

# News from Windsor Township



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## "STEER CLEAR" OF ROAD CREWS AND EMERGENCY RESPONDERS

Pennsylvania has several statutes that are aimed at protecting road crews and motorists alike. The commonwealth's work zone safety laws, for instance, require drivers to turn on their headlights when entering posted work areas. These laws also include stiff penalties for reckless drivers. Not only do they face a 15 day suspension of their driver's license but fines are also doubled for certain traffic violations including speeding, driving under the influence and failure to obey traffic devices.

In addition to work zone safety laws, Pennsylvania has a Steer Clear Law. This statute, enacted in 2006, requires motorists to use caution at the scene of an emergency, a traffic stop or a disabled vehicle being assisted by emergency responders. The law requires drivers to move into the left lane when first responders are stopped on the right shoulder. If drivers cannot move over because of traffic or other conditions, the law requires them to reduce their speed. Pennsylvania's Steer Clear Law applies any time an emergency vehicle has its lights flashing or where road crews or emergency personnel have set up flares, signs or other traffic control devices.

Failure to move over or slow down can result in a summary offense that carries a fine of up to \$250. Fines are doubled for traffic violations that occur in construction zones. If a worker is injured during the violation, the driver could have his license suspended for 90 days. In addition, when law enforcement isn't present, Steer Clear allows road crews and emergency responders to report violations. Law enforcement can issue citations based on these reports.

The bottom line is motorists must use caution when they see emergency responders, law enforcement, fire officials, emergency medical technicians, tow truck operators, highway workers or any emergency vehicle along the road.

## A Message from the Windsor Township Board of Supervisors

Under the state Covered Device Recycling Act of 2010, effective January 24, 2013 you are prohibited from disposing of electronic devices such as laptops, computers, monitors and televisions in your trash. They must now be sent to an electronics recycler. What are your choices? There is always the "Government" solution! This method requires tax dollars. We all know where they come from.

An alternate source is taking those electronics back to the retailer that you support with your purchasing needs. This way they do not have to be stored until the local municipality holds a collection time and place. Tax dollars are not used to operate these private recycling services. In fact, they help create jobs!

You will find below a chart listing [Electronic Recycling Programs](#). This chart will also be listed on the Township's web site. It will be updated from time to time as retailers become active or more active in recycling.

Help create jobs and save tax dollars by supporting the recycling programs of the private sector!

*Paul M. Smith, Chairman  
Dean L. Heffner, Vice Chairman  
Rodney Sechrist*

### Electronics Recycling Programs as of January 1, 2013

Name of Store	Address	Phone #	Items Accepted
Best Buy	2865 Concord Road, York	840-4530	All electronics
Home Depot	2905 E. Market Street, York	757-0440	Batteries only
Home Depot	960 Far Hills Drive, New Freedom	227-1040	CFL Bulbs, Batteries
Lion Technologies	59 N. Main Street, Red Lion	246-3602	Computers only
Lowe's	1175 Carlisle Road, York	676-4050	Rechargeable batteries, CFL Bulbs
Office Max	2435 E. Market Street, York	840-1100	Computers, printer ink cartridges
Office Max	1265 Carlisle Road, York	848-5495	Laptops & printers
Paz Metals	4315 Run Way, York	757-1298	Computers only
RadioShack	3167 Cape Horn Road, Red Lion	244-7087	Batteries and cell phones only
Spartan Computers	150 Memory Lane, York	650-6839	All electronics except TVs & monitors
Staples	2915 Concord Road, York	755-1439	Computer equipment, monitors 2 item limit
Staples	965 Loucks Road, York	852-8454	Computer equipment, monitors
Wal-Mart	2801 E. Market Street, York	840-3713	Printer ink cartridges
Wal-Mart	1800 Loucks Road, York	764-1485	Printer ink cartridges

# Change in spring large item collection

As a result of discussions with York Waste Disposal and Modern Landfill, the spring and fall large item collections will be discontinued. Beginning the week of April 29, 2013, residents will be permitted to put out one (1) large item each week with your regular trash. More information on this can be found later in the newsletter.



## Dates to Remember

- **Electronic Recycling:**  
Saturday, April 20, 2013  
9:00 a.m. – Noon
- **Community Volunteer Day:**  
Saturday, April 27, 2013  
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- **Woody Waste Collection:**  
**Curbside:** Week of May 6th  
**Drop off:** See the article for drop off dates
- **Primary Election:** May 21, 2013
- **Board of Supervisors Meeting:**  
1st & 3rd Mondays at 6:00 p.m.
- **Windsor Area Recreation Commission Meeting:**  
2nd Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.
- **Planning Commission Meeting:**  
3rd Thursday at 6:00 p.m.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER  
**Jennifer L. Gunnet**

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR  
**Jeremy A. Trout**

ZONING OFFICER  
**Kipp D. Allison**

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## West Nile Virus

Last summer there were multiple mosquitoes found in the Township that tested positive for West Nile Virus. West Nile Virus is transmitted by infected mosquitoes which become infected after biting infected wild birds. After an incubation period of ten (10) to fourteen (14) days, an infected mosquito can transmit the virus to both humans and animals while feeding on them.

