

# BOROUGH SERVICES SCHEDULE

## JANUARY ~ JUNE 2016

YARD WASTE AND RECYCLING CONTAINERS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT THE BOROUGH OFFICE. THE COST IS \$13 EACH FOR A 20 GALLON CONTAINER.

### YARDWASTE COLLECTION

Month	PLACE YARD WASTE CONTAINERS OUT BY 7AM ON MONDAY OF THE FOLLOWING WEEKS:
January 2016	25th - weather permitting
February	22nd - weather permitting
March	21st
April	25th
May	23rd
June	20th

#### Yard Waste Guidelines

- Different trucks collect various types of yard waste and not always at the same time. Therefore, yard waste must be placed in your regular refuse collection area by **7am on Monday morning** to be collected sometime that week
- No bags or boxes will be accepted – only open containers.
- Yard waste containers may not have lids and must be marked with the complete word “yard waste” in large letters on all sides of the can.
- All yard waste containers must have drainage holes in the bottom of the can and hand holds.
- Limbs 1”-12” in diameter must be neatly stacked in the regular refuse collection area with cut ends facing one direction towards the street or alley
- Plants, twigs, and any bush trimmings smaller than 1” diameter, must be put in open containers not exceeding 45 pounds, or, bound together in bundles not exceeding 4-feet in length or 45-pounds in weight using cotton or sisal

twine only. **Bagged items and unbound loose piles will not be picked up!**

- Tree stumps or branches larger than 12” in diameter may be placed for collection, but will be picked up separately from the other yard waste.
- The Borough does not collect grass clippings.
- Pumpkins, gourds, hay bales, and other vegetation used for seasonal decorations will be collected as yard waste.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Any items not at the appropriate pick-up location by the described time will be missed.

**STREET SWEEPING** ~ Begins the month of April and ends in October. Street sweeping will start the first weekday of every month for a one week period of time.

#### **RECYCLING COLLECTION ~ EVERY WEEK**

Place recycling cans out for collection not before dusk of the day before your collection and not after 7 AM of the day of collection.

#### Holiday Refuse/Recycling Schedule (Subject to change):

- Holiday on Monday = Tuesday is collection day
- Holiday on Tuesday = Wednesday is collection day
- Holiday on Wednesday = Thursday is collection day
- Holiday on Thursday = Friday is collection day
- Holiday on Friday = Thursday (prior to holiday) is collection day

#### **SPRING LEAF COLLECTION ~ MARCH 7 THROUGH 11 / APRIL 4 THROUGH 8**

#### The Borough office will be closed on the following dates:

- January 1 – New Year’s Day
- January 18 - Martin Luther King Day
- February 15 - President’s Day

Please contact the Borough office at (717) 838-6361 if you have any questions.

Winter 2016



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# Our Town News

### **BOROUGH TAXES TO INCREASE IN 2016**

Borough Council has authorized the property tax millage to increase from 2.20 to 2.85 mills for 2016. What does this mean for your property? A mill is equal to 1/1000th of the United States dollar, or expressed as a decimal .001 dollars. The assessed value of each real estate property is multiplied by the millage rate expressed as a decimal to determine the annual real estate tax bill.

According to the June 2014 Lebanon County Assessment, the average assessed property value in the Borough is \$178,691. How is the real estate tax calculated based on this assessment figure?

$$\$178,691 \times .00285 = \$509.27 \text{ per year}$$

If your property is assessed at a higher rate, the annual tax will be more than the example. Conversely, if your property tax is assessed at a lower rate, the annual tax will be lower than the example.

Council plans to use the tax increase to cover the additional costs of stormwater improvements, sinkhole repairs, and to secure the loan for the construction of the new fire station.

### **BOROUGH COUNCIL APPROVES SMALL INCREASE TO REFUSE RATE BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2016**

Residents will experience a \$2.00 quarterly increase in refuse rates beginning January 1, 2016. The increase will allow the Borough to maintain adequate funding for vehicle replacements.

