

West Earl Township

Lancaster County, PA

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Christmas Tree Drop-Off

Christmas trees may be dropped off at the Township compost facility with the use of a valid compost card.

Eagle Disposal will be picking up trees on January 10, 2023 for Township refuse customers.

SNOW REMOVAL REMINDER

The Code of West Earl Township requires every person in charge or control of any building or lot fronting or abutting on a paved sidewalk, whether as owner, tenant, occupant, lessee or otherwise, shall remove and clear away or cause to be removed or cleared away snow and/or ice from a path at least 24 inches in width from so much of said sidewalk as is in front of or abuts on said building or lot. Snow and ice shall be removed from sidewalks within 24 hours after cessation of any fall of snow, sleet, or freezing rain.

During the clearing process, snow cannot be placed next to a fire hydrant, on the sidewalk, or on the roadway. Please do not blow snow onto the roadway.

Cardboard Recycling

Did you know you can bring your flattened cardboard to the Township for recycling?



THE TOWNSHIP OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON:
MONDAY, DECEMBER 26th, 2022
MONDAY, JANUARY 2nd, 2023
FRIDAY, APRIL 7th, 2023

Employee Spotlight

Sara Service, Zoning Officer

West Earl is very proud of the staff members that keep the Township running smoothly. In this edition of the West Earl Township Newsletter we are getting to know Sara Service.

Sara was hired in October of 2005 as a part time administrative assistant and moved to full time in January of 2008. In January of 2017 she began her position as the Zoning Officer and Stormwater Coordinator for the Township.

Sara is responsible for reviewing and issuing building and zoning permits, performing zoning inspections, and ensuring the Township's compliance with State stormwater regulations.

Sara is certified by the Department of Labor & Industry as a Building Code Official. She is also a Certified Stormwater Inspector through the National Stormwater Center, a Certified Zoning Officer by the PA Association of Zoning Officials and has completed training for a Certificate in Planning and Zoning through the PSATS Municipal Government Academy.

When Sara is not working, she enjoys spending her free time with her husband Lyle of 17 years and her dog Ellie.



Township Meeting Schedule

Board of Supervisors 2nd Mon. 7:00 PM	Board of Supervisors 4th Mon. 7:00 PM	Planning Commission 3rd Tues. 7:00 PM	Water Authority 1st Mon. 7:00 PM	Akron Borough and West Earl Township
1/3/23	1/23/23	1/17/23	1/9/23	Akron Borough
2/13/23	2/27/23	2/21/23	2/6/23	
3/13/23	3/27/23	3/21/23	3/6/23	4/12/23
4/10/23	4/24/23	4/18/23	4/3/23	at 6pm
5/8/23	5/22/23	5/16/23	5/1/23	
6/12/23	6/26/23	6/20/23	6/5/23	
7/10/23	7/24/23	7/18/23	7/3/23	West Earl Twp Building
8/14/23	8/28/23	8/15/23	8/7/23	
9/11/23	9/25/23	9/19/23	9/5/23	9/13/23
10/9/23	10/23/23	10/17/23	10/2/23	at 6pm
11/6/23	11/13/23	11/21/23	11/6/23	
12/4/23	12/18/23	12/19/23	12/4/23	

A MESSAGE FROM REPRESENTATIVE KEITH J. GREINER

Supporting Our First Responders Helps Everyone

By Rep. Keith J. Greiner, CPA

As someone who served many years as a volunteer firefighter, I understand the commitment it takes – both in terms of time and resources. About 90% of Pennsylvania's more than 2,400 fire companies are staffed by volunteers. In the 1970s, there were about 300,000 volunteer firefighters in Pennsylvania, but today, there are fewer than 38,000.

There are many reasons why volunteerism has declined sharply over the past few decades, yet we, as citizens, rely on volunteer firefighters and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) professionals to respond in our times of emergency. If the current trend continues, emergency calls could go unanswered.

I have worked with my House and Senate colleagues to provide financial stability for our emergency services providers and to protect their health, welfare, and retention. I co-sponsored legislation, that was recently signed into law, to help the state's fire and ambulance companies address post-pandemic financial and personnel challenges.