Mosquito species found in York County require at least 7 days to complete their life cycle from egg to emerging adult. If a water source dries up within 72 hours, it will not breed mosquitoes. Any item that can hold or collect shallow amounts of water may be potential sources for breeding mosquitoes. Help to eliminate sources where mosquitoes can breed by following these tips:

- Arrange tarps to avoid puddles. Empty after rains. Store unused tarps under cover.
- Clean gutters even in the summer.
- Store flower pots, buckets and plastic toys inside.
- Drill holes in the bottom of garbage and recycling cans.
- Clean bird baths weekly.
- Dispose of waste tires properly.
- Screen rain barrels completely. Treat the water with bacterial larvicide.
- Aerate fish ponds and fountains and stock fish in them.
- Properly maintain swimming pools. Drain covers. Clean kiddie pools weekly.
- Keep trash and litter cleaned up in your community.
- Make sure boats are stored with covers taut.

Many residents have concerns about retention ponds, believing they are a source of mosquitoes. If these areas hold water all the time, then predators are present to keep mosquito larvae in check. Trash, litter or yard clutter nearby is usually found to be the source of mosquitoes. Occasionally, ruts created by mowers may collect water and produce mosquitoes.

If you would like additional information about stormwater, mosquitoes, ticks and repellent use, please contact the York County West Nile Virus Program at **717-840-2375** or email [tls35@psu.edu](mailto:tls35@psu.edu).

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[WWW.WINDSORTWP.COM](http://WWW.WINDSORTWP.COM)

## Act 114 of 2012 - fines for ignoring barricades during emergency events

Act 112 prohibits drivers from going around traffic control devices that indicate a road closure due to a hazardous condition and imposes a fine of not more than \$250. Violators who need first responders, emergency medical or rescue personnel services, including towing will be fined not less than \$250 and not more than \$500. Act 114 also requires violators to pay restitution equal to the cost of the fire, police and emergency medical service or emergency preparedness response received.

## Zoning Ordinance

On January 7, 2013 Windsor Township adopted a new Zoning Ordinance! The new ordinance is based on recommendations from the previously updated Comprehensive Plan. The ordinance was designed to incorporate current trends, provide better management for development, and protect natural features Township wide. In addition, the new ordinance attempts to promote Commercial uses in appropriate locations to increase the tax base. Check out the new ordinance and map on the newly revised Township website!

## Daniel Fry Eagle Scout Project

If you live in the developments of Kendale Heights, Sarah Woods or Indian Springs Manor and noticed last fall that the fire hydrants in your developments received a fresh coat of paint, you can thank Daniel Fry. Daniel undertook the painting of the fire hydrants in these developments as his Eagle Scout Project. He is a Life Scout with Boy Scout Troop 35 at St. John's United Church of Christ in Red Lion.



The Township would like to thank Daniel and the following people for assisting him:

Matt Doll  
Greg Nace, Jr.  
Brady Polhemus  
Ethan Urey  
Levi Jones  
Dillon Ropp  
Jesse Stermer  
Bill Fry  
Greg Nace  
Louis Cianfrani  
Brian & Tanya Polhemus  
Jim Jones  
Aaron Urey

## ATV Ordinance

In the new year, please remember to observe the regulations provided by the ATV Ordinance. A copy of the ordinance can be found on the Township website. The ordinance not only provides hours of operation, but it also includes where ATV's are permitted to be operated and the length of period for operation. Observing the ordinance regulations will ensure your ability to enjoy your ATVs and not be concerned with infringing on adjoining property owners.

## Community Volunteer Day

Community Volunteer Day will be held on Saturday, April 27, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Come out and help your community clean up Freysville Park. We need your help to make the park look great. Painting, trash and debris pick-up, mulching and planting flowers will be among the many things we will be working on. Bring your shovels, rakes and gardening gloves. The Township will supply the rest including a thank-you cook-out around 12:00 noon at the Freysville pavilion.



## Township Website ([www.windsortwp.com](http://www.windsortwp.com))

The Township is in the process of updating our website. By the time this newsletter gets in your hands, the new website should be complete and operational. It will still have the same information as before with some added features. Check it out!

## Kaltreider-Benfer Library

147 S. Charles Street  
Red Lion, PA 17356  
717-244-2032

[www.kaltreider-benfer.org](http://www.kaltreider-benfer.org)

Email: [kalib@yorklibraries.org](mailto:kalib@yorklibraries.org)



The Kaltreider-Benfer Library provides a wide array of free programming for its community. Included in this are the following regularly scheduled story time programs, where children have the opportunity to listen to stories & sing songs in a fun and interactive learning environment:

- Every Tuesday, at both 10:15 & 11:15, we offer story time for those ages 3 to 5.
- Every Wednesday, at both 10:15 & 11:15, we offer story time for those ages 18 months to 3 years.
- Every Thursday, at both 10:15 & 11:15, we offer story time for those from birth to 18 months.

Not to be left out, we also offer regularly scheduled adult programming such as the following:

- Knitters meet every Thursday at 6:00 pm in the Literacy Room to knit, chat & improve their skills. Bring your needles & yarn & drop in for the fun!
- Mystery Readers meet the fourth Tuesday of the month at noon in the Board Room. Please check the monthly programming schedule for the selected mystery.
- Adult Book Discussion meets the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm in the Board Room. Please check the monthly programming schedule for the book of the month.
- Men's Book Discussion meets on the third Friday of the month at 12:00 pm.

