

BOROUGH SERVICES SCHEDULE

OCTOBER ~ DECEMBER 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: |
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| October | 24th |
| November | 21st |
| December | 19th-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.
- 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 grasping and lifting.**

- 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.

FALL LEAF COLLECTION ~ BEGINS OCTOBER 3RD THROUGH END OF SEASON

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

COLLECTION OF CHRISTMAS TREES & OTHER EVERGREEN DECORATIONS

All Christmas trees and other evergreen decorations will be collected the entire month of January on the scheduled refuse day (weather and equipment permitting). All materials (e.g., ribbons, decorations, tree stands, nails, wire, etc.) must be removed from the greens.

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:

- Columbus Day - Monday, October 10th
- Veteran's Day - Friday, November 11th
- Thanksgiving Day - November 24th
- Christmas Day - December 26th
- New Year's Day - January 2, 2017

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

Fall 2016



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Our Town News

BOROUGH TO BEGIN ANNUAL ENFORCEMENT OF RENTAL UNIT REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT

Borough Council passed the residential rental unit registration Ordinance #741 in January 2012. Many landlords have complied with the requirement to registers tenants. The Borough has tried to work with landlords by allowing registrations to carry over from year to year with the understanding that new registration information would be submitted within 60 days of a tenants change.

Newsletters are sent to tenants quarterly as a service to those that live within the Borough. If a tenant no longer lives at the rental unit, the Borough receives a change notice from the Post Office with an invoice for each change notice. The number of address change notices the Borough receives quarterly for tenant mailings has been steadily increasing. Therefore, the Borough will need to enforce the rental registration requirements annually. Failure to submit a registration form according to the Ordinance could result in a fine. A condensed version of the Ordinance is as follows:

The owner of each residential rental unit shall register each residential rental unit by January 1 of each calendar year or within sixty (60) days after a change in the occupancy of the residential rental unit. A residential rental unit registration shall be valid until December 31st of the year in which it is issued.

The Borough as a courtesy may forward a notice that a residential rental registration will expire and must be renewed, but the failure of the Borough to send such notice or the failure of the owner to receive such notice shall not excuse the owner of a residential rental unit from making an application to and/or renewing a residential rental unit registration.

Prior to initial occupancy of newly constructed residential rental units, newly created residential rental units, or substantially rehabilitated residential rental units, the owner shall register each such residential rental unit with the Borough.

Violations. It shall be a violation of this Part to commit or to permit any other person to commit any of the following acts:

- To lease, let, or allow the occupancy of a residential rental unit without registering such residential rental unit where required by this Part.
- To place false information on or to omit relevant information from an application for a residential rental unit registration.
- To fail to comply with any other provision of this Part.

Penalties and remedies.

- Whoever violates any provision of this Part shall be fined not less than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) nor more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) and in default of payment thereof, shall be imprisoned for not more than ninety (90) days.

For a copy of the Ordinance, please contact the Borough office at 717-838-6361 or on the website www.palmyraborough.org.

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FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

COMPLIANCE WITH CROSSING GATE OR BARRIER AT RAILROAD CROSSINGS

All motorists are being reminded that Pennsylvania Vehicle Code Law prohibits drivers from driving through, around or under any crossing gate or barrier at a railroad crossing while the gate or barrier is being opened or closed.

Violation of this law is a summary offense and, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of from \$200 to \$500. Also, a person found guilty of this section receives 4 Points AND 30 days suspension.

Palmyra Borough Police will be strictly enforcing this traffic law.

TRICK OR TREAT

MONDAY, OCTOBER 31 • 6:00 - 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!

CITIZEN'S FIRE COMPANY #1

RECOGNIZES NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK BY HOSTING THEIR LAST OPEN HOUSE ON NORTH COLLEGE STREET!

Citizen's Fire Co. #1 will hold their annual Fire Prevention and Safety Open House on October 13, 2016 beginning at 6:30 PM at the Fire House on North College Street. This will be the last time the Open House will be held at the current fire station because a completion date for the new fire house is anticipated in Spring 2017. Tours of the old station will be offered and updates on the new building progress will be shared. The event will also include Safety Stations for Kids, an Inflatable Safety House, Patches and Pumper, several Fire, EMS, and Police Units. Come early and register for Door Prizes.

This Open House is part of National Fire Prevention Week which was established to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire and Peshtigo Fire in Northeast Wisconsin. Both tragic fires occurred in 1871.

Those who survived the Chicago and Peshtigo fires never forgot what they'd been through; both blazes produced countless tales of bravery and heroism. But the fires also changed the way that firefighters and public officials thought about fire safety. In 1920, President Woodrow Wilson issued the first National Fire Prevention Day proclamation, and since 1922, Fire Prevention Week has been observed on the Sunday through Saturday period in which October 9 falls.



DO YOU KNOW THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WASTE WATER & STORM WATER DRAIN SYSTEMS?

A wastewater (sewer) system and a storm drain system are not the same — they are completely different systems. When you wash your dishes, take a shower, or flush your toilet, that water from your home flows into a wastewater treatment plant where it is treated and filtered.

However, the water that flows off your driveway and yard, into the street, and down a storm drain directly flows to a stream, lake, river, or ocean. As it travels, it picks up pollutants that are never treated. This is commonly referred to as illicit discharge.

An illicit discharge is the discharge of any substance that is not storm water into a storm water system. The discharge can occur via overland flow or direct dumping of materials into a catch basin. Not only is this bad for our environment, but putting materials into a storm water system is illegal.

Illicit discharge is a problem because storm water flows directly into our local waterways. Unlike wastewater from your home, which flows to a wastewater treatment plant for treatment prior to discharge, storm water does not receive any additional treatment. Illicit discharges can dump chemicals, nutrients, and other toxic pollutants into our creeks, streams, and rivers.

Illicit discharge can be an unintentional situation or an intentional dumping that allows pollutants into the storm water system.

Examples of illicit discharge include:

- Dumping motor oil, paint, or other household hazardous waste into a catch basin.
- Allowing wash water from a car wash to enter a storm drain.
- Connecting basement drains to storm water systems.
- Placing lawn clippings or other yard waste into a storm water system or in a location that can carry it into a storm water system during a storm.
- Leaving spilled contaminants, such as oil or gasoline, on pavement so that it washes into the storm water system during a subsequent rain event.

What Can You Do? We should do everything possible to protect and preserve our ground and surface water quality. We can all make a difference by taking a few simple steps:

- Check with your municipality and county for household hazardous waste drop-off locations and times.
- Volunteer to help your municipality prevent dumping into storm water drains by marking them.
- Clean up spills on pavement as soon as possible using cat litter or other absorbent material.
- Read chemical labels and purchase non-hazardous options whenever possible.
- Contact your local municipality if you observe illegal dumping/illicit discharge, or if you see anyone pouring something into a storm drain inlet, ditch, or stream.
- Never place yard waste near a storm water system, including along a back property line, along a stream bank, in the woods, or in another off-road area.

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