

2014-15

Winter Recycling Newsletter

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Remainder of 2014

Recycling Pick-Up Dates

REUSE ~ REDUCE ~ RECYCLE

ZONE 1	ZONE 2
11/10/2014	11/3/2014
11/24/2014	11/17/2014
12/8/2014	12/1/2014
12/22/2014	12/15/2014
	12/29/2014

FALL LEAF & YARD WASTE CLEAN-UP DAYS

- Saturday, November 22nd, 2014
- Saturday, November 29th, 2014

*Leaf burning is NOT PERMITTED
in Colebrookdale Township*

TREES FROM CHRISTMAS 2014 WILL BE PICKED UP

- Saturdays, January 3rd & 10th, 2015

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.

Recycling In the Community What can you do?

Each of us can make a difference by reducing, reusing, and recycling materials throughout our communities and encouraging our neighbors to do the same.

On Earth Day, April 22, show your commitment to a clean environment by volunteering for a cleanup effort in your community or initiating a cleanup effort in your school, on your street, along roadsides, vacant lots, or other local areas. Remind your friends not to litter.

Organize a recycling drive in your neighborhood or school. Collect bottles, glass, plastic, newspapers, used CDs, or books, and take them to your local recycling center or reuse organizations, such as charities.

Share the ride and the road. When going to work or school, try carpooling, biking, walking, or riding public transportation to reduce pollution. (Take the initiative and organize a carpool if there is not one available to you).

Berks County Recycling Drop-Off Program

Please visit the Berks County Solid Waste Authority website at <http://www.co.berks.pa.us/Dept/swa> to get information on what, where and how to recycle a variety of items including: electronics, pharmaceuticals, hazardous waste, paper shredding, tires.

The Berks County Solid Waste Authority is located at 633 Court Street, Services Center, 14th Floor, Reading, PA 19601 and can be reached by phone: (610) 478-6362 - Office, (610) 478-3470 - Fax.

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SPRING YARD WASTE
CLEAN-UP COLLECTION DAYS
- Saturdays May 2nd & 9th, 2015

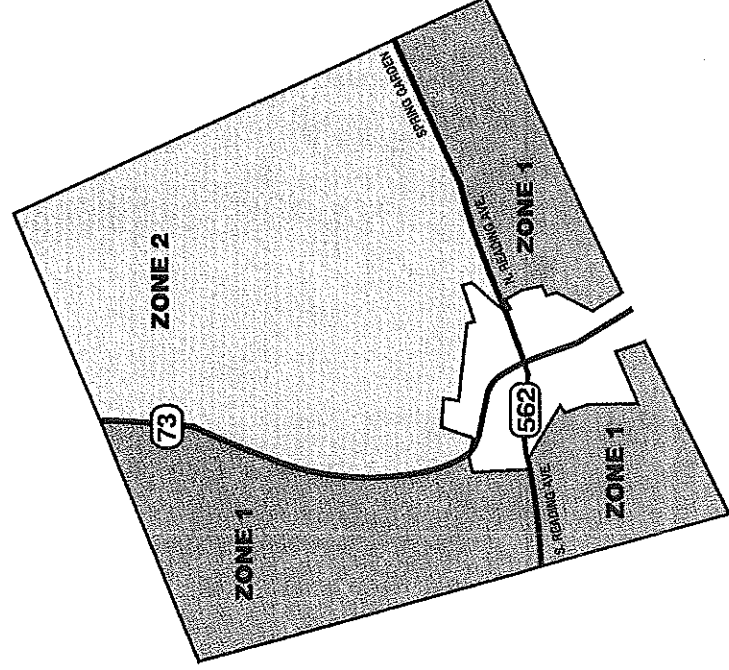
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CLEAN-UP DAYS

- Saturday, November 21st, 2015
- Saturday, November 28th, 2015

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TREES FROM CHRISTMAS 2015
WILL BE PICKED UP

- Saturdays, January 2nd & 9th, 2016



ZONE 1

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12/28/2015

** Tuesday pickup

due to Monday Holiday

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HOW TO PREPARE YOUR RECYCLING

The Township is divided into two collection zones with recyclable pickup provided on alternating weeks. Each homeowner and tenant is provided with two recycling bins. Write your address on the bins in black permanent marker or paint so they can be returned if lost. All glass, cans, bottles, plastics and paper can be comingled. Fold/cut corrugated cardboard to the size of a newspaper, tie with twine, place beside or on top of filled bins or stack into a corrugated box the size of the recycling bin or smaller.