In addition to these regularly scheduled programs, we offer many others as well. Included in this are author visits, life-long learning seminars, family movie nights & more! To see our full schedule, please visit us on the web at [www.kaltreider-benfer.org](http://www.kaltreider-benfer.org)

# York Area Regional Police Department

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**ANNUAL REPORT** The York Area Regional Police Department will release the annual report of activities for the year 2012 and included below are some of the highlights of the police department work for 2012. Overall there was an increase in crime from 457 total crimes in 2011 to 509 in 2012. The crimes are broken down into Part I and Part II crimes. There was an increase in traffic accidents for the year and a decrease in traffic citations. The actual calls for 911 were not available at the time of this report. The complete report for the department can be located on the web site at www.yapd.org.

## WINDSOR TOWNSHIP

	PART I	PART II	MISC.	ACCIDENTS	TOTAL CALLS	TRAFFIC	ARRESTS
2007	153	300	2182	175	2810	1196	285
2008	207	298	2204	170	5786	1059	327
2009	185	252	2177	210	5247	954	265
2010	155	294	2268	191	5261	1082	294
2011	172	285	2429	164	5404	1118	303
2012	179	330	2392	189	—	847	356

**AWARDS** Several Officers were recently recognized for their outstanding performance in regard to incidents in Windsor Township.

**Officer Adam M. Cohick** In accordance with General Order 04-02-09, and upon the recommendation of the York Area Regional Police Department Awards Committee he was commended for his performance in regard to the following incident. On May 6, 2012 he responded to a call of a Cardiac Arrest at Windsor Acres in Windsor Township. As he arrived he encountered an unresponsive middle aged woman on the ground with her father looking on. Officer Cohick attached his AED and followed the proper procedures that resulted in a delivery of shocks to the victim. This resulted in successfully restarting her heart and she was transported by emergency medical personnel to the hospital where she eventually left after approximately two weeks. The victim and doctors all concur that his actions in using the AED were the only thing that prevented her from dying. Officer Cohick's performance qualifies for the department Award for Life Saving and

he was commended for his response and his actions in saving the life of this woman who stated that if it were not for him, her two boys would be growing up without a mother.

**Officers James Hess, Laura Wilson and Adam Cohick** In accordance with General Order 04-02-09, and upon the recommendation of the York Area Regional Police Department Awards Committee these officers were commended for their performance in regard to the following incident. On May 6, 2012, at about 3:23 a.m., they responded to a call of a break in at a business on Cape Horn Road in Windsor Township. There was evidence of a forced entry and a suspect was seen inside by Officer Hess and the suspect then ran outside where he was apprehended by Officer Wilson and Cohick. Further investigation resulted in numerous charges filed against this burglar who possessed stolen items and burglar tools and was also stealing to support his heroin use. The sergeant noted that officers responded quickly, worked as a team, properly established a perimeter, apprehended the suspect, and coordinated additional officers to

ensure safety and search for additional suspects and evidence. The officers' actions and teamwork resulted in a major felony arrest and qualify for the Chief's Commendation for excellent performance.

**PROMOTIONS** The following promotions were announced by Chief Thomas C. Gross, following approval at the September 13, 2012 meeting of the York Area Regional Police Commission. These promotions are the conclusion of a testing process conducted under the auspices of the York Area Regional Police Civil Service Commission. All of the candidates are well qualified veterans of the department and will be assigned to fill several vacancies that have occurred due to recent retirements.

**Tobin L. Zech was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and will be assigned as the Department's Operations Commander and second in Command.** "Toby" Zech was hired by the department in 1993 so he has completed 20 years service this January. He was promoted to

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sergeant in 2010 and has been active as a firearms instructor, and currently is a trained motorcycle officer and oversees the acquisition and outfitting of the department vehicles and communication equipment. He has completed Police Supervisory training, Incident Command, and F.B.I. Leadership training and in addition to training as a firearms instructor, he is a certified pistol and rifle armorer. Lt. Zech has received numerous department awards including three Chief's Commendations, and the Red Cross Heroes Award and Respect for Law Award. He also served as a Field Training Officer and a member of the Pennsylvania Air National Guard. Lt. Zech is a United States Marine veteran and served in Operation Desert Storm.

**Timothy L. Damon was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and will be assigned as a Squad Supervisor.** Sgt. Damon was hired by the department in July of 2002 and has completed ten years of service. He was promoted to Corporal in 2009 and currently serves as a firearms instructor, Taser instructor and defensive skills instructor in addition to his duties as a squad supervisor. Sgt. Damon is also a member of the York County Quick Response Team and has been extensively trained in tactical skills and active in numerous high risk deployments. He has received numerous awards including two Chief's Commendations and several recognitions for his participation in tactical situations. Sgt. Damon has a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and a Master's degree in Administration of Justice from Shippensburg University.

