



# May 11, 2016

## Summer Recycling Newsletter

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### 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: PRESURE 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

### Pennsylvania's Recycling Page

<http://www.dep.pa.gov/Citizens/RecyclingDisposal/Pages/default.aspx#.VxTnnHqE1b0>

Statewide recycling in Pennsylvania began in 1988 with the Municipal Waste Planning Recycling and Waste Reduction Act (Act 101) that requires larger municipalities to recycle.

### 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

Please place recycling bins at the curb; the Township recycling contractor, 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 fee for recycling 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 by placing **paper** bags, filled with your discarded mail, newspapers and cardboard, on top of the container. Also, please put your paper recyclables out even if it is raining.

## 2016 Recycling Pick Up Dates

### REUSE - REDUCE - RECYCLE

SPRING YARD WASTE  
CLEAN-UP COLLECTION DAYS  
- Saturdays May 7th & 14th, 2016

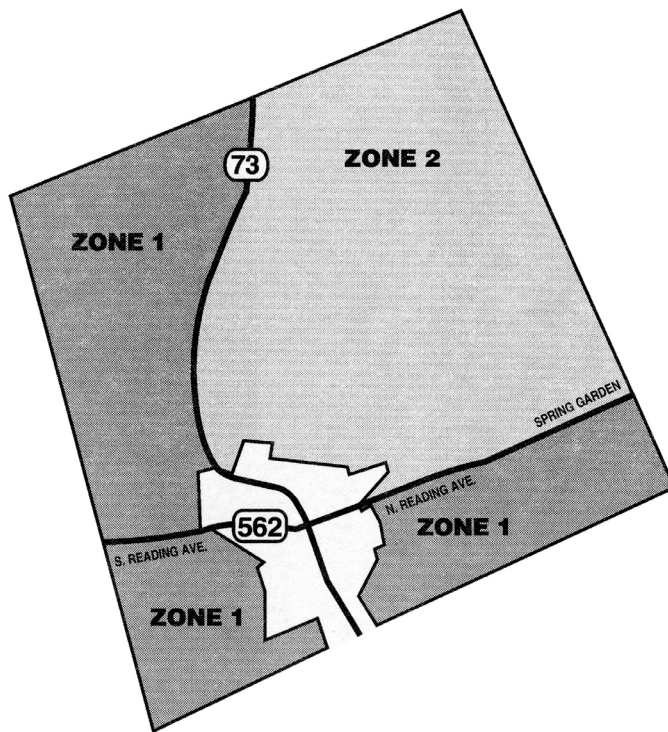
FALL LEAF & YARD WASTE  
CLEAN-UP DAYS

- Saturday, November 19th, 2016  
- Saturday, November 26th, 2016

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

TREES FROM CHRISTMAS 2016  
WILL BE PICKED UP

- Saturdays, January 7th & 14th, 2017



#### ZONE 1

1/4/2016  
1/18/2016  
2/1/2016  
2/15/2016  
2/29/2016  
3/14/2016  
3/28/2016  
4/11/2016  
4/25/2016  
5/9/2016  
5/23/2016  
6/6/2016  
6/20/2016  
7/5/2016\*\*  
7/18/2016  
8/1/2016  
8/15/2016  
8/29/2016  
9/12/2016  
9/26/2016  
10/10/2016  
10/24/2016  
11/7/2016  
11/21/2016  
12/5/2016  
12/19/2016

\*\* Tuesday pickup  
due to Monday Holiday

#### ZONE 2

1/11/2016  
1/25/2016  
2/8/2016  
2/22/2016  
3/7/2016  
3/21/2016  
4/4/2016  
4/18/2016  
5/2/2016  
5/16/2016  
5/31/2016\*\*  
6/13/2016  
6/27/2016  
7/11/2016  
7/25/2016  
8/8/2016  
8/22/2016  
9/6/2016\*\*  
9/19/2016  
10/3/2016  
10/17/2016  
10/31/2016  
11/14/2016  
11/28/2016  
12/12/2016  
12/27/2016\*\*

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### All-in-One Recycling™ Recycling Made Easier

One container = many benefits. We believe that recycling at home should be effortless. All you have to do is place your recyclables in the container, we'll do the rest. Our advanced sorting equipment ensures your recyclables are processed responsibly and reliably. Help keep items out of the landfill when you waste less and recycle more. Here are the types of materials you can recycle:

**Aluminum Cans** - The aluminum cans you put in your All-in-One Recycling bin can be recycled indefinitely. Your recycled cans will be processed and reused to make new cans and foil that you'll see on store shelves. (\*Recycling one ton of aluminum cans conserves 26 barrels of oil, or 1,665 gallons of gasoline)

**Metals** - When you recycle iron, tin, steel cans and other metal products, nearly all of the material can be reused for future products such as new cookware, construction materials, electronics or even a new bicycle. Collect your recyclable metals in your convenient All-in-One Recycling bin.