The rate will be increasing from \$55.00 per quarter to \$57.00. This increase will change your quarterly bill as follows:

Sewer	\$70.00
Refuse	\$57.00
<b>Total quarterly bill</b>	<b>\$127.00</b>

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#### Borough Council

- Brian Craig
- Pat Hennessy
- Carissa Mellinger
- Beth Shearer
- Mark Smith
- Joe Templin
- Ralph Watts

#### Mayor

- Fred Carpenter

#### Borough Management

- Roger Powl, Borough Mgr
- Brenda Pera, Asst Borough Mgr
- Scott Plouse, Public Works Superintendent
- Stan Jasinski, Police Chief
- James Hunt, Lieutenant

## BUY A PAVER FOR FIREMAN'S PARK

The Fireman's Park renovation project is underway. Consider helping to the renovations by purchasing a paver to honor your family, remember a loved one, or commemorate a veteran.

There are two options for pavers:

- 1) Red pavers will be placed in the area designated for military flags to honor veterans. The red pavers are available in two sizes - 12" x 12" or 6" x 6."
- 2) Gray pavers will be placed in the gazebo area and also come in two sizes - 12" x 12" or 6" x 6"

More information will be available on our website at [www.palmyraborough.org](http://www.palmyraborough.org) or by calling the Borough office at 717-838-6361.

## ELECTRONIC INVOICING OPTION IS NOW AVAILABLE

The Borough is pleased to announce that quarterly sewer/refuse invoices from us are available by e-mail. The service is free—there are no fees or service charges to pay.

We will send invoices as e-mail attachments in PDF (Portable Document Format). PDF is a universal file format that preserves the formatting and layout of the form, whether you print it or view it onscreen. PDF files are compact in size and can be viewed with free Acrobat® Reader® software. This software is available at <https://get.adobe.com/reader/>.

Please contact our office if you wish to sign up for electronic invoicing. We can be reached at 717-838-6361 Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. If you have any questions about this service, do not hesitate to give us a call.

## PALMYRA POLICE OFFER A PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE-BACK PROGRAM FOR UNUSED PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Prescription drug misuse, abuse and overdose are growing concerns across the nation. Prescription drug abuse has quadrupled in the past ten years; it now results in more deaths than all illicit street drugs combined. In addition, improper disposal of prescription drugs could create environmental hazards impacting groundwater and rivers and harming wildlife.

A prescription drug drop box is available at the Palmyra Police Department. Access to the drop box is available between the hours of 8 AM and 4 PM, Monday through Friday.

### Preparing items for disposal at a Take-Back Box location

All pharmaceutical drugs that are being disposed of need to be in a sealed container such as the original bottle or a zip-lock bag. They may not be disposed of loosely. Personal information should be removed or blotted out with a permanent marker.

