

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 26, 2024. Wood chips resulting from the trees are available to residents of the Township on first call basis. For further information, contact the Township Office.

Yard Waste Site News

Western Berks Landfill owns the current location of the Cumru Township yard waste drop off site, on the south side of Poplar Neck Rd. However, WBLF is closing in July 2024 and the Township must vacate the current yard waste drop off site at that time. In order to continue to provide a yard waste drop off site after July 2024, it is anticipated that the drop off site will be moved to a nearby location on the northwest side of Poplar Neck Rd. At this time, the Township is working to obtain the appropriate PA DEP permit to allow transfer of the yard waste drop off site to the new location. When the alternate site becomes operational, the Township will announce it on www.cumrutownship.org and will provide signage to direct residents to the new drop off area. Thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation with this change.

Seeing the Signs

Cumru Township is required to participate in the PA Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) program. A part of Cumru's program is to maintain membership in the Wyomissing Creek Watershed Coalition, a multi-municipal cooperative effort to address major sources of sediment pollution in the Wyomissing Creek and provide public education about the impact of stormwater in the watershed. The WCWC recently received a grant from the Berks County Conservation District for signage to be placed in various locations in the watershed to raise awareness about the flow of stormwater runoff into the stream corridor. Residents in those areas of Cumru Township within the Wyomissing Creek watershed should be able to see these signs in early 2024.

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

Registration required for these events.

Household Hazardous Waste -

April 13, 2024

Paper Shredding

April 20, 2024

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

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.



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YARD WASTE DROP OFF SITE - SEE NEWS ON SIDE PANEL

January-March, 2nd Saturday, 10 A.M. to 12 Noon

April-October, 2nd and 4th Saturdays, 9 A.M. to 1 P.M.

November and December, 2nd Saturday, 10 A.M. to 12 Noon

Note: Curbside yard waste collection takes place on a rotating Saturday in April and October for each refuse collection district. Please see the 2024 Refuse Collection Schedule for specific dates and requirements.

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

Trash/Refuse Collection

Collection shall be once a week for normal, everyday household refuse. No construction waste. 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. See other side for bulk item restrictions.

Brush/Yard Waste 2024

There will be two curbside "brush/yard waste" pickups during 2024. The schedule is as follows:

If your trash day is Monday: pickup will be Sat., April 6, 2024 and Sat., October 5, 2024

If your trash day is Tuesday: pickup will be Sat., April 13, 2024 and Sat., October 12, 2024

If your trash day is Wednesday: pickup will be Sat., April 20, 2024 and Sat., October 19, 2024

If your trash day is Thursday or Friday: pickup will be Sat., April 27, 2024 and Sat., October 26, 2024

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), no styrofoam, 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. All services will be delayed one day if the holiday falls on or before your service day. Please follow the color-coded calendar.

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 2024



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Recycling Schedule 2024

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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

LITTER AND AQUATIC TRASH

From the Pa Department of Environmental Protection

Litter can become aquatic trash via stormwater runoff. Stormwater can pick up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants and flow into a storm sewer system or directly to a lake, stream, river, wetland, or coastal water. Anything that enters a storm sewer system is discharged untreated into the waterbodies we use for swimming, fishing and providing drinking water. Polluted stormwater runoff can have many adverse effects on plants, fish, animals and people such as:

- Debris such as plastic bags, bottles, and cigarette butts washed into waterbodies can suffocate and disable aquatic life.
- Sediment can cloud the water and make it difficult or impossible for aquatic plants to grow.

Disposing of trash properly is one way of taking care of your local streams.



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.

- Keep the lid and screen secure so children and/or animals cannot fall into the barrel.
- Best of all, a rain barrel can save you money on landscape watering costs!



BULK ITEM PICKUP

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 pick up between 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.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, replaced windows, 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.