

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 the second week 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 cannot 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 Penwyn 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 29, 2021. Wood chips resulting from the trees are available to residents of the Township on first call basis. For further information, contact the Township Office.

Stream Dumping

Many people think it's okay to deposit organic material like grass and leaves onto a streambank or in a storm drain. What they don't realize is, when it comes to dumping piles of materials in streams, even organic isn't good.

Many leaves and dead plants will naturally fall into the water, but concentrated organic material upsets nature's balance. Yard waste can "super fertilize" streams and ponds, leading to algae blooms and fish kills. These materials use up the critical life-giving oxygen in the water as they decompose. Piles of grass clippings can give off a foul odor as they break down and are unsightly.

Dumping grass clippings along stream banks is NOT recycling and is harmful to natural vegetation. Allowing grass clippings to be washed into storm sewers is also NOT recycling. Storm sewers deposit grass clippings and other harmful materials into streams and rivers. Grass clippings are often contaminated with fertilizers, herbicides, and insecticides.

The best defense against erosion of stream banks due to stormwater runoff is to maintain natural vegetation in that area, called a riparian buffer. Keeping grass clippings OUT of streams and storm sewers will improve the health of the riparian buffer, which in turn will improve the health of streams on which many communities depend for drinking water.

Recycling Events Please see www.co.berks.pa.us/dept/swa for updates on recycling events.

Household Hazardous Waste - 2021 events have not yet been scheduled.

Paper Shredding
2021 events have not yet been scheduled.
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Pharmaceutical Waste - Medication Drop Box Program
Located in the lobby of the Cumru Township office building (upper level) at 1775 Welsh Rd., Mohnton, PA. Available during Township office hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday, except holidays.

Electronic Recycling - Free to Berks County Residents
Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday
8:00 AM - Noon
County Recycling Center, 1316 Hilltop Rd., Leesport, Pa. 19533

Tire Collection - Fees apply
Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday
8:00 AM - Noon
County Recycling Center, 1316 Hilltop Rd., Leesport, Pa. 19533
Automotive tires only.
Four (4) per vehicle maximum.



TOWNSHIP OF CUMRU

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

Spring and Fall Clean-Up Program has been replaced. Details Inside!



Recycle!
It's good for you.
It's good for Cumru.
It's the law!
Ordinance #458

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: December, January, February and March..... 10 a.m. until Noon
April through November..... 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.

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** Kraft Paper Bags must be emptied.

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. Cumru Township reserves the right to modify the list of items taken at the yard waste site.

Township Information

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

Recycling Info: www.co.berks.pa.us/dept/swa • Phone: (610) 478-6362 • Fax: (610) 478-3470

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PERMIT NO. 299
LANCASTER, PA

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. NO HOT ASHES.

Approved refuse containers include 33 gallon cans with handles or tied polyethylene bags, or equivalent, which are designed especially for storage and collection purposes. Refuse containers shall not weight more than 50 pounds each when filled. It is understood that all refuse must be in such containers or securely tied in bundles, in which case a bundle will be considered a container as far as maximum weight is concerned, and no bundle shall exceed 3 feet in length or 18 inches in diameter. Containers are to be provided by the property owners. Each collection is limited to six bags or cans and one (1) bulk item.

Brush/Yard Waste 2021

There will be two curbside "brush/yard waste" pickups during 2021. The schedule is as follows:

If your trash day is Monday: pickup will be Sat., April 3, 2021 and Sat., October 2, 2021
If your trash day is Tuesday: pickup will be Sat., April 10, 2021 and Sat., October 9, 2021
If your trash day is Wednesday: pickup will be Sat., April 17, 2021 and Sat., October 16, 2021
If your trash day is Thursday or Friday: pickup will be Sat., April 24, 2021 and Sat., October 23, 2021

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 a rope of 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.

Note: Our recycling program is a single-stream program. This means all recycling materials can be mixed in the recycling container. Items to be placed in the blue and yellow recycling container include: clear, brown and green glass; aluminum, steel and bimetal cans; plastics marked 1 through 7. We will now accept corrugated cardboard and cereal boxes, (no waxed cardboard or boxes that came in direct contact with food, such as pizza boxes), paper board, newspapers, magazines, and phone books. Please break down all boxes.

