Office

840 N Park Rd (610)376-7630
Wyomissing PA 19610 Fax: (610)376-7633
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)478-3400
Assessment (610)478-6262
CareerLink (610)988-1300
Children & Youth Service (610)478-6700
Commissioners (610)478-6136
Domestic Relations (610)478-2900
Election Services (610)478-6490
Emergency Mgt (610)374-4800
Prothonotary (610)478-6970
Public Defender (610)478-6970
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
Benefits Helpline 1(800)692-7462
Berks Cty Assistance Office 1(866)215-3912
Childline 1(800)932-0313
Children's Health Helpline 1(800)986-5437
Consumer Protection 1(800)441-2555
Disability Services 1(866)286-3636
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(800)932-0582

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 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 4' in length or less and able to be picked up by one person AND NOT FALL APART. **Limit of 3 bundles.** Please contact the Borough if you have a larger quantity.
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 must call the Borough office @ 610-779-1430 by 9 AM the morning of pickup to be added to the list, you may call at any time and leave a message on the answering machine - direct phone number for yard waste message 610-401-0568.**
7. **DO NOT EMAIL THE OFFICE.**

WEEKLY CURBSIDE PICKUP - THURSDAYS
Weather Permitting

**NO PICKUP THE WEEK OF THANKSGIVING,
CHRISTMAS OR NEW YEAR**

**YOU MUST CALL BORO HALL TO BE PLACED ON
THE LIST FOR PICKUP. DO NOT PLACE BAGS AT
CURB UNTIL THE MORNING OF PICKUP.**

Paper Shredding @ Berks County Ag Center
October 21 from 8 AM - 2 PM If interested, contact
Borough Hall for additional information or brochure

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 2017

RESIDENTIAL

- 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

- 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

- * 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

Household Hazardous Waste October 21 @ Berks County Ag Center

8 AM - 2 PM If interested or for directions,
contact Borough Hall for a brochure.

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 Rds, accepts and chips brush, also 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 Borough office. 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 the Borough 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 Daily**

Standard Time: 8 AM - 6 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.

STOP ILLEGAL DUMPING CALL

CRIME



ALERT BERKS COUNTY

Toll Free 1-877-373-9913