House Bill 397, now Act 104 of 2022, provides funding for higher education tuition and loan assistance for students who volunteer for fire and EMS services. It also allocates \$1 million to fund scholarships for EMS providers who successfully complete approved training and to make that training more affordable to build the EMS workforce.

The new law also includes \$1.5 million in additional funding for EMS companies through the annual Fire Company and Emergency Medical Services Grant Program, and \$500,000 for a grant program to support capital improvements to first responder emergency services training facilities. It allocates \$500,000 for a municipal fire department capital grant program to build, renovate, or otherwise modernize facilities, and purchase or repair equipment.



To further enhance first responder readiness and public safety, it added another \$250,000 to the firefighter online training program and \$500,000 to bomb squads for the safe removal, transportation, storage, and destruction of confiscated fireworks. Act 104 also aims to reduce the number of injuries caused by unsafe use of fireworks by providing \$250,000 for a public service campaign to promote fireworks safety.

The financial burdens on some volunteer fire and EMS companies have forced them to make difficult decisions, including mergers with other departments and foregoing their share of the grant money available to them as a single entity. However, Act 104 ensures that for 20 years, fire and/or EMS companies that have consolidated will continue to receive the same level of grant funding had they not merged.

I co-sponsored this legislation to strengthen our volunteer emergency services and help ensure that when we call in our times of need, someone answers that call.

WEST EARL TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

The West Earl Township Police would like to welcome and introduce Officers Ryan Fields and Zachary Crills to the Department. Both officers were sworn in Monday, September 26th, 2022, at the West Earl Township Board of Supervisors Meeting by Township Chairman David Thornton in front of their friends and family, along with current members of the department.

Officer Ryan Fields comes from the Spring City Police Department and has been a police officer for several years. Officer Zachary Crills is currently enrolled in the HACC Police Academy and is scheduled to graduate the Academy in December. Officer Crills is also a former Township employee having worked as a member of the road crew. Officers Fields and Crills have both been assigned to an experienced field training officer and must successfully complete the department's 12-week field training program. Both of these new officers are a welcome edition to our department.

We wish Ryan Fields and Zachary Crills the best of luck with their future here and look forward to both becoming members of the West Earl and Akron community.

Chief Eric S. Higgins, MAS
West Earl Township Police



FARMERSVILLE FIRE COMPANY

74 E. Farmersville Road
Ephrata, PA 17522
(717)-354-5841

Upcoming Event

Annual Community Sale
Friday, March 24, 2023 at 4:30



WEST EARL FIRE COMPANY

14 School Lane Ave.,
Brownstown, PA 17508
717-656-6791

UPCOMING EVENTS

All-you-can-eat Breakfast

January 28th
February 25th
6am-10am

Annual Quilt & Consignment Auction

March 18, 2023



West Earl Township

Refuse/Recycling Collection Schedule

2023

Trash/Recycling	Trash/Recycling and Yard Waste	Trash/Recycling and White Goods	Trash/Recycling and Christmas Trees
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Questions or concerns about the refuse and recycling schedule?
Contact us at 717-859-3201.

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Please note: Monday & Tuesday holidays WILL affect your pickup day

The following items are approved recyclable items (commercial & residential)

Plastic Bottles and Jugs
Glass Bottles and Jars
Metal Food and Beverage Cans
Corrugated Cardboard (must be broken down and flattened)

MS4 Information



WINTER MAINTENANCE: DE-ICING

On average, the equivalent of 137 pounds of salt per person is used to melt ice each winter in the U.S. Unfortunately, excess de-icing material ends up in our rivers and streams, where it can harm aquatic life and kill trees and other plants. Once chloride is in the water it cannot be removed. Therefore, prevention is the only way to keep our water clean. Thankfully, there are options that are less harmful to our waterways. This factsheet describes tips you can use on your sidewalks, driveways, and parking lots to keep them free from dangerous ice while also reducing the amount of harmful chemicals in the environment.



