



**COLEBROOKDALE  
TOWNSHIP  
RECYCLING  
COMMITTEE**  
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Boyertown, PA 19512

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# 2017 – 2018 Winter Recycling Newsletter

November 21, 2017

## Dear Township Residents,

We are pleased to bring to you the Winter 2017/2018 Edition of the Colebrookdale Township Semi-Annual Recycling Newsletter. The Colebrookdale Township Board of Commissioners wishes to provide you with some information you may find necessary when you need to contact someone in your municipality.

### Your elected Commissioners

Todd M. Gamler, President, William D. Spade, Vice President, Daniel G. F. Ritter, Linwood L. Bartman, and Rudy Rivera.

The meetings of the Board of Commissioners of Colebrookdale Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania will be held at the Colebrookdale Township Municipal Building and are open to the public. Any changes to the meeting dates will be advertised in the Berks-Mont Newspaper.

### Meeting Dates & Times

- Board of Commissioners ~ 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays each month ~ 7:30 pm
- Annual Reorganization will take place January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018
- Planning Commission ~ 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday each month ~ 7:00 pm
- Transportation Committee meets the last Tuesday each month

The 2018 meeting dates for the purpose of budget preparation shall be held on the following dates: September 10, October 9, October 22, and November 12, November 26. The meetings shall begin at 7:00 p.m. with workshop meetings held as needed at 7:00 p.m.

### Your Township Officials

The Colebrookdale Township Municipal Office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM. Please contact us for any need or concern within the Township.

**Manager** – Cindy Conrad

**Code Enforcement Officer** – Paul E. Labe III, JTL Consultants LLC

**Secretary** – Jeannie DiSante

**Road Master** – Michael Hillegas

**Solicitor** – Attorney Jeffrey Karver

### Colebrookdale Township Police Department

PD Office 610-367-5550

PD Fax 610-367-2473

Non-Emergency Police 800-372-9111

Email: colebrookdalepd@colebrookdale.org

If you would like to become involved on any Township Committee, please feel free to print and complete a Volunteer form found on the Township website and submit it to the Township office.

## In Case Of Emergency

If you live in Colebrookdale Township and have any special need, the Township should be made aware of it due to our involvement with the Limerick Power Station. Please complete this Special Needs Questionnaire. This information is confidential and will be used for emergency purposes only. Emergency Management Personnel will contact you in the event of an emergency. Any questions regarding this form, please call the Township Office at 610-369-1362.

Indicate below how many people in your household have the following problems?

- |  | Number of People |
|--|------------------|
| 1. Hearing Problems:                     | _____            |
| Do you have a TTY/TDD _____ Yes _____ No |                  |
| 2. Vision Problems:                      | _____            |
| 3. Cannot Walk:                          | _____            |

List aids: cane, walker, wheelchair, etc.

4. List Other Special Needs:

5. Need a special vehicle to leave home (wheelchair van, etc.) describe:

6. Need a Ride (transportation not available, cannot ride with a friend, family member or neighbor).

Number needing a ride: \_\_\_\_\_

7. If you have identified any need on this form, please complete and return this form.

Please print:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

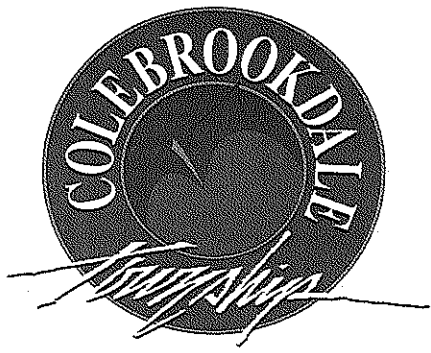
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Any other information you would like to share to aid us in assisting you in the event of an actual emergency:

Please mail or deliver a completed copy of this form to: Emergency Management Coordinator, Colebrookdale Township, 765 W. Philadelphia Avenue, Boyertown, PA 19512.