**Paper** - You'll contribute to a long list of new products when you recycle old newspaper and other paper products. For example, that recycled paper can become new books, egg cartons, building insulation, boxes, kitty litter, sheetrock and even kitchen countertops. (\*Recycling one ton of paper saves enough energy to power the average American household for six months, or saves 17 trees and 7,000 gallons of water)

**Cardboard** - Your old cardboard boxes and packaging are easily made into new materials with All-in-One Recycling. Cardboard is processed in recycling facilities, then turned back into new boxes and other cardstock products, while using 70% less energy to produce new products by using raw materials alone.

**Glass** - New glass objects are actually easier to make from recycled bottles than from the raw materials. When you recycle glass, it's reused to make new bottles & fiberglass used every day. (\*Recycling one glass container saves enough energy to power a 100-watt light bulb for four hours)

**Plastics** - Plastic is one of the most versatile materials when it comes to recycling. After our facilities sort by type of plastic, the recycled materials can be used for carpeting, backpacks, fleece jackets, play sets, plastic decking, containers and more. Much of what you use every day is made from recycled plastics. (\*Recycling a ton of plastic bottles saves approximately 74 gallons of gas. And the energy saved by recycling one plastic bottle will power a computer for 25 minutes)

\*Why Recycle (Source- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency)?

### Making a Difference Together

Today, more than ever, recycling plays an important role in contributing to a sustainable future. Recycling can significantly reduce reliance on landfills and help conserve natural resources. We are devoted to making recycling effortless and reliable, collecting nearly 5 million tons of recyclable material annually. Take one easy step towards protecting our environment, our families, and our planet.





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## Stormwater Management News

Stormwater management is directly related to our water quality and water quality affects us all. Managing stormwater properly protects wildlife, maintains a healthy environment around us and ensures quality drinking water.

Colebrookdale Township operates Municipal Storm Sewer Systems (MS4). This underground system of pipes carries rainwater and snowmelt away from roads and parking lots and discharges the drainage water into lakes and rivers. Ideally, this system should transport mostly clean water. However, because rainwater and snowmelt from streets, lawns, farms, and construction sites mixes with lawn fertilizers, pesticides, oil, and other pollutants, the runoff becomes contaminated. This contaminated water eventually makes its way to into the storm sewer system and ultimately into our rivers, lakes and streams. Stormwater runoff is the most common cause of water pollution.

What can you do to help prevent storm water pollution? Foremost, NEVER DUMP ANYTHING DOWN STORM DRAINS

### In your yard:

- Use fertilizers sparingly and least toxic pesticides; follow labels
- Compost your yard waste
- Do not wash grass clippings or leaves into the street
- Vegetate bare spots in your yard
- Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces

Pick up after your pet. When it rains, pet waste left on lawns can be washed into storm drains that lead to nearby lakes and streams. Untreated pet waste can cause significant water pollution.

### Automotive Care:

- Go to the car wash instead of washing your car in the street or driveway.
- Check your vehicle for drips and oil leaks regularly and fix them promptly to prevent gasoline, oil, brake and transmission fluids, and anti-freeze from leaking onto the pavement and washing into our streams. A single quart of oil can pollute 250,000 gallons of drinking water!
- Use ground cloths or drip pans under your vehicle if you have leaks or are doing engine work; clean up spills immediately properly disposing of materials.
- Do not pour any engine fluids down floor drains, sinks, storm drains or onto the ground. Collect all used fluids in containers with tight-fitting lids. Many auto supply stores, car care centers, and gas stations will accept used oil or check this website for other drop-off sites: <http://www.co.berks.pa.us/Dept/SWA/Pages/RecyclingCenters.aspx>

## Dear Township Residents,

The 2016 Summer Edition of the Colebrookdale Township semi-annual recycling newsletter is provided to keep you informed of recycling pick-up dates and contact information should you wish to talk to someone in your municipality.

Your elected Commissioners are Todd Gamler, President; William Spade, Vice President; Linwood Bartman, Commissioner; Rudy Rivera, Commissioner and Daniel Ritter, Commissioner.

### Meeting Dates & Times

- Board of Commissioners ~ 1st & 3rd Mondays each month ~ 7:30 pm
- Annual Reorganization will take place January 4th, 2016
- Planning Commission ~ 3rd Thursday each month ~ 7:00 pm
- Transportation Committee meets the last Tuesday each month
- Recreation Committee meets 'as-needed' and will be advertised when planned

All meetings 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.