**Peter C. Montgomery was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and will be assigned as a squad supervisor.** Sgt. Montgomery was hired in January of 2002 and has completed ten years of service with the department. Sgt. Montgomery has received several department commendations and numerous letters and appreciation

awards from members of the community for his work. For the last three years Sgt. Montgomery has coordinated the Department's crime prevention programs and instituted several new programs and events including National Nite Out, the Volunteers in Policing Program, Witch Watch, and has coordinated the Citizen's Police Academy. He has formerly received the Respect for Law Award and this year was recognized as the Pennsylvania Crime Prevention Officer of the Year by the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency and Governor Corbett. Pete is formerly a bicycle officer and is also a graduate of the Pennsylvania State University with a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice. He is also a veteran of the United States Coast Guard.

**Joel M. Good was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and will be assigned as a squad supervisor.** Sgt. Good was hired as an Officer in January 1999 and was promoted to the rank of Corporal in 2004. Sgt. Good is currently assigned as a squad supervisor and Acting Sergeant. He has initiated and instructs in the use of the Department's Taser weapons and as a Firearms Instructor and also is a bicycle officer and oversees the bicycle unit. Sgt. Good has been recognized with several awards including two Chief's Commendations. He has received Police Supervisory and Police Executive training and also attended the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Command Institute. Sgt. Good has an Associate's degree in Criminal Justice from Harrisburg Area Community College and has almost the full number of credits required for a Bachelor's degree from York College.

## *Info from the Windsor Township Fire & Rescue Association*

### **UNION VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY—FELTON**

**61 Main Street  
Felton, PA  
717-246-3892**

**[www.feltonfireco.org](http://www.feltonfireco.org)**

On the 1st Saturday of each month, the fire company holds a buffet breakfast from 7:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. The costs are: \$7.00 for ages 12 and up and \$3.00 for ages 7-12. Kids 6 and younger are FREE.

A Bluegrass Open Jam hosted by Union Volunteer Fire Company of Felton is held the 1st Tuesday of each month from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Cost of admission is \$2.00. Bring your instruments and your friends! Work on your skills or share your skills with others! Light refreshments available for purchase.

A Fisherman's breakfast will be held on March 30th. Also Felton Days will be on May 11th. Check out our website and click on "Upcoming Events" for a full listing of events and details.

### **LEO INDEPENDENT FIRE ENGINE COMPANY NO.1 - RED LION**

**201 W. Broadway  
Red Lion, PA  
717-244-8811**

**[www.redlionfire.org](http://www.redlionfire.org)**

**Check us out on Facebook!**

#### **Valor Pro Wrestling**

*Saturday, March 23 7 PM*

Wrestling returns to Red Lion with a great show lined up. \$12 admission for all seats. Doors open at 6 PM, show is at 7 PM. Food and drinks will be available for purchase

throughout the evening with proceeds benefiting Red Lion Fire Co. Get your tickets at the station on Wednesdays from 6-8 PM or call to schedule a pick up time.

#### **Brown's Orchard Fundraiser**

Red Lion Fire Co. is holding a Brown's Orchard Fundraiser the month of March. Order your sugar cookies or apple dumplings in time for Easter! Call the station for information or to order yours. Pick up will be Saturday, March 30.

#### **Bull & Oyster Roast featuring Tanner Mt. Band**

The annual Bull & Oyster Roast will be held Saturday, April 20 at Kerry's Green. Tickets are \$35 and include all you can eat fried oysters, raw oysters, oyster stew, pit beef, salads, snacks, beverages and more! Doors open at 5:30 PM with Band playing from 7-11 PM. Small Games of Chance will be available all evening. Stop by the station Wednesday nights from 6-8 PM to pick up your tickets, or call the station to schedule a time for pick up.

#### **Pit Beef & Turkey Sale**

*Saturday, May 18 from 10 AM - 2 PM* come out to pick up your lunch or dinner with fresh smoked beef or tuckey sandwiches for \$5. Eat in or carry out is available. Snacks and drinks are also available for purchase. Call to pre-order your sandwiches.

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#### **Smoke Detectors**

Do you live in Red Lion Fire Co.'s First Due area? Call us and we will come install free smoke detectors if you need one. You should have a minimum of one on each living floor of your house.

## **On-lot disposal system (OLDS) management ordinance**

In July of 2012, the Windsor Township Board of Supervisors adopted an OLDS Ordinance requiring the pump out of septic systems which was mandated by the Penna. Department of Environmental Protection.

The Township was split into four (4) districts with a different district being selected each year on a rotating schedule. Letters were sent in January to each property owner in District #1 stating that the pumping and inspection of their on-lot septic system was required within eight (8) months. District #1 encompasses properties west of the Felton Rd. and south of the Winterstown Rd.

#### **IF YOU HAVE AN ON-LOT SEPTIC SYSTEM:**

- Make sure there is an appropriate access port to the septic system so a proper inspection can be performed. Access ports shall be at least twenty (20) inches in diameter with a removable cover. If you do not have an access port or your access port does not meet this minimum requirement, you will need to obtain a permit from the Township to install an appropriate access port and then contact the Township Sewage Enforcement officer, Ethan Poe at (717) 858-3349 for a final inspection. The cost of the permit is \$100.00.
- Contact a septage hauler that is licensed by the York County Solid Waste Authority to schedule a pump out and inspection. A listing of the licensed haulers was supplied.
- Request the hauler submit a York County Sludge/Septage Manifest & Report to the Township within thirty (30) days after said pump out and inspection.
- If the report received from the hauler indicates any repairs are needed, you will receive notification from the Township at which time you will need to contact the Sewage Enforcement officer, Ethan Poe at (717) 858-3349.