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610-369-1362 • FAX: 610-367-7538 • [www.colebrookdale.org](http://www.colebrookdale.org) • [www.facebook.com/LocalGovernmentAgency](http://www.facebook.com/LocalGovernmentAgency)

## Colebrookdale Township Residential Yard Waste Drop-Off Location

The Township has an agreement with Hopewell Excavating at 172 Fancy Hill Road where COLEBROOKDALE TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS ONLY can drop-off their YARD waste throughout the year. NO CONTRACTORS! Hours of operation are:

### Winter Hours:

November through March, 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

### Summer Hours:

April through October, 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Hopewell Excavating is located just off of Rte. 562. Turn left onto Fancy Hill Road and follow the road approximately 1 mile. The facility will be on your right. Drop-off your items in the area marked for Colebrookdale. Items ACCEPTABLE for drop-off: BRANCHES, GRASS CLIPPINGS, WOOD CHIPS, TYPICAL YARD WASTE, SMALL STUMPS, CLEAN LUMBER. UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS include: PRESSURE TREATED LUMBER, PAINTED OR VARNISHED LUMBER, RAILROAD TIES OR TELEPHONE POLES, PLASTIC OR TRASH OF ANY KIND, ROCKS, SOIL, OR EDGINGS MIXED IN WITH THE WOOD. Unacceptable items will be treated as littering and prosecuted as such. Thank you for respecting the drop-off rules of acceptable yard waste items.

## Berks County Recycling Drop-Off Program

<http://www.co.berks.pa.us/swa/site/default.asp>

Berks County Solid Waste Authority (SWA) website offers many links to help you with your recycling efforts including numerous drop-off site locations, composting information, hauling companies and 'how-to' articles. They have details on scheduled dates and places for drop-off of hazardous waste, electronics, tires and many other items. Feel free to contact them at any time for further information. They are located at 633 Court St., 14th Floor, Reading, Pa. 19601. 610-478-6362

## Earth 911

<http://earth911.com/>

Earth911 is a privately owned, for-profit company that specializes in providing consumers with accessible and actionable recycling information across the country. Their directory is the most accurate and comprehensive directory of its kind and contains recycling information for over 300 materials. People can search to find their nearest recycling options and resources. Also call the toll-free, bilingual 1-800 CLEANUP® environmental hotline or use the free mobile application, iRecycle®.

## RECYCLING HOTLINE: 610-367-8437

The Township's current contract with Republic Services, a division of BFI, expires 12/31/19. They will continue collecting all residential recycling on the every-two-week schedule, as has been in place, for each of the two recycling zones in the Township. They assure us that they will continue to make every effort to see that all residents have their recycling picked up as scheduled. Thank you for placing recycling bins at the curb; Republic Services will not go onto private property. Should the recycling crew inadvertently miss picking up your recycling, please dial the hotline number the following day AFTER your scheduled pick-up day.

The recycling fee is included in your real estate tax bill. A senior citizen discount is available to residents who are 65 years of age or older. If you have any questions or your bins are lost, stolen or broken beyond usability, please contact the Township by calling the recycling hotline.

On windy days, it would be helpful to weigh down your lighter plastic and aluminum items with heavier recyclables. Also, please put your paper recyclables out even if it is raining.