Weigh down your lighter plastic and aluminum items by placing paper bags, filled with your newspapers and cardboard, on top of the container. DO put your paper recyclables out even if it is raining.

DO NOT place trash or garbage in the recycling bins. The recycling haulers will not empty the bins that contain rubbish.

Plastics: You may recycle plastics marked 1 through 7. All plastics must be food and beverage containers and laundry and dish detergent containers that fit into your green recycling bin. Lids & caps should be removed and placed in regular garbage. Containers should be rinsed and crushed when possible.

DO NOT use plastic grocery bags to collect recyclables OR place loose plastic grocery bags in the recycling bins. These can be recycled at local grocery stores. If the haulers see these bags, or any other plastic trash bags, in or beside the Township recycling bins, they will not take the bags or empty the bins.

Glass: Clear, green and brown bottles & jars. Remove lids and rinse bottles and jars. DO NOT include drinking or window glass, ceramics, Pyrex, or light bulbs. DO NOT break any glass for recycling.

Aluminum and Bi-Metal Cans: Aluminum food and beverage cans only. Any bi-metal food containers such as vegetables, fruit, soup & juice. Rinse and crush whenever possible.

Aerosol cans, aluminum foil, pie tins, siding, hangars, Styrofoam are NOT acceptable for recycling.

Recycling At Work—What can you do?

Engage and motivate your coworkers to buy green products and help reduce waste. Learn more about how your office can go green!

Recycle office paper, newspapers, beverage containers, electronic equipment and batteries. Check with your local recycling facility to see what materials they accept.

Consider using safer alternatives to common and potentially hazardous chemicals used in products and processes.

To help reduce waste, use two-sided printing and copying, buy supplies made with recycled content, and recycle used printer cartridges.

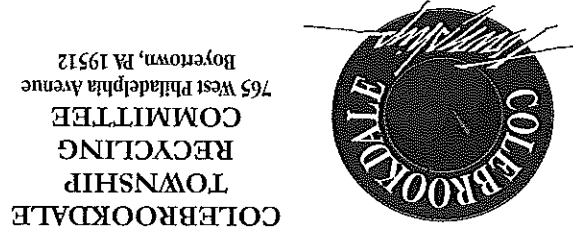
When purchasing new electronics, consider a leasing program that includes proper reuse and recycling.

After office festivities, put leftovers in recyclable containers, and share them with family, friends, or others. Donate whole, untouched leftovers from parties to a local food bank or homeless shelter.

RECYCLING HOTLINE: 610-367-8437

The Township's current contract with Republic Services (formerly Allied Waste Services), a division of BFI expires 12/31/14. A new 5-year contract was awarded to Republic Services as the lowest bidder in October 2014. They will continue collecting all Township residential recycling on the every-two-week schedule, as has been in place, for each of the two recycling zones listed above. The last six years Allied Waste Services has delivered exceptional service to our residents with minimal missed pickups. They assure us that they will continue to make every effort to see that all residents have their recycling picked up as scheduled. Please place 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.

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Dear Township Residents,

We are pleased to bring to you the Winter 2014/2015 Edition of the Colebrookdale Township Semi-Annual Recycling Newsletter. 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 at 610-367-8437.

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 are Todd M. Ganter, President; William D. Spade, Vice President; Daniel G. F. Ritter, Commissioner; Linwood L. Bateman, Commissioner; and Barry F. Baus, Commissioner.

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 ~ 1st & 3rd Mondays each month ~ 7:30 pm
 ~ Annual Reorganization will take place January 7th, 2013
 ~ Planning Commission ~ 3rd Thursday each month ~ 7:00 pm
 ~ Transportation Committee meets the last Tuesday each month

The 2015 meeting dates for the purpose of budget preparation shall be held on the following dates: September 14, October 13, October 26, and November 9, November 23. 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 feel free to contact us for any need or concern within the Township.