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.**

Trash/Refuse Schedule 2021



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Recycling Schedule 2021

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- PURPLE** – east of Spring Twp. And west of Mohnton, including: Montrose Manor, Lincoln Park, Thomas Gardens, Welsh Woods, Sugarloaf, Wheaton Heights, Mohnton Lawn, Grings Hill Estates, Rolling Hills, Madison Heights, Colonial Hills, Summerfield, Springdale, Gouglersville, Vermont Rd., Hampshire Rd., Yorkshire Rd., Five Mile Hill, Old Lancaster Pike, Foxfield, Governor Pointe
- BLUE** – south of Shillington & Mohnton, west of SR 625, including: Hendleton, Wyomissing Rd., Pennwyn, Park Manor, Rose Tree, Welsh Rd., Oregon Rd., Ledgerrock Rd., Holly Terrace, Chestnut Hill Farms, Overbrook, Steever's Glen, Cedar Heights, Paumar Estates, Cedar Top Rd., Ashley Run
- YELLOW** – north side of SR 724, including: Farview, Mifflin park, Hillaire, Ridge Park, Arcadia, Clover Park, Mt. View Rd., Evergreen Park, Deerfield, Cheriton Place, Pine Hill Estates, Pine Knoll, SR 10 (north of SR 724)
- GREEN** – south of SR 724, east of SR 625, west of SR 10, including: Freemansville Rd., Mt. Penn Rd., Seven Springs, Hessian Pines, Quail Ridge, Angelica, Vineyards, Imperial Dr., Maple Grove Rd., Candy Rd., Fawn Dr., Stonehill, Hidden Pond
- RED** – south of SR 724, east of SR 10, including: Flying Hills, Valley Stream Rd., Ridgeway Rd., S. 9th Street

GRASSCYCLING From the Pa Department of Environmental Protection

About 1,000 sq ft of lawn can produce 200 to 500 pounds of clippings during a Pennsylvania growing season. Grasscycling is an alternative to bagging. Simply leave the clippings on your lawn, where they break down in 7 to 14 days. The grass clippings act as top-dressing fertilizer.



Grasscycling tips

- Mow when grass is not wet and use a sharp mower blade.
- Don't let large clumps of grass clippings accumulate on the lawn.
- Don't overuse harsh chemicals and fertilizers.
- If possible, use a mulching mower that chops the clippings into smaller pieces.

Add grass clippings to your compost pile to speed up the composting process. To avoid odors, grass clippings should comprise no more than one-third of the pile.

BARRELING ALONG From the United States Environmental Protection Agency

Non-point source pollution is caused by rainfall or snowmelt (stormwater) moving over and through the ground, carrying pollutants with it to streams, reservoirs, and rivers. Types of pollutants include excess herbicides (weed killer), insecticide, and soil eroded away from stream banks. Non-point source pollution can affect drinking water and kill fish. A rain barrel helps reduce non-point source pollution by capturing rooftop runoff for use in irrigating gardens and lawns.

Rainbarrel tips

- Do not use rain barrel water for drinking, cooking, or bathing.
- Make sure the screen is secure on the intake to prevent mosquitoes from breeding in your rain barrel.
- Divert the overflow to a grassy or planted area.
- Disconnect the rain barrel during the winter to avoid freezing and breaking of the rain barrel.



BULK ITEM PICKUP

SPRING AND FALL CLEAN-UP PROGRAMS HAVE BEEN REPLACED

Beginning in 2021, residents may dispose of one (1) bulk item per week through curb side collection.

Please have your waste, recycling and one bulk item available for collection at the curb by 6:00 a.m. on your scheduled day. The hauler may begin picking up at 6:30 a.m.

Accepted materials – appliances (**NOTHING CONTAINING FREON**), furniture, mattresses, box springs, plumbing fixtures such as toilets and sinks, three (3) four-foot rolls of carpet (tied).

Unacceptable materials – Electronic waste (computers, televisions, etc.), chemicals, stains, liquids, batteries, automobile parts, hazardous waste, tires, tires on rims, commercial and industrial waste, construction materials (drywall, brick, block, lumber, shingles, tiles, concrete, etc.).

Additional instructions – Items which are too heavy to be lifted into a truck by two people will not be accepted. Additional trash bags are NOT considered a bulk item.