

What is Storm Water?

Storm water is water from precipitation that flows across the ground and pavement when it rains or when snow and ice melt. The water seeps into the ground or drains into what we call storm sewers. These are the drains you see at street corners or at low points on the sides of streets. Collectively, the draining water is called storm water runoff.

Why is Storm Water “Good Rain Gone Wrong?”

Storm water becomes a problem when it picks up debris, chemicals, dirt and other pollutants as it flows or when it causes flooding and erosion of stream banks. Storm water travels through a system of pipes and roadside ditches that make up storm sewer systems. It eventually flows directly to a lake, river, stream, wetland, or coastal water. All of the pollutants storm water carries along the way empty into our waters, too, because storm water does not get treated!

- **Pet wastes left on the ground get carried away by storm water, contributing harmful bacteria, parasites and viruses to our water.**
- **Vehicles drip fluids (oil, grease, gasoline, antifreeze, brake fluids, etc.) onto paved areas where storm water runoff carries them through our storm drains and into our water.**
- **Chemicals used to grow and maintain beautiful lawns and gardens, if not used properly, can run off into the storm drains when it rains or when we water our lawns and gardens.**

CUMRU TOWNSHIP YARD WASTE FACILITY

Open ONLY on the Second Saturday of the Month. Yard waste will not be accepted on any other day.

Hours of Operation: January, February and March 10 a.m. until Noon
April through December 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Location: Poplar Neck Road

Please watch Cumru Township website for any schedule changes.

The following items will be accepted: Leaves, Garden Debris, Brush and Bushes, Tree Trimmings, Weeds, Flowers and Garden Plants, Kraft Paper Bags

The following items will NOT be accepted: No Commercial Vehicles, No Stumps, **No Grass**, No Plastic Bags, No Root Balls, No Treated or Painted Wood, No Railroad Ties, No Tree Branches larger than 5 feet long and 6 inches in diameter, **NO GLASS OR TRASH**

Fines of up to \$300 will be issued for illegal dumping. Open ONLY to residents of Cumru Township, identification will be required! No commercial vehicles are allowed. The site will be patrolled by police and is under video surveillance.

Program Registration Form Part 2

Name of Participant(s) (and parent if under 18): _____

Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent if Participant is a Minor: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Emergency Contact Phone Number: _____

**Registration in a program constitutes an agreement between the participants and the Department to allow photographs or video of the Participant(s) to be published for promotional use. The undersigned, understand that the listed activity(ies) may involve certain risks, and in consideration of admittance to this activity, does hereby for myself, my minor child, successors, and assigns agree to release, waive, and forever discharge from all liabilities and further agree to indemnify, save, and hold harmless the Township of Cumru, its Commissioners, servants, agents, and employees from any loss, liability, damage, or costs which may be incurred due to participation of this activity.

Two Ways to Register:

1. Come into during office hours 8:00am-4:30pm Monday thru Friday
2. Mail your form to 1775 Welsh Road, Mohnton, PA 19540 (mail a week or more before the program begins to guarantee your mail arrives prior to the start date)

*Registration and payment can only be completed by a Township employee not an instructor, unless specifically stated otherwise.

TOWNSHIP USE ONLY:

_____ Payment received in full

_____ Registration added to master list

_____ Confirmation email sent/call made

Leaf Collection

LEAVES MAY NOT BE PLACED OUT FOR REFUSE COLLECTION OCTOBER THROUGH DECEMBER.

Leaf collection on all dedicated roads and streets is scheduled to start on the second Monday of October and continue for nine weeks or until the first significant snow fall. Leaves should be placed in the gutter for collection. Leaves should not be placed out in bags or containers. Leaves in bags or containers will not be picked up at this time. The leaf collection crew will work through the Township on a continuing basis without a published day and area schedule. Leaves may be placed in regular refuse containers January through September. Township residents are encouraged to mulch or compost leaves at their residences if possible. Leaf piles that contain large general yard debris can not be picked up by leaf vacuums.

