

BOROUGH SERVICES SCHEDULE

APRIL ~ SEPTEMBER 2014

20 GAL. RECYCLING AND YARD WASTE CANS ARE AVAILABLE
AT THE BOROUGH OFFICE FOR A COST OF \$13.00 EACH.

Month	PLACE YARD WASTE CONTAINERS OUT BY 7AM ON MONDAY OF THE FOLLOWING WEEKS:
April	21st
May	19th
June	23rd
July	21st
August	25th
September	22nd

YARDWASTE COLLECTION 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.**

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

STREET SWEEPING ~ Begins the month of April & ends in October

Street sweeping will start the first weekday of every month for a one week period of time.

SPRING LEAF COLLECTION ~ April 7 through 11

Leaves are collected curbside. Leaves will not be collected from any alleys. No limbs, grass, or yard waste may be mixed in with the leaves. All leaves for collection must be placed curbside by **7 AM Monday morning** for collection sometime during that week.

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

The Borough office will be closed on the following dates:

May 26, 2014 - Memorial Day
 July 4, 2014 - Independence Day
 September 1, 2014 - Labor Day

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

Spring 2014



Working Together for a Common Cause - a Better Community!

Our Town News

Want to Save Some Money?

**WATCH WHAT GETS WASHED DOWN THE DRAIN
OR FLUSHED DOWN THE TOILET.**

The following is an excerpt from MSN money. The entire article can be found at <http://money.msn.com/saving-money-tips/post--keep-baby-wipes-out-of-the-pipes>

'Inappropriate' items being flushed

City sewer systems around the United States are reporting expensive repair and maintenance issues resulting from flushed wipes, according to the National Association of Clean Water Agencies. “Simply keeping inappropriate items out of the sewer system could prevent all of these problems and save clean water agencies -- and, ultimately, the public -- a significant amount of money,” the NACWA reports. (Incidentally, it’s not just wipes. Other “inappropriate” items include paper towels, disposable toilet brush heads, cotton swabs, dental floss, and tampons and tampon applicators.)

Consumer Reports notes that companies currently advertise their wipes with terms like “safe for sewers and septic,” or promise that the product will “break up like toilet paper.”

However, a “disintegration test” showed that three brands of wipes were still intact after 30 minutes. By comparison, toilet paper began to break down in 8 seconds.

The conclusion: “To avoid taxing your toilet or your septic system, we recommend that you bag the wipes after use and toss them into the trash.”

'Every plumber's nightmare'

If you've been flushing them for years with no problem? Then you've been very lucky. But one day you could find yourself with a nice sewage backup in the basement or the bathtub.

The folks at Quality First Plumbing of Denver refer to wipes as “every plumber's nightmare.”

“It only takes a few wipes to get hung up ... for a major disaster to happen. No matter what the packaging says, flushable wipes are not flushable,” the company notes on its Plumbing Help Today blog.

So keep the wipes out of the pipes, unless you like paying plumbers and/or cleaning up after sewage backups. Even a non-bus-sized clog can ruin your day.

TOP SUBSTANCES NOT TO FLUSH OR PUT DOWN THE DRAIN

- Wipes – Never flush any baby wipes, personal hygiene wipes, cleaning wipes, or any wipes that state they are “disposable” or “flushable” (they aren't)
- Feminine Products – sanitary pads, tampons, applicators
- Medications – prescription, over-the-counter, vitamins, patches, and hypodermic needles
- Chemicals – cleaning products, herbicides, insecticides, solvents
- Cooking & Auto Oil/Grease – used or unused

Borough of Palmyra
 325 S. Railroad Street
 Palmyra, PA 17078

Ph: 717-838-6361
 Fax: 717-838-1051

Office Hours:
 M-F 8 am - 4:30 pm

Visit us on the web at:
palmyraborough.org

Borough Council

- Jane Quairoli, President
- Pat Hennessy, Vice President
- Gary Laudermitch, Pro Tempore
- Robert Longenecker
- Scott Mazzocca
- Beth Shearer
- Joe Templin

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

OFFICER SCOTT DOJKA JOINS THE PALMYRA POLICE DEPARTMENT



In October 2013, Scott Dojka, became the newest member of the Palmyra Police Department. Scott was hired to fill the vacancy of Officer Vincent Stankovich, who retired on December 31, 2013 after 25 years of service.