#### **IF YOU HAVE A CESSPOOL:**

- Property owners with cesspools will need to have an inspection performed by the Township Sewage Enforcement Officer. The following is required:
  1. Visit the Township office to obtain a septic permit. The cost for the permit is \$100.00.
  2. Contact the Sewage Enforcement Officer, Ethan Poe at (717) 858-3349 to schedule an inspection once the permit is obtained.

#### **IF THIS PROPERTY IS A VACANT LOT:**

If the parcel of land referenced on the front of the notice does not contain an on-lot septic system, please contact the Township within eight (8) months of receipt of the letter for an exemption form.

**IF YOU HAVE ALREADY HAD YOUR SYSTEM INSPECTED AND PUMPED OUT:** Property owners who have had their on-lot system pumped out and inspected within the previous year (2012) may provide a pump out/inspection certification from a licensed hauler to be exempt from this year's pumping and inspection requirement.

A full copy of the OLDS Ordinance can be found on the website.

## Electronics Recycling Collection

Reminder - As of January 24, 2013, you can no longer put monitors, computers and TVs out at the curb for collection by your garbage hauler. They must be recycled.

The Township will once again partner with the York County Solid Waste Authority to provide an electronics recycling collection on Saturday, April 20, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to noon at the Public Works Building located at 970 White Oak Rd. Members of Boy Scout Troop #155 from Chapel Church will be on hand to assist with the collection.

Examples of electronics include: answering machines, compact disc players, electric typewriters, fax machines, hard drives, laptops, mobile phones, modems, microwave ovens, pagers, personal computers (CPU, monitors, keyboards, mouse and peripherals), printers, printed circuit boards, radios, remote controls, stereos, tape players, telephones/telephone equipment, televisions and VCR's.

Electronics **ARE NOT** electric equipment (such as toasters, hair dryers, wall clocks, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, etc.) or appliances (such as vacuum cleaners, etc.)

## Soliciting and Peddling Ordinance

Windsor Township enacted a Soliciting and Peddling Ordinance in 2011 that requires people who are selling goods to obtain a permit in order to do so. When someone comes to your door, ask to see their Solicitation and Peddling License. They are required to carry the license upon their person at all times and exhibit it upon request of the resident. If they cannot show you the license, contact the York Area Regional Police Department at 9-1-1.

A complete copy of the ordinance can be found on the Township website ([www.windsortwp.com](http://www.windsortwp.com)) under the "Ordinance" button or at the Township office.

## Plan ahead for building permits

All construction, additions, placement of pre-built structures (sheds, swimming pools, etc.), paving, patios, fences and decks require that a permit be obtained **BEFORE** any work can legally be started. **This includes inflatable swimming pools over 18" if new or previously removed.**

Windsor Township strives to process permits as quickly as possible although during busy times of the year it may take 15 working days depending on the project. **NO WORK** can be started until you have an approved permit in hand.

## Change of sewer bill format

Due to regulations approved by the United States Internal Revenue Service known at the "Red Flag Rules", the Township can no longer send the quarterly sewer invoices on a postcard. Starting with the sewer invoice for the quarter of May, June & July 2013, the invoice will be a full sheet of paper that will be sent in an envelope.

For your convenience, a payment drop box has been installed at the Township Administrative Office. It is located under the roofed area on a pillar to the left of the front door. CHECKS ONLY. NO CASH.



## Compact Fluorescent Light (CFL) Bulb Recycling

Just a reminder that CFL bulbs can still be brought to the Township Office for recycling. Bring your unbroken CFLs to the Township Office during normal business hours and we will take it from there. Sorry, we cannot accept tube fluorescent bulbs. This is only for CFL bulbs.

## HELP ELIMINATE LITTER AND ILLEGAL DUMPSITES

York County residents, organizations, civic groups, schools and neighborhoods that want to clean up litter or eliminate illegal dumpsites can dispose of waste from a clean-up effort free of charge at the York County Resource Recovery Center operated by the York County Solid Waste Authority.

The Authority is working with Keep York County Beautiful to stop illegal dumping in our community and clean up existing dumpsites. If you are looking for a site to help clean, call Tom Smith at Keep York County Beautiful at 717-840-2375 or email him at [tls35@psu.edu](mailto:tls35@psu.edu).

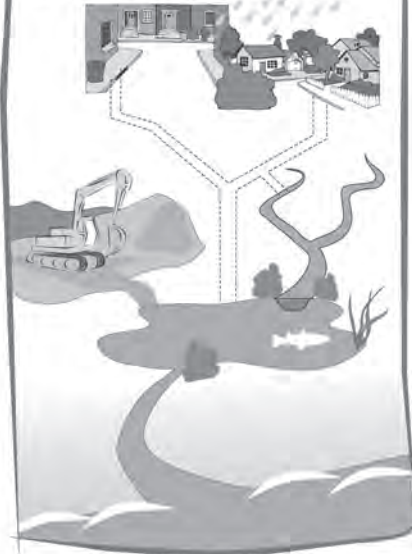
Keep York County Beautiful will assist with providing free gloves, bags and safety vests.