Christmas Tree Drop Off

Residents can drop Christmas trees at “Tree Drop” signs located at the Warren Recreation Parking Lot, Gouglersville and Grill Fire Stations, the Montrose Manor Playground, the Pennwyn Playground (lower level parking lot on Wyomissing Avenue), Augusta Lane in Flying Hills, the rear of Giant, on Harding Avenue, between Tioga Avenue and Bradford Avenue. Look for the signs. Trees may be dropped off at these points until January 27, 2012. Wood chips resulting from the trees are available to residents of the Township on a first call basis. For further information, contact the Township Office.

TOWNSHIP INFORMATION

Administration – (610) 777-1343
Police Department Administration – (610) 777-9595
Sewer Department – (610) 777-1343
Tax Collector – (610) 775-8834

Recycle!
It's good for you.
It's good for Cumru.
It's the law!
Ordinance # 676



TOWNSHIP OF CUMRU

BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
1775 WELSH ROAD
MOHNTON, PA 19540
www.cumru township.com



Trash/Refuse Collection

Collection shall be once a week for normal, everyday household refuse. Please refer to the attached “Trash Schedule” and color code to determine the collection days for your household.

Each container should not weigh more than 75 lbs. or measure any longer than four feet. All loose items such as cardboard, etc. must be bundled or tied together. Trash/refuse containers shall be kept away from the vicinity of mailboxes. Residents are cautioned not to attempt to put too much refuse in the thinner plastic bags that may rip when lifted. Care should be taken to ensure that only cold ashes are placed out for pickup. Each metal or plastic container should not exceed 30-gallon capacity and should be equipped with two handles. Refuse shall not be placed in cardboard boxes. Each collection is limited to six bags or cans.

Brush/Yard Waste 2012

There will be two curbside “brush/yard waste” pickups during 2012. The schedule is as follows:

If your trash day is Monday: pickup will be Sat., April 7, 2012 and Sat., October 6, 2012

If your trash day is Tuesday: pickup will be Sat., April 14, 2012 and Sat., October 13, 2012

If your trash day is Wednesday: pickup will be Sat., April 21, 2012 and Sat., October 20, 2012

If your trash day is Thursday or Friday: pickup will be Sat., April 28, 2012 and Sat., October 27, 2012

Please Note:

1. **All brush/yard waste must be set out the night prior to collection. There will be no re-run routes.**
2. All brush/yard waste is to be in kraft bags (biodegradable bags) or tied securely with rope or twine not to exceed two (2) feet in diameter, and three (3) feet in length. No wood over four (4) inches in diameter will be taken because of possible damage to trucks. No bundles or bags weighing over forty (40) pounds.
3. The limit per household is 12 bags or bundles.
4. No firewood, stumps, dirt, or rocks will be taken as part of this collection.

Recycling Collection

Recycling collection shall continue to be every other week. Please refer to the attached “Recycling Schedule” and color code to determine the collection days for your household.

Items to be placed in the blue and yellow recycling container include: clear, brown and green glass; aluminum, steel and bimetal cans; and plastics marked 1 PETE or 2 HDPE on the bottom. Badly damaged containers may be exchanged for new containers at the Township Office, 1775 Welsh Rd., Mohnton, PA. The containers are the property of the Township and should remain with the dwelling in the event that the residents move. Excess glass/metal/plastic recycling may be placed in a plastic or metal 2-handled container *clearly marked* “Recycling.”

Items to be placed next to the blue and yellow recycling container include black-and-white newsprint, magazines, and phone books. These items should be tied or placed in a brown **paper** bag.

Trash/refuse should be ready for collection starting at 6:30 a.m. Collection may continue until dusk.

Holiday Rules

Trash and recycling collections shall not be made on the following holidays: New Year’s Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. *When a holiday falls on a Monday or Tuesday, collection shall be made on the prior Saturday. When a holiday falls on a Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday, collection shall be made on the following Saturday.* These changes are reflected in the trash and recycling schedules. Residents scheduled for a Saturday collection may want to place their items curbside on Friday evening.

If you experience any problems with your trash or recycling collection, call the Township Office during the next business day at **(610) 777-1343.**