## 2018 Recycling Pick Up Dates

### REUSE - REDUCE - RECYCLE

TREES FROM CHRISTMAS 2017  
WILL BE PICKED UP

- Saturdays, January 6<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018

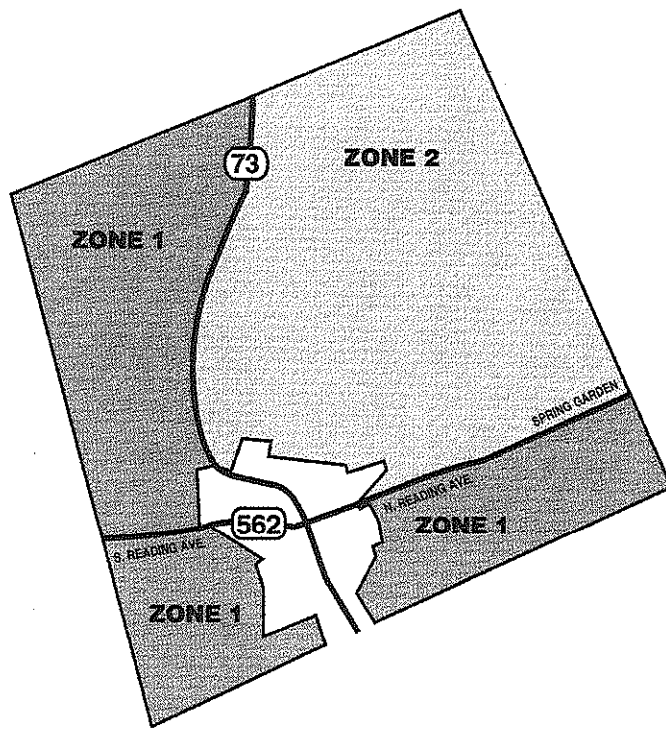
SPRING YARD WASTE  
CLEAN-UP COLLECTION DAYS

- Saturdays, May 5<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018

FALL LEAF & YARD WASTE  
CLEAN-UP DAYS

- Saturdays, November 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018

*\*Leaf burning is NOT PERMITTED  
in Colebrookdale Township\**



### ZONE 1

1/2/2018\*\*  
1/15/2018  
1/29/2018  
2/12/2018  
2/26/2018  
3/12/2018  
3/26/2018  
4/9/2018  
4/23/2018  
5/7/2018  
5/21/2018  
6/4/2018  
6/18/2018  
7/2/2018  
7/16/2018  
7/30/2018  
8/13/2018  
8/27/2018  
9/10/2018  
9/24/2018  
10/8/2018  
10/22/2018  
11/5/2018  
11/19/2018  
12/3/2018  
12/17/2018  
12/31/2018

### ZONE 2

1/8/2018  
1/22/2018  
2/5/2018  
2/19/2018  
3/5/2018  
3/19/2018  
4/2/2018  
4/16/2018  
4/30/2018  
5/14/2018  
5/29/2018\*\*  
6/11/2018  
6/25/2018  
7/9/2018  
7/23/2018  
8/6/2018  
8/20/2018  
9/4/2018\*\*  
9/17/2018  
10/1/2018  
10/15/2018  
10/29/2018  
11/12/2018  
11/26/2018  
12/10/2018  
12/24/2018

\*\* Tuesday pickup due to Monday Holiday

## Customers of Republic Services Inc. Enjoy All In One Recycling.

All of your recyclables can be placed together in the same bin! No sorting required!

### The following can be placed in your curbside bin and mixed all-together:

- Aluminum food and beverage containers with food debris removed. Labels do not need to be removed.
- Glass food and beverage containers with lids and food debris removed: Clear, Brown Green. Labels do not have to be removed.
- Natural and pigmented plastic narrow-neck containers with symbols 1,2,3,4,5,6,7 (milk bottles, water bottles, detergent bottles, shampoo bottles, bleach bottles, etc). Lids and food debris removed. Labels do not have to be removed.
- Ferrous (Iron, steel, tin) cans with food debris removed.
- Newsprint – black and white or pigmented. Not bound or placed in bags.
- Construction paper, Kraft paper, cereal Boxes, shoe boxes, or similar.
- Printer paper, computer paper, copy paper.
- Junk Mail.
- Magazines, catalogs.
- Corrugated cardboard: Any size cardboard, flattened and all packing material removed.
- Phone books.

### Short List of Materials Not Accepted:

- Wax coated paper or cardboard.
- Any material with food debris.
- Plastic Bags of any kind.
- Batteries of any kind.
- Styrofoam of any kind.
- Light bulbs.
- Mirrors, window or auto glass, porcelain, ceramics, glass cookware/bake ware, microwave oven trays, drinking glasses, perfume/cologne bottles.
- Wood or Yard Waste
- Unnumbered plastics.
- Coat hangers, Wire.
- Household items such as toasters, cookware, bakeware, electronics, appliances, etc.
- Hazardous or toxic substances.
- Items containing or having debris and residue containing hazardous or toxic substances such as paint cans with wet paint, motor oil containers, gasoline cans, glue, petroleum products, etc.

## PennDOT Road Info

PennDOT Winter Services Guide: <http://www.penndot.gov/TravelInPA/Pages/Winter-Operations--Safety.aspx>.

The following roadways are owned by PennDOT; they handle clearing and treating for winter events. Call PennDOT District 5 Maintenance office at 610-929-0766 to report problems related to road conditions on these roadways anytime throughout the year.

Route 100, Route 73, North & South Reading Avenue, Montgomery Avenue, Powder Mill Hollow Road, South Ironstone Drive (the section from Powder Mill Hollow Road to Water Street only), Water Street and South Funk Road. (You should also know that PennDOT, not Colebrookdale Township, is responsible for ALL year-round road maintenance on Route 100, Route 73 & South Reading Avenue, only.)

## Stormwater Management

### Learn about Water

<http://www2.epa.gov/learn-issues/learn-about-water>

We all live in a watershed — the area that drains to a common waterway, such as a stream, lake, estuary, wetland, aquifer, or even the ocean — and our individual actions can directly affect it. Working together. Using a watershed approach will help protect our nation's water resources.

When the water in our rivers, lakes, and oceans becomes polluted, the effects can be far reaching. It can endanger wildlife, make our drinking water unsafe and threaten the waters where we swim and fish.