To register for the Authority's free litter disposal program, call Jen Cristofolletti at the Solid Waste Authority at 717-845-1066.



# When It Rains, It Drains

Understanding Storm Water and How it can Affect Your Money, Safety, Health, and the Environment



## What Happens When It Rains?

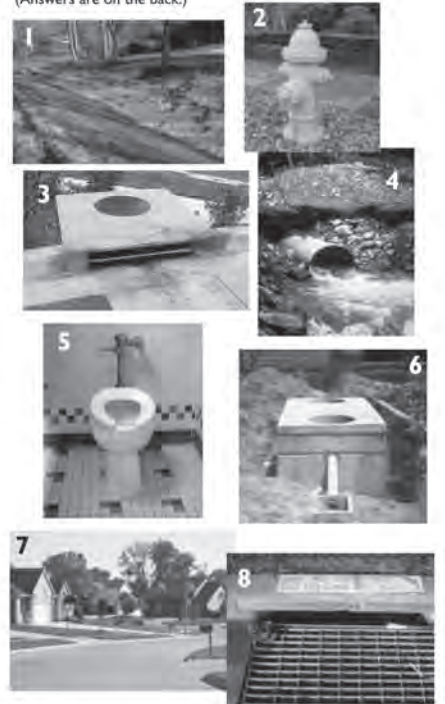
Rain is an important part of nature's water cycle, but there are times it can do more damage than good. Problems related to storm water runoff can include:

- 1. Flooding caused by too much storm water flowing over hardened surfaces such as roads and parking lots, instead of soaking into the ground.
- 2. Increases in spending on maintaining storm drains and the storm sewer system that become clogged with excessive amounts of dirt and debris.
- 3. Decreases in sportfish populations because storm water carries sediment and pollutants that degrade important fish habitat.
- 4. More expensive treatment technologies to remove harmful pollutants carried by storm water into our drinking water supplies.
- 5. Closed beaches due to high levels of bacteria carried by storm water that make swimming unsafe.

We can help rain restore its good reputation while protecting our health and environment while saving money for ourselves and our community. Keep reading to find out how...

## Test Your Storm Sewer System Savvy!

What does the storm sewer system look like in your community? See if you can identify which pictures are part of the storm sewer system. (Answers are on the back.)



## Restoring Rain's Reputation: What Everyone Can Do To Help

Rain by nature is important for replenishing drinking water supplies, recreation, and healthy wildlife habitats. It only becomes a problem when pollutants from our activities like car maintenance, lawn care, and dog walking are left on the ground for rain to wash away. Here are some of the most important ways to prevent storm water pollution:

- Properly dispose of hazardous substances such as used oil, cleaning supplies and paint—never pour them down any part of the storm sewer system and report anyone who does.
- Use pesticides, fertilizers, and herbicides properly and efficiently to prevent excess runoff.
- Look for signs of soil and other pollutants, such as debris and chemicals, leaving construction sites in storm water runoff or tracked into roads by construction vehicles. Report poorly managed construction sites that could impact storm water runoff to your community. (See the back of this brochure for contact information.)
- Install innovative storm water practices on residential property, such as rain barrels or rain gardens, that capture storm water and keep it on site instead of letting it drain away into the storm sewer system.
- Report any discharges from storm water outfalls during times of dry weather—a sign that there could be a problem with the storm sewer system.
- Pick up after pets and dispose of their waste properly. No matter where pets make a mess—in a backyard or at the park—storm water runoff can carry pet waste from the land to the storm sewer system to a stream.
- Store materials that could pollute storm water indoors and use containers for outdoor storage that do not rust or leak to eliminate exposure of materials to storm water.

## 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!

- 1. Pet wastes left on the ground get carried away by storm water, contributing harmful bacteria, parasites and viruses to our water.
- 2. 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.
- 3. Chemicals used to maintain beautiful lawns and gardens, if not used properly, can run off into the storm drains when it rains or when water is spilled and flows into our water.
- 4. Waste from chemicals and materials used in construction can wash into the storm sewer systems when it rains. Soil that erodes from construction sites causes environmental degradation, including harming fish and shellfish populations that are important for recreation and our economy.
- 5. Tires, paint, and other debris from cars and trucks are carried into the storm sewer system.
- 6. Storm water from roofs and gutters can carry debris and pollutants into the storm sewer system.
- 7. Storm water from parking lots and other paved areas can carry oil, grease, dirt, and other pollutants into the storm sewer system.
- 8. Storm water from streets can carry dirt, debris, and other pollutants into the storm sewer system.

## Where To Go To Continue the Information Flow

Your community is preventing storm water pollution through a storm water management program. This program addresses storm water pollution from construction, new development, illegal dumping to the storm sewer system, and pollution prevention and good housekeeping practices in municipal operations. It will also continue to educate the community and get everyone involved in making sure the only thing that storm water contributes to our water is... water! Contact your community's storm water management program coordinator or the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection for more information about storm water management.

Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection  
www.dep.state.pa.us



# Message from Jill Heindel, Tax Collector

I get calls everyday asking what programs are available to lower my property taxes. This article will reflect on the programs that I know are available.