### Opportunities

Have some spare hours to fill? Enjoy working with and being part of a group? Your community can use you! Contact the Colebrookdale Township office at 610-369-1362 to find out how you can volunteer on various committees. The office staff will be happy to discuss the possibilities and add your name to the list of volunteers who get involved and help to make a difference.

### 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.

Township Manager - Cindy Conrad  
Township Code Enforcement Officer - Paul E. Labe III  
Township Secretary - Jeannie DiSante  
Township Road Master - Michael Hillegas  
Township Solicitor - Jeffrey Karver, Esq.

### Your Township Police Department

Police Chief David Viola  
Police Administration 610-367-5550  
Non-Emergency Police 800-372-9111  
Email: [colebrookdalepd@colebrookdale.org](mailto:colebrookdalepd@colebrookdale.org)

## 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.

## POLLUTION HOTLINE:

If you see any type of Illicit Discharge incident that may impact a storm sewer system, such as an oil spill or other contaminant that may lead to a storm drain, please complete the reporting form found on our website at [http://colebrookdale.org/Stormwater\\_Education/](http://colebrookdale.org/Stormwater_Education/) or contact the Colebrookdale Township Office at 610-369-1362.

Other websites with important Stormwater Management information:

- <http://water.epa.gov/polwaste/npdes/stormwater>
- <http://www.co.berks.pa.us/Dept/Planning/Pages/MS4%20NPDES>
- <http://www.dep.pa.gov>
- <https://www.epa.gov/soakuptherain>



## SPRING AND SUMMER REMINDERS

**Township Ordinance #3-2011 requires the cutting of weeds within 50 feet of a lived-in structure to a height of 8" or less. Persons found in violation of this Ordinance are guilty of a civil offense carrying a fine of up to \$600.00 plus costs.**

In accordance with PA DEP Sewage Facilities Act #537, households served by septic systems should have them professionally inspected tanks pumped every three to five years. The frequency of pumping depends upon tank size and household size. Larger households generally require more frequent pumping, every one or two years. Home owners should also practice water conservation measures to extend the life of their septic systems. Contact the Township office for more information.

The Township Dog Ordinance #1-2009 regulates and prohibits certain nuisances involving the ownership of dogs and prescribes remedies and penalties for the violation of this ordinance. Sections include Noise Disturbance, Animal Defecation and disposal of same on both private and public property. Violators are subject to fines of up to \$600.00 & imprisonment.

More Dog DO's: The PA Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement states that all dogs over 3 months of age must be licensed and under control at all times. This means that when your dog is not on your property, it must be reasonably controlled by you or a handler. Please visit this website, <http://www.licenseyourdogpa.gov/> for more information and application.

## CODE ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT

After 28 years, in various roles of dedicated service to the Township, our Code Enforcement Officer Allen Stauffer retired February 29, 2016. Please join the Colebrookdale Township Board of Commissioners, office staff, road crew and police personnel in wishing Allen the best in his retirement years ahead.

February 16, 2016 the Township Commissioners appointed LTL Consultants, LTD to serve the Township with the responsibilities of residential building/zoning permits and inspections.

To schedule an appointment contact Paul E. Labe III at 610-987-9290 Colebrookdale Township's new Code Enforcement Officer. He is available at the Colebrookdale Township office Mondays between 2:00 and 4:00 pm. LTL Consultants are located at One Town Centre Drive, Oley, PA 19547. CEO Labe's email is: [plabe@ltdconsultants.com](mailto:plabe@ltdconsultants.com).

The building and zoning applications are available at the Township offices or can be downloaded from the Township website. Contact CEO Paul Labe at LTL Consultants if you need help with the application.

## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

During the summer months a number of road projects will begin on Township roads. Expect delays as contractors and the road crew work on paving and patch and repair work for road improvements. Your patience when encountering delays on these roads is appreciated. Please contact the Township Road Master at 610-369-1220 to report potholes or road damage

## LANDLORD PROPERTY OWNERS

Ordinance #10-92 requires that every owner of a rental dwelling be responsible to Colebrookdale Township to certify a list of all tenants on or before September 1 of each calendar year. Every owner of a rental unit or units who fails to submit the required list shall, upon conviction in a summary proceeding, be liable to a fine of \$100.00 for each offense and in default thereof, imprisonment not exceeding 30 days.

If you need tenant forms, contact the Township office. Failure to receive tenant forms from the Township shall not relieve or excuse compliance with Ordinance #10-92, and penalties may be imposed for your failure to obtain and file the tenant list forms