### Colebrookdale Township Regulations

To report stormwater pollution incidents, required by Colebrookdale Township's NPDES MS4 permit, get a Citizen Complaint Illicit Discharge Reporting Form at the Twp offices or download at [http://colebrookdale.org/Stormwater\\_Education](http://colebrookdale.org/Stormwater_Education).

### Berks County Regulations

Berks County is included in Phase II NPDES Permitting; call 610-478-6300 or <http://www.co.berks.pa.us/Dept/Planning/Pages/MS4%20NPDES.aspx>

### STATE Regulations

PA DEP information on handling stormwater: <http://www.dep.pa.gov/Citizens/My-Water/Pages/default.aspx>.

### FEDERAL Regulations

The US EPA has detailed information on stormwater management regulations: <http://water.epa.gov/polwaste/npdes/stormwater> and <https://www.epa.gov/soakuptherain>.

## Winter Weather Tips

The Township Road Crew will carefully monitor road conditions at the start of a snow event. Residents living in a development with curbs, when possible and before a snow event, please move all vehicles from the street to allow the road crews to push the snow back to the curb. This benefits everyone three ways: 1. stormwater drains can be plowed open allowing for melting snow to drain off the roadway;

2. opens the area in front of mailboxes and 3. gives you and your neighbors a clean area to park after the storm.

DO NOT push snow out onto roads at any time. This creates hazardous driving conditions for all vehicles. Eliminate snow piles at the driveway entrance; high accumulations of snow obstruct the vision of motorists exiting from the driveway and hinder the ability of oncoming motorists to see you pulling out of the driveway.

All residents and business owners shall be responsible for clearing the sidewalks within 24 hours after the storm has ended. A citation will be issued by the Code Enforcement Officer to anyone in violation of the provisions of Colebrookdale Township Ordinance # 2-2011. Penalties of \$35.00 for first offense with additional penalties of \$50.00 for a second and \$100.00 for a third and each subsequent offense will be charged. For additional information and directives, please read the complete Township Ordinance No. 2-2011 available at [www.colebrookdale.org](http://www.colebrookdale.org) or pick up a copy at the Township office. Your understanding and cooperation is greatly appreciated.

## FIRE HYDRANT YEAR-ROUND MAINTENANCE PLEASE KEEP AREA AROUND FIRE HYDRANT CLEAR

To insure firefighter safety and speed help in case of fire, Colebrookdale Township requests that residents keep the areas around fire hydrants free of snow in the winter and weeds, shrubbery or flowers in the spring/summer months.

It is important, in the event of a fire, to be able to locate the fire hydrant and be able to get water from the hydrant as fast as possible. Being able to access water quickly can mean the difference in saving a life or a structure.

Should an emergency arise, when hydrants are completely surrounded by snow or weeds, valuable time would be used by firemen in clearing a path to the hydrants. Large amounts of snow, weeds, shrubbery or flowers that need to be removed from the hydrants could take up to 10 minutes for firefighters to find the hydrant, remove the snow or overgrowth of plants, and be able to attach supply lines to get water to the truck to fight the fire.

Residents with a fire hydrant located in front of their home are asked to clean snow away from the hydrants when they clear their sidewalk or driveway and weeds around the hydrant when they trim their lawn. Do not plant shrubbery or flowers around the hydrant.

When clearing snow in the winter or weeds, shrubbery or flowers in the spring/summer months from the fire hydrant:

- Remove the snow from all connections on the hydrant. (Melting snow may freeze the connection.)
- Clear the front of the hydrant in the direction of the street.
- Clear an area 2-3 feet away from the hydrant in all directions.

The Colebrookdale Township Board of Commissioners appreciate your cooperation in advance.

## Winterizing Your Mailbox

PennDOT allows property owners to place mailboxes within the state's legal right-of-way, out of respect for the U.S. Postal Service's need to deliver, and mail customers' convenience of delivery; however, mailbox damage is the responsibility of the property owner.

Be sure your mailbox has a strong support. You also may wish to use reflective tape or other material to make the mailbox easier to see during storms or during dark hours. Check your mailbox and support often, clearing snow from it and depositing the snow properly (never shovel snow onto the road). If you have questions as to the proper location of your mailbox along the roadway, contact your local post office.

## Snow Shoveling Tips

To avoid being plowed in Colebrookdale Township and PennDOT suggests that you clear an area to the right of your driveway (as seen in the diagram below) to give the snow on the blade of the plow a place to empty before it gets to your driveway. This way you won't have to do the same job twice.

Colebrookdale Township and PennDOT also reminds you that it is illegal to push snow from a parking lot or driveway onto a state highway.