## **PROPERTY TAX RELIEF (Homestead /Farmstead Exclusion)**

- You file this application only once. After receiving approval, you do not need to do anything unless use changes such that the property no longer qualifies.
- Only a primary residence of an owner of the property may receive the homestead exclusion. This is where you intend to reside permanently until you move to another home. If you have another parcel, be it in Pennsylvania or another state, the homestead exclusion can only be claimed once, as a place of primary residence.
- This tax relief is reflected in the total taxes due for the Red Lion Area School District Property Tax which you receive in July of each year. This reduction will fluctuate each year.
- The application is available at [www.yorkcountypa.gov](http://www.yorkcountypa.gov).

## **SENIOR CITIZEN/DISABLED PERSON TAX/RENT REBATE PROGRAM**

- The rebate is based on the property taxes and rent you paid in the previous calendar year.
- This rebate should be applied for by your tax preparer each year if you meet the following qualifications:
  1. 65 years of age or older or married to someone 65 years of age or older; or 50 years of age or older and a widow/widower; or 18 years of age or older and permanently disabled.
  2. You must have owned and

occupied a home or rented and occupied a home, apartment, nursing home, boarding home or similar residence in Pennsylvania during the period for which you are claiming the rebate

3. Owners must have paid taxes prior to filing.
4. Renters must make certain their landlords were required to pay property taxes or made payments in lieu of property taxes on the rental property.
5. One half of your social security benefits, Supplemental Security Income, or Tier I benefits from your Railroad Retirement can be excluded when calculating your total household eligibility income which cannot exceed \$35,000 a year for homeowners and \$15,000 annually for renters.

- This rebate will be in the form of a check from the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue.

Assistance is available by calling 1-888-222-9190 between 7:30 AM and 5 PM, Monday through Friday.

## **RED LION AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT SENIOR CITIZEN/ DISABLED PERSON TAX REBATE PROGRAM**

- This senior citizen and/or disabled person program provides a tax rebate up to \$650 to qualified property owners who apply for the rebate.
- To be eligible for the program, taxpayers:
  1. Must be sixty-five (65) years of age or over, or their spouse (if a member of the same household) must be sixty-five (65) years of age or

older, during a calendar year in which Real Property Taxes were levied; or,

2. Must be a widow or widower and was fifty (50) years of age or over during a calendar year or part thereof in which Real Property Taxes were levied, due and payable; or
3. Must be a permanently disabled person eighteen (18) years of age or over during a calendar year of part thereof in which Real Property Taxes were levied, due and payable; and,
4. Must own a property which meets the definition of a "Homestead" which means a dwelling and as much of the land surrounding it as is reasonably necessary for use of the dwelling as a home, occupied by the person submitting the claim; and
5. Must have household income for the calendar year of less than \$35,000 which will determine the rebate amount.

- Applications and supporting documents are to be submitted to the Red Lion Area School District, Business Office, 696 Delta Road, Red Lion, PA 17356 by Wednesday, May 15, 2013.
- The applications are available in the front office of the Windsor Township Building, 1480 Windsor Rd., Stan Saylor's Office, [www.rlasd.net](http://www.rlasd.net), Red Lion Senior Center, Library, Red Lion Area School District Offices.
- The rebate will be in the form of a check from Red Lion Area School District.

## What to do with Grass Clippings?

Best option: Use a mulching mower and let your grass clippings work for you. Mulched grass provides moisture and nitrogen to keep your lawn looking great. If you don't have a mulching mower, low cost conversion kits are available that fit most mowers. Another idea: Place grass clippings on your vegetable garden or around your hedges. Create a backyard compost bin. There are many varieties in stores or you can make a bin of your own. Last resort: Place grass clippings in your regular trash. The bags containing grass clippings will count toward the four (4) bag limit.

Also, grass clippings should not be blown, raked or dumped into the street. Heavy rains wash the grass clippings into storm water inlets which can cause the storm water pipe to clog.

## Recycling Program

Our recycling program accepts all of the below listed items as part of the program:

### Acceptable Items:

- Aluminum food and beverage containers with food debris removed. **Labels do not need to be removed.**
- Glass food and beverage containers with **lids and food debris removed**: Clear, Brown, Green. **Labels do not need to be removed.**
- Natural and pigmented plastic narrow-neck containers with symbols 1,2,3,4,5,6,7 (milk bottles, water bottles, detergent bottles, shampoo bottles, bleach bottles, etc.) **Lids and food debris removed. Labels do not need to be removed.**
- Ferrous (Iron, steel, tin) cans with **food debris removed.**
- Newsprint – black and white or pigmented.
- Construction paper, craft paper, cereal boxes, shoe boxes, or similar.
- Printer paper, computer paper, copy paper.
- Junk mail.
- Magazines, catalogs.
- Corrugated cardboard cut down small enough to fit into the recycling bin.
- Phone books.



### Non-Acceptable Items:

- Window or auto glass, drinking glasses, mirrors
- Light bulbs
- Microwave trays, glass cookware/bake ware
- Plastic bags
- Styrofoam salad/deli containers
- Household items such as cooking pots, appliances and aluminum foil
- Batteries
- Scrap metal

**Larger recycling bins are still available.** Just stop by the Township Office during normal business hours and pick one up. We are asking that you paint your street number on the bin so that it can be returned to you if it should blow away.