Manager - Cindy Conrad
 Code Enforcement Officer - Allen Stauffer
 Secretary - Jeannie Disante
 Road Master - Bruce Sands
 Solicitor - Attorney Jeffrey Karver
 Colebrookdale Township Police Department
 Police Chief - David Viola
 PD Office 610-367-5550 PD Fax 610-367-2473
 Non-Emergency Police 1-800-372-9111
 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: _____

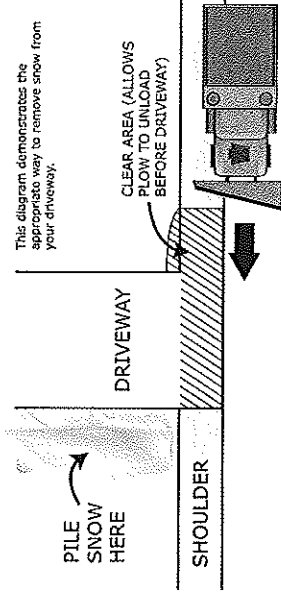
Any other information you would like to aid us in assisting you in the event of an actual emergency: _____

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

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.



Winter Weather Tips

In Colebrookdale Township, the Road Crew will carefully monitor road conditions at the on 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 opening storm drains and mailbox areas. It is greatly appreciated and helps the road crew do a better job for you.

Eliminate snow piles at the driveway entrance whenever possible, high accumulations of snow will obstruct the vision of motorists when exiting from the driveway and hinder the ability of oncoming motorists to see you pulling out of the driveway, creating another potential for accidents.

DO NOT push snow out onto roads at any time. This creates hazardous driving conditions for all vehicles. Remember to be patient. We all need to cooperate with the road crew and allow them to do their job as quickly and carefully as possible.

Winterizing your mailbox

The location of your mailbox can affect the efficiency of both mail service and snow plowing operations. 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. 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.

Winter Weather Information

NOTE of interest: the following roadways are owned by PennDOT. They have the responsibility of clearing and treating for winter events. Please call the PennDOT District 5 Maintenance office at 610-929-0766 to report any 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.)

PennDOT has available a Winter Services Guide which is available at <http://www.dot.state.pa.us/>. Their webpage provides winter driving tips as well as safety laws.

Concerning regulations for clearing snow and ice from sidewalks, all residents and business owners shall be responsible for clearing the sidewalks within 24 hours after the storm has ended. Please know that 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 offence will be charged. For additional information and directives, please read the complete Township Ordinance No. 2-2011 available at www.colebrookdale.org or pick up a copy at the Township office. Your understanding and cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Stormwater Management

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PA DEP) is a great source for information on how to handle stormwater and protect our properties. Please visit their website at http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/stormwater_management/21377

The Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy & its Mission

The Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy was established in 1964 to combat increasingly poor water quality throughout the Perkiomen Creek watershed. For 45 years, the Conservancy has been committed to protecting the water resources of the Perkiomen Creek through a dedication to and expertise in Environmental Education, Conservation and Stewardship. The Conservancy's service area includes 362 square miles of diverse communities and spectacular landscapes in western Montgomery County and substantial areas of Bucks, Berks and Lehigh Counties. A population of more than 500,000 individuals and thousands of businesses rely on water from the Perkiomen Creek or its associated local aquifers for their water supplies. The Conservancy promotes the concept that we all live downstream from someone & therefore we all need to protect our water resources.

Please visit their website, <http://www.perkiomenwatershed.org/> for many informative discussion blogs, maps of the Perkiomen Creek watershed, special events and consider becoming a member. Specifically, important information concerning their Stormwater Management - Perkiomen MS4 Partnership is found on this page:

www.perkiomenwatershed.org/stormwater-management/

United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Learn about Water

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.

www2.epa.gov/learn-issues/learn-about-water

Watersheds

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.

www.water.epa.gov/type/watersheds/index.cfm