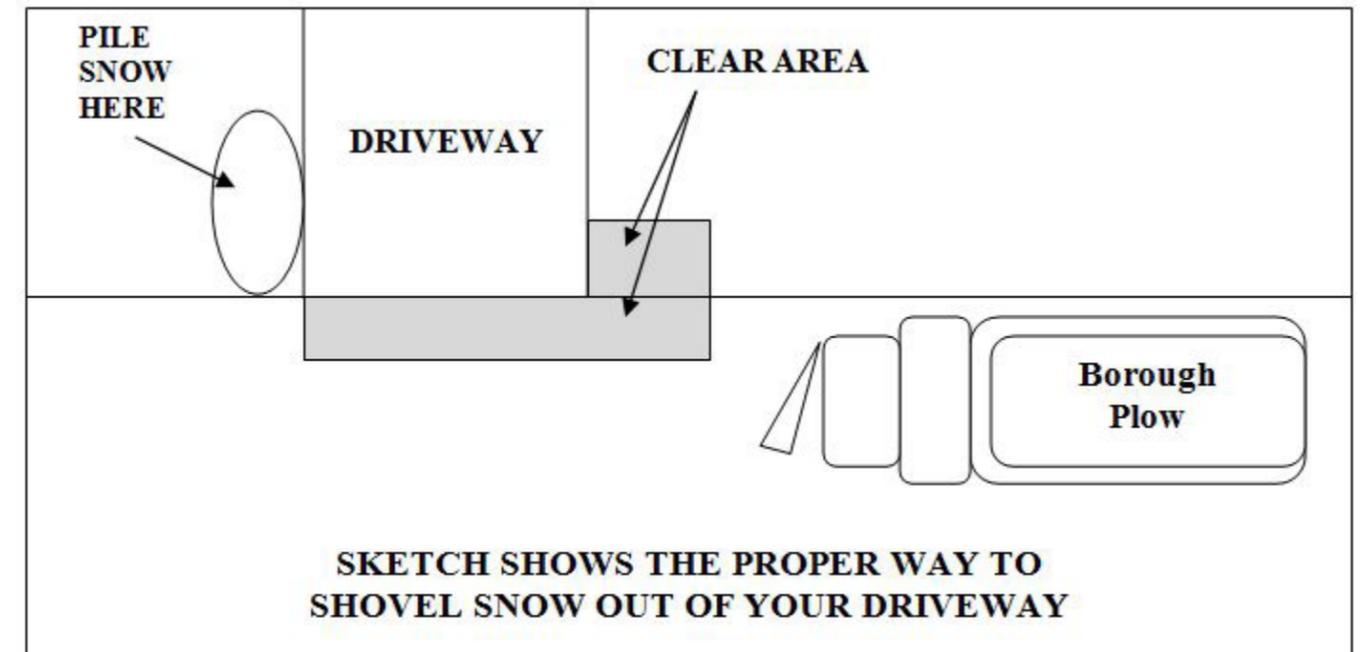
### Items Accepted

Prescription and over-the-counter solid medications, tablets and capsules, and pet medicines\*

### Items NOT Accepted

Intravenous solutions, liquid medications, inhalers, creams, ointments,  
nasal sprays, injectables and needles\*

\*Please check with your drop off location for a complete list of items accepted or not accepted.



## RULES FOR THE REMOVAL OF SNOW AND ICE FROM SIDEWALKS

There is no doubt that the winter months will bring winter weather. Before the next snow or ice event, please read and understand the rules for snow and ice removal from sidewalks. The requirements are as follows:

- The owner of any lot containing, fronting on or abutting on an improved sidewalk shall remove and clear away or cause to be removed and cleared away snow and/or ice from a path at least 36 inches in width from so much of said sidewalk as is within, in front of or abuts the lot.
- Snow and ice shall be removed from sidewalks within 24 hours after the cessation of any fall of snow, sleet or freezing rain.
- In the event snow and/or ice on a sidewalk has become so hard that it cannot be removed without likelihood of damage to the sidewalk, the person charged with its removal shall, within the 24 hours mentioned previously, cause enough sand or other abrasive to be put on the sidewalk to make travel reasonably safe. Said person shall, as soon thereafter as weather permits, clear or cause to be cleared a path in said sidewalk of at least 36 inches in width.
- The owner of any building or other structure shall remove and clear away, or cause to be removed and cleared away any accumulation of snow and/or ice on said building or other structure which is liable to fall on any sidewalk, street, highway or other public way. Such work shall be completed within a reasonable time, but not later than 24 hours after the cessation of any fall of snow, sleet or freezing rain.
- No person shall deposit or cause to be deposited any snow or ice on to neighboring properties without the express consent of the neighboring property owner or immediately next to a fire hydrant or on any sidewalk, street or highway or loading or unloading areas of a public transportation system, except that snow or ice may be mounded by the Borough on public cartways incident to the cleaning thereof or mounded on curbs incident to the cleaning of sidewalks in the business district.

Borough Council has empowered the Code Enforcement Officer and/or the Palmyra Police Department with the enforcement of this ordinance. Any person who violates any provision of this ordinance shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than \$75 nor more than \$600 plus costs. Each day that a violation continues shall be considered a separate offense.