On windy days, place a heavy item on top of the bin such as a brown paper bag of newspapers or magazines. This will help to keep the recycling from blowing around your neighborhood.

**MUST I RECYCLE?** Yes. Pennsylvania law requires all Windsor Township residential and commercial properties to recycle. All recyclable materials must be removed from the regular trash. This is not only the right thing to do environmentally, but it saves money in disposal costs.

As in the past, recycling should not be put out for collection in plastic grocery bags. It will not be collected.

The recycling program and trash collection are provided to the residents of Windsor Township at NO CHARGE. The cost of collection is paid by Modern Landfill as a part of the Host Municipal Benefit Agreement.

# Garbage

Just a reminder that there is a **four (4) bag/container limit** on your weekly trash service. Each bag/container, when filled, may not weigh more than 75 lbs. nor exceed a volume of 32 gallons. If you are using a toter supplied by York Waste Disposal, the toter is equivalent to three (3) bags of garbage. Therefore, you can put out the toter plus one (1) bag of garbage.

When there is a holiday on a weekday, collection will be one day late after the holiday. The holidays observed by York Waste Disposal are:

New Years Day  
Memorial Day  
July 4th (if it is a weekday)  
Labor Day  
Thanksgiving  
Christmas Day

For example: Thanksgiving Day is a Thursday. Therefore, the regular Thursday collection will take place on Friday and the regular Friday collection will take place on Saturday.

## Woody Waste Drop-off and Curbside Collection

The Township is still offering a drop off location for woody waste. The woody waste drop off will take place the 2nd Saturday of selected months from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Public Works Building located at 970 White Oak Rd., Windsor. The drop off dates for 2013 are as follows:

April 13	September 14
June 8	October 12
July 13	December 14
August 10	

The drop off is for residential woody waste only. Our employees will be on hand to assist with unloading the woody waste. This service is available to Township residents only. Photo identification will be required. There is a six (6) ft. length limit as well as a six (6) inch diameter limit. Woody waste brought to the drop off location does not need to be bundled. NO commercial businesses. NO grass clippings, tree stumps, sawdust, mulch or flower debris.

The Township will continue to provide a curbside woody waste collection during the months of May and November. The next curbside collection is scheduled for the week of May 6, 2013 on the same day as your regular trash collection. This collection will deal with brush and tree trimmings only.

- The trimmings must be bundled and **tied with twine** in 4 ft. lengths or placed in a biodegradable bag. Biodegradable bags are sold at most home improvement stores. Woody waste may be considered contaminated if it is bundled with anything other than twine or is mixed with other types of solid waste. Contaminated woody waste would then have to be considered municipal waste and would require disposal at the incinerator. This of course would defeat the benefits of recycling woody waste.
- Material should be one quarter to three inches in diameter.
- There is no limit to the number of "qualifying" bundles or bags that can be placed out for collection.
- **NO TRIMMINGS IN GARBAGE BAGS OR CANS.**
- **NO GRASS CLIPPINGS.**
- **NO TREE STUMPS.**

## 2013 ROAD CONSTRUCTION



The below list of roads are proposed to have road maintenance done as part of the 2013 construction season. Adjustments to the list may be necessary depending on available funds. Due to the rising cost of oil/petroleum based construction materials, it is not possible to resurface all of the listed roads with blacktop. Some roads will be oil & chipped. The oil & chip process will seal the road to prevent further damage. If the road in front of your home is oil & chipped, it will be swept to clean the loose stones once the oil has setup.

- Milner Drive
- Overview Circle East & West
- Lartry Drive (Milner Heights portion only)
- Circle Drive
- Kendale Road (portion)
- Steinfelt Road
- North Camp Street
- Gebhart Road
- South Blacksmith Road
- Dull Road (Felton Road to Brownton Rd.)
- Grim Hollow Road
- Walnut Street
- Bahn's Mill Rd. (portions)
- Heffner Road



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## change in spring clean up

As mentioned earlier in the newsletter, the spring and fall large item collections are being discontinued. In their place, residents will be permitted to put out one **(1) large item per week** as part of their regular trash collection. All items must be out at the curb by 6:00 a.m. on your regular trash collection day.

**THIS COLLECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO THE TOWNHOUSES IN WINDSOR COMMONS APARTMENTS AND LION'S GATE (FORMERLY WINDSOR POINTE).**

**ELECTRONICS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

ITEMS WHICH WILL BE COLLECTED PER HOUSEHOLD:

- Furniture (sofa, mattress, chair, etc.)
- White goods (stove, water heater, etc.)
- Large glass (storm window, etc.)
- Carpet – rolled, tied in 4 ft. lengths
- Mattresses & Boxsprings
- Scrap metal - 48" maximum length
- Car tires only - **must be off rims**. (No large truck tires)

ITEMS WHICH **WILL NOT** BE COLLECTED:

- Construction debris (drywall, tile, shingles, bricks, etc.)
- Batteries and automobile parts
- Treated lumber
- Hazardous materials (Pesticides, propane tanks, etc.)
- Tree stumps and other woody waste
- Electronics

