

Borough Services Schedule April - September 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:
April	23rd
May	21st
June	25th
July	23rd
August	27th
September	24th

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.

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.

SPRING LEAF COLLECTION ~ APRIL 2ND THROUGH 6TH

Leaves will not be collected from any alleys. No limbs, grass or yard waster may be mixed in with the leaves.

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:

Memorial Day - May 28th
 Independence Day - July 4th
 Labor Day - September 3rd
 Columbus Day - October 8th

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

Spring 2018



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BOROUGH ANNOUNCES THAT SOME RESIDENTS WILL EXPERIENCE A CHANGE IN THEIR REFUSE/RECYCLING COLLECTION DAY

On Monday, April 2, 2018, the Borough refuse/recycling program will be making changes to the current collection routes to make the service more efficient and cost effective. A letter has been sent to each affected property and to tenants of any rental properties. If you received a letter, please make sure to adhere to the changes beginning April 2, 2018. If you did not receive a letter, then your refuse collection day will not change.

We hope to implement these changes with little interruption or inconvenience to you. If you have any questions regarding this information, please do not hesitate to contact our office. A list of addresses of the affected properties is available on the Borough's website at www.palmyraborough.org. An updated refuse collection route map is included in this newsletter for your convenience.

SPRING CLEANUP

Spring is the time when property owners do a little Spring cleaning. The Zoning & Codes Enforcement Officer wants to remind property owners of the following items that are frequently cited as violations:

- All unregistered and/or uninspected vehicles from the street and private property will need to be removed.
- Lawns must be kept mowed and maintained.
- All trees must be trimmed to 14 ft. above the road and 10 ft. above the sidewalk.

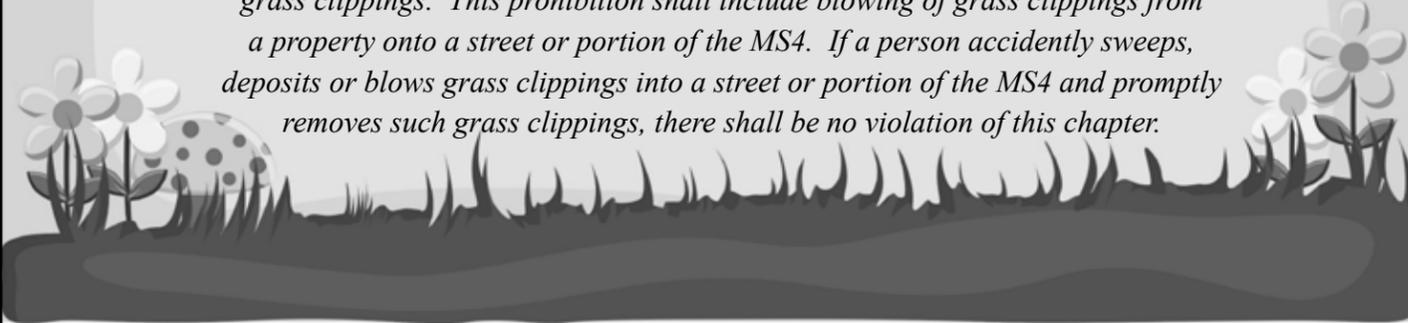
Any planned improvements, such as a new shed, deck, swimming pool, etc. will require a permit. Please make sure to contact Michelle Bowman, Zoning & Codes Enforcement Officer, to discuss your plan and determine what type of permit will be required.

Borough Council is looking for interested individuals to serve on the Zoning Hearing Board. There is currently two vacancies - a vacancy for a Board Member and Alternate Board Member. If you are interested in learning more about this Board, please contact the Borough office.

RESIDENTS ARE PROHIBITED FROM BLOWING GRASS INTO THE STREET

The Borough Code of Ordinance, §310-40.1 states:

No persons shall sweep into or deposit into any street or any portion of the MS4 grass clippings. This prohibition shall include blowing of grass clippings from a property onto a street or portion of the MS4. If a person accidentally sweeps, deposits or blows grass clippings into a street or portion of the MS4 and promptly removes such grass clippings, there shall be no violation of this chapter.



WHAT DO WEST NILE VIRUS & OLD TIRES HAVE IN COMMON?

Mosquitoes can be annoying and sometimes pose a serious risk to public health. In certain areas of the United States, mosquitoes can transmit diseases like West Nile Virus and equine encephalitis. To combat mosquitoes and the public health hazards they present, many federal agencies, states and localities have established mosquito control programs.

One of those programs offered by the Penn State Cooperative Extension office in Lebanon is tire collection. Rainwater settles into old tires, creating a breeding point for mosquitoes. The Lebanon Tire Collection program will take place at the:

Lebanon Expo Center
80 Rocherty Road
on Wednesday, April 11th from 8 AM to 6 PM.

The Penn State Extension Office asks Lebanon County residents to follow these steps:

- Open to persons living in Lebanon County. Please bring proof of address: driver's license, phone bill, etc. Out-of-county individuals or tire related businesses need to pay for all tires they dispose of at the collection.
- 12 auto or 2 large (or a mix of 1 large and up to 6 auto) tires can be taken for free.
- Excess tires or tires from municipalities that are out of funds, will be accepted at \$2.50 per auto tire and \$20 per large tire.
- Tires must be off the rim, drained of water, unburned, and not excessively dirty.

Please contact the Penn State Extension Office at 270-4391 with questions.



FACT SHEET: EARTH DAY AND STORMWATER...A CALL TO ACTION!

“Only within the moment of time represented by the present century has one species — man — acquired significant power to alter the nature of his world.” ~ Rachel Carson

First celebrated in the United States in 1970, Earth Day was originally organized to teach Americans about the environment and to get them outside for peaceful demonstrations focused on environmental reform. Now celebrated annually on April 22, Earth Day events are held worldwide to support environmental awareness.

Over time, groups have turned Earth Day into a call for action, leading to changes in policy and human behavior. Many communities celebrate Earth Week — or even Earth Month — with activities focused on environmental issues. These activities reinforce environmentally friendly behaviors, inspire responsible stewardship, encourage best practices, and focus on increasing green living.

Why Worry About Stormwater? The environment is composed of the air we breathe, the water we drink, and the sun that provides us with energy and heat. While about 71 percent of earth's surface is covered by water, only a small fraction of that is fresh water. Additionally, the amount of water on earth is essentially the same as it was millions of years ago; new water is not created. By effectively protecting the quality of stormwater, we also safeguard our creeks and rivers, and ultimately the water we need to survive. Without these water systems, life would cease to exist on our planet. Therefore, on Earth Day doesn't it make sense to pay homage to our natural water systems?

Why Care About Earth's Water Resources? While the majority of us believe water is abundant, the main concern is the amount of fresh water available. Did you know?

- Earth's water comprises 97.5 percent salt water and 2.5 percent fresh water.
- Close to 70 percent of fresh water is not accessible for our use.
- Only about 1 percent of the world's fresh water available for human consumption is regularly renewed by rain and snowfall.

“Every Day is Earth Day” Activities You can help by celebrating Earth Day every day! Outlined below are a few ways you can actively make your home stormwater friendly and show your appreciation for our planet:

- Install a rain barrel.
- Plant a tree.
- Build a rain garden.
- Switch to green cleaning products.
- Reduce your use of pesticides and fertilizers.
- Clean debris from areas surrounding your local stormwater drain.
- Pick up after your pets and properly dispose of waste.
- Participate in Adopt-A-Stream or Adopt-A-Highway events.

*Celebrate Earth Day!
April 22nd*