Officer Dojka graduated in 2003 from Red Land High School and received his Act 120 certification from the Harrisburg Area Community College in 2012. After graduation, he served in a part-time capacity with the Hummelstown Borough Police Department.

Scott looks forward to working with the community to keep Palmyra a great place to live.

NEW MUNICIPAL BUILDING UPDATE

There can be no doubt that the winter weather has taken its toll on the Borough this year. That includes the anticipated move-in date for the new municipal building. The Palmyra Public Library has already moved to their new temporary location at 50 Landings Drive in South Londonderry Township.

Crews originally expected the new building to be concluded by the end of 2013. However, summer rains, unusually frigid temperatures in December, and snow, snow, and more snow have moved the occupancy date to April 2014.

One item that remains the same regardless of the change in the date for moving, the office in the current municipal building will be closed for approximately one week until we can physically move all the offices to the new building. Once the move-in date is decided, the Borough will share this information via our website at www.palmyraborough.org and through other methods of communication. We recommend that you plan accordingly when considering bills, fines, recreation fees, and all other services needed.

Annual Plant Sale!

Members of the Palmyra Garden Club will host their Annual Plant Sale on :

**Saturday, May 3, 2014
8 AM to 12 Noon, rain or shine
On East Main Street, Palmyra**

The event will include a variety of bedding plants, geraniums, herbs, hanging baskets and perennials for sale.

All proceeds from the sale will be used for the Garden Club's ongoing beautification projects that benefit the community.



REDUCING STORM WATER POLLUTION IS EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS!

STORM WATER – When it rains, storm water runoff carries pollutants from EVERYONE'S rooftops, lawns, driveways, sidewalks, streets and parking lots into nearby streams. Follow these simple tips for cleaner streams and healthier environment:

- NEVER dump anything down a storm drain.
- Sweep up yard debris rather than hosing down paved areas.
- Compost or recycle yard waste.
- Clean up pet waste.
- Plant a tree or shrub-they soak up storm water.
- Keep lawn chemicals off driveways & sidewalks.
- Fix oil and radiator leaks on your car & tractor.
- NEVER put trash, tires or old appliances in a stream.
- Don't put oil or trash in storm drains – storm drains empty into streams.
- Don't pour waste household chemicals onto the ground or in old wells-dispose of them properly.
- Don't put grass cuttings or leaves in street gutters.
- Don't litter - put trash in a trash can.

LEBANON TIRE COLLECTION PROGRAM OFFERED BY PENN STATE COOPERATIVE EXTENSION OFFICE AS A MEANS TO COMBAT WEST NILE VIRUS

Scrap tires are a prime breeding source for mosquitoes including those mosquitoes infected with the West Nile Virus. Tires can accumulate small pools of water creating a haven for mosquitoes to lay eggs. In order to eliminate the potential for breeding thousands of mosquitoes, the Lebanon County Penn State Extension office is offering their annual tire collection program.

**Where: Lebanon Expo Center
80 Rocherty Road, Lebanon, PA 17042**

**When: Thursday, April 17, 2014
8 AM to 6 PM**

For more information please contact David Schmidt, Program Manager at (717) 821-3053, Fax: (717) 675-2077, or by Email: dms68@psu.edu.

Who can participate and how?

- Open to persons living in Lebanon County. Please bring proof of address: driver's license, phone bill, etc.
- 12 auto or 2 large (3.5 in. | 42 in. high) or a mix of 1 large and up to 6 auto tires can be taken for free.
- Tires must be off the rim, drained of water, unburned, and not excessively dirty.

PRE-REGISTER

Avoid the long lines or waiting in line to find out your municipality is out of funds. Pre-registering will allow you to drop off your tires at any time during the collection because you will have reserved your allotment of tires. (Provided that funding is available for your municipality at the time you register.) Pre-registration will be done on a first-come first-served basis. Deadline is Friday, March 21st.