

BOROUGH SERVICES SCHEDULE

MARCH - SEPTEMBER 2017

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	24th
May	22nd
June	26th
July	24th
August	28th
September	25th

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 3 THROUGH 7

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 29th
 Independence Day - July 4th
 Labor Day - September 4th

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

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Our Town News

REFUSE/RECYCLING/YARD WASTE EDITION

DID YOU GET A STICKER?

Many of our residents have been asking why our refuse/recycling/yard waste crew left a sticker on their can. The reason is simple...it wasn't prepared properly. The requirements for the disposal of refuse and recycling within the Borough are based on the Department of Environmental Protection mandates, Greater Lebanon Refuse Authority regulations, and insurance industry standards.

Your quarterly fee of \$57.00 permits each property to place three (3) 33-gallon refuse cans or bags each week and one large item for refuse collection. In addition, the borough will collect unlimited recycling each week and yard waste the last full week of each month. (Check the last page of this newsletter for yard waste dates!) One large item cannot exceed 45 lbs. and 6 ft. in length/height.

If you have more refuse that the three (3) 33-gallon refuse cans will allow, or more than one large item in a week, the Borough sells extra bag tags and large item tags for this purpose. The tags are \$2.00 each for extra bags and \$5.00 each for a large item tag.

If it is not prepared properly, the crew will leave a sticker on the can/bag advising of the problem. Once the problem is corrected, please contact the Borough office and we will notify our crew.

WHAT IF MY STICKER HIGHLIGHTED AN ISSUE WITH MY CONTAINER?



Neither refuse, recycling, nor yard waste containers can exceed 45 lbs. when placed out for collection. This rule is dictated by worker's compensation insurance requirements. All containers must have handles of adequate strength for lifting and drainage holes in the bottom of the can.

The Borough has blue recycling cans and yellow yard waste cans for sale. These cans are available to purchase at the Borough's cost of \$13.00 each. They meet the requirements of the ordinance and are easily identifiable to our crew.

NEW – The Borough will begin selling refuse cans at the Borough's cost of \$17.00, similar to the photo. The cans meet the requirements of the Borough Ordinance. The

bright red color will allow our crew to clearly recognize which can is out for collection. We encourage you to consider purchasing a yellow, blue and red can for your use.

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SO WHAT ARE THE REFUSE/RECYCLING RULES?

1. Recycling

Acceptable Materials:

- Aluminum food and beverage containers
 - All tin cans, bi-metal cans, and aluminum cans must be empty and contain less than 5% food debris.
 - All aerosol cans must be empty with less than 5% content.
- Glass food and beverage containers – brown, clear, or green
 - All glass containers must be empty and free of metal caps and rings and contain less than 5% Food debris.
- Ferrous (Iron) cans
- Plastics with symbols #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, #6, #7 – caps removed
 - All plastic containers must be empty, caps removed; less than 5% food debris.
- Newspapers
- Cardboard & Cereal Boxes – must be flattened
- Magazines, Catalogs, and Telephone Books
- Office paper
- Mail
- All other paper without wax liners
 - Tissues, paper towels or other paper that has been in contact with food is not acceptable.
- Gable top cartons or poly-coated wax containers (e.g. milk or orange juice containers)

If an item is not on this list, then it is considered refuse.

2. Electronic Waste

The Greater Lebanon Refuse Authority (GLRA) accepts the following electronic devices ONLY. Residents must take these items directly to GLRA at 1610 Russell Road, Lebanon, PA 17046.

- All Computers and PCs (Desktops, Laptops, Notebooks, Tablets, and Servers)
- All Computer Monitors and Televisions (CRT, LCD, LED, Plasma, Flat screen, Projection, Console)
- Computer Peripherals: Keyboards, Mice, Computer Speakers, and External Devices
External Devices include: CD/DVD/Blu-Ray ROM/Burners, Scanners, Wireless Routers/Switches, Modems, and External Tape, Optical, and Hard Disc Drives
- Printers: All Desktop Printers, Dot Matrix, Inkjet, Laser, All in Ones (Printer-Scanner-Fax Combos)
- Digital Cameras and Camcorders (Video)
- Telephones, Cell Phones, PDAs, Smart Phones, Mobile Devices, Hand-held PCs, and MP3 Players
- All Electronic Cables and Wiring
- Video Games, Gaming Consoles, and Controllers
- Power Supplies, UPS (Uninterruptible Power Supplies, USB Ports/Drives, Battery Back Ups)

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CAN CORRALS

If you keep your refuse/recycling cans in a corral, please be advised that our crews are not obligated to pull those cans out of your corral. This procedure is a worker's compensation claim waiting to happen, which will ultimately increase the costs to all Borough residents. Residents are permitted to keep their cans in corrals, but need to remove their cans or bags from the corral on their designated collection day.

EARTH DAY - APRIL 22ND



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 in an effort 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 most 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.

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.
- Check with your local municipality to volunteer for drain marker installation, creekside clean up, or stormwater system maintenance.
- Pick up after your pets and properly dispose of waste.
- Participate in Adopt-A-Stream or Adopt-A-Highway events.

