

# Borough Services Schedule

## October - December 2018

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:
October	22nd
November	26th
December	17th - weather permitting

#### 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 not exceeding 33-gallons in size
- 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 handles of adequate strength for lifting.
- Limbs 1"-12" in diameter and in excess of 4 ft. 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 placed 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.

#### FALL LEAF COLLECTION ~ BEGINS OCTOBER 1ST THROUGH END OF SEASON

Leaves are collected curbside. All leaves for collection must be placed curbside by 7 AM Monday morning for collection sometime during that week. Leaves will not be collected from any alleys.

**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

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

- October 8th - Columbus Day
- November 12 - Veteran's Day (Observed)
- November 23 - Thanksgiving Day
- December 25 - Christmas Day
- January 1, 2019 - New Year Day

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

Fall 2018



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# Our Town News

## ATTENTION

### EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

### RECYCLE THESE ITEMS ONLY



**CANS**  
Aluminum & Steel



**PLASTIC**  
Bottles & Jugs  
**NO LIDS**



**NEWSPAPER**  
Clean & Dry  
No Food Contact



**GLASS**  
Bottles & Jars  
**NO LIDS**



**CARDBOARD**  
Dry & Flattened  
No Food Contact



**OTHER PLASTIC JARS & CONTAINERS**  
With openings smaller than the base

### WHEN IN DOUBT—THROW IT OUT

- NO - PLASTIC BAGS
- NO - MEDICAL WASTE
- NO - OFFICE PAPER
- NO - GARDEN HOSES
- NO - STYROFOAM
- NO - CLOTHES
- NO - SHREDDED PAPER
- NO - FOOD/LIQUID
- NO - SCRAP METAL
- NO - DIAPERS
- NO - MAGAZINES

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#### Borough Council

- Beth Shearer, President
- Don Barry
- Josh Holl
- Carissa Mellinger
- Jane Quairol
- Joe Templin

#### Mayor

- Fred Carpenter

#### Borough Management

- Roger Powl, Borough Mgr
- Brenda Pera, Asst Borough Mgr

#### Codes Enforcement

- Michelle Bowman

#### Public Works

- Scott Plouse, Superintendent

#### Police

- Stan Jasinski, Police Chief



## REFUSE & RECYCLING



### KEEP OR OUTSOURCE TO A PRIVATE HAULER?

The Borough is facing a decision on the future of the refuse & recycling collection program. According to a June 8, 2018 article in Bloomberg, “recycling markets were upended in 2017 when China, as part of an anti-pollution crackdown, announced it would stop importing most used plastic and paper. One reason: Too many imported recyclables were contaminated, sometimes with hazardous substances like lead and mercury. The decision sent prices of scrap plastic and recovered paper tumbling, creating a crisis for municipalities that had relied on such sales to subsidize curbside recycling. In the U.S., the average price of used corrugated cardboard fell 36 percent. It hasn’t been easy to find other takers for used plastic, since lower oil prices have made virgin plastic cheaper than recycled. While other nations like India and Vietnam have been importing more recyclables, they don’t come close to handling the amount China once did.”

While dealing with the impending changes to the recycling market, the Borough has also been informed that the Waste Management recycling transfer station located on E. High Street is likely to close. This is more troublesome for the Borough because there is currently no tipping charge to the Borough for dumping recyclables at this location.

Since, the types of recyclables that will be accepted is changing, more will be placed into the refuse at higher tipping costs. Additionally, the Borough will need to haul recyclables to one of two locations, Reazer’s Recycling in Lebanon at a cost of \$75 per ton, or Penn Waste in Manchester, at \$40 per ton. The combination of issues will require a significant increase in service fees for the Borough.

To keep the existing Borough operated refuse/recycling service, the Borough will need to hire additional employees to handle recycling daily.

Another option to keep reasonable service fees is to outsource the program to a private hauler through a bid contract. To make a true comparison on the costs to retain the refuse program or outsourcing to a private hauler, Borough Council would like to know what level of service the community expects. A survey is enclosed with this newsletter to determine this information.

***Please answer all questions and return the survey to the Borough with your sewer/refuse payment.***

You may also return the completed survey to our office:  
Monday – Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

An after-hours drop box is available at the entrance to the Municipal office if these hours are inconvenient.

The survey will be available on our website at [www.palmyraborough.org](http://www.palmyraborough.org).

**The deadline for submitting the survey is October 31, 2018.**

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

### ~ RENTAL REGISTRATION REMINDER ~

***Remember to register your tenants for 2019. Rental registration forms must be submitted to the Borough by December 31, 2018.***

***The form is available on the website at [www.palmyraborough.org](http://www.palmyraborough.org)***

## CITIZEN’S FIRE COMPANY #1

### Annual Open House

**Sunday, October 7, 2018 – 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM**

Citizens Fire Co. #1 will kick off 2018 Fire Prevention Week with their Annual Open House. This year it will be hosted on Sunday, October 7, 2018 beginning at 1 PM. Activities will include free food, kids fire hose training, T-shirt sales. The Central PA Blood Bank and Veterans Outreach Bus will be available. And don’t forget to take a Fire House Tour!

## TRICK OR TREAT

**Wednesday , OCTOBER 31, 2018 - 6:00 TO 8:00 PM**

The Palmyra Police Department would like to remind all ghosts and goblins to practice safety when trick-or-treating by following these tips:

- Wear comfortable shoes
- Carry a flashlight
- Wear something with a reflector on it
- Do not cross the street in the middle of the block – cross at the crosswalks
- Always trick or treat with an adult
- Never go into a stranger’s house
- Throw away any homemade or unwrapped treats



***And remember, do not knock on doors where the porch light is turned off!***

## WATER QUALITY MATTERS!

We should do everything possible to protect and preserve our water quality. We can all make a difference by adopting the following best practices:

- Fertilize your lawn and landscape only when necessary. Test your soil to identify how much fertilizer you need.
- Use a mulching lawn mower that leaves shredded grass clippings on the lawn. These clippings act as a natural mulch and provide nutrients back into your lawn.
- If you do not use a mulching mower, consider composting grass clippings. Do not dump grass clippings in a stormwater drain, drainage swale, or other stormwater management facility. Remove grass clippings from the street.
- Plant more native trees, shrubs, and perennials in your yard. They use more stormwater, which reduces stormwater runoff.
- Pick up pet waste and properly dispose of it in a trash can.
- Use phosphate-free cleaning materials.
- If you have an on-lot sanitary sewage system, regularly have it inspected and pumped out.
- Wash your car at a commercial car wash or on your lawn, so sudsy wash water does not drain into the stormwater system.