Excess rock salt on the road, as shown above, will get washed into nearby waterways if not cleaned up.



Shoveling your sidewalk or driveway before considering the use of deicer is better for the environment and your wallet.

Choosing Deicer Wisely



Check the ingredients on the label.

Magnesium chloride (MgCl_2), calcium chloride (CaCl_2), and potassium acetate work better in colder temperatures. Blends usually contain a lot of sodium chloride (NaCl) because it is cheap, but less effective the colder it gets. Urea is marketed as pet or plant friendly, but is much less effective at melting ice. Beet juice, sugarcane molasses, and cheese brine are some of the alternative deicers being explored.



The temperature listed on the bag may not be 100% accurate. Use the table on the right instead.

Keep in Mind



Remove snow first. Always remember to shovel, snow blow, and/or plow first to remove snow and ice as it builds up. Then, apply a deicer only if needed, and in as little an amount of necessary.



Use deicer sparingly. More than necessary will not be more effective. Use less than four pounds of salt per 1,000 square feet (average parking space is 150 square feet). One pound of salt equals a 12-ounce coffee cup.



Choose sand for low temps. Typical deicers won't melt snow and ice effectively when it's 15°F or colder out, so use some sand for traction instead.



Don't be wasteful. Salt and sand on dry pavement isn't working and will eventually get washed into a nearby waterway. Before that happens, sweep it up and save it for use later.

Deicing chemical	Lowest effective pavement temp.
Sodium chloride (NaCl)	15 degrees F
Magnesium chloride (MgCl_2)	10 degrees F
Calcium chloride (CaCl_2)	- 20 degrees F
Calcium magnesium acetate (CMA)	20 degrees F
Potassium acetate (KAc)	- 15 degrees F
Urea (carbonyl diamide)	20 degrees F
Blends	Varies

Quarterly Water and Refuse Billing Dates

WATER

Due January 30
by 4PM
Bill is for Oct, Nov,
and Dec

REFUSE

Due February 27
by 4PM
Bill is for Dec, Jan,
and Feb

NEW RATES: WATER AND TRASH

Water rates for the first 2,300 gallons will remain at \$13.95, but each additional 1,000 gallons will increase to \$9.95.

Eagle has agreed to extend the Township's refuse contract for an additional year. The new rate for 2023 will be \$24 per month.

Compost Yard: New Gate System Coming January 2023!

Keep an eye out for a letter that will contain information on the new gate system that is to be installed at the Compost Yard in January of 2023. In order to access the yard, you will be required to exchange your card for a new key fob. All trips that were loaded on the card will be transferred to the key fob. All residents who currently have cards will receive a letter letting them know the times and dates that you can trade in the old card for the new fob.

Burning Regulations Reminder

Burning, other than recreational fires, is prohibited in all areas of the Township except in areas zoned agricultural. In agricultural areas, burning is permitted subject to the regulations found in the Township Code. The burning of certain materials is prohibited and are listed in the regulations.

Recreational fires are permitted in all areas of the Township subject to the guidelines found in the Township burning regulations. Regulations for recreational fires include;

- Only charcoal, LP gas or untreated wood may be used to fuel recreational fires.
- A recreational fire must be tended by a responsible person at least age 16 or older at all times until the fire is out.
- A recreational fire must be no larger than three feet wide.
- A recreational fire shall not be kindled or maintained within 10 feet of any building, 20 feet of any property line or street right-of-way, or within 25 feet of any propane tanks, fuel oil tanks, or any similar vessel used for storing or transporting flammable substances.

For more information regarding burning in the Township, please visit the Township website at www.westearltp.org. Click the "Ordinances" icon then navigate to Chapter 67, Burning.

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PO BOX 787
Brownstown, PA 17508

Important Phone Numbers

West Earl Municipal Office	717-859-3201
West Earl Municipal Fax	717-859-3499
West Earl Police Department	717-859-1411
West Earl Fire Company	717-656-6791
Farmersville Fire Company	717-354-5841
Water Emergencies	717-859-3725

Monthly Meetings

West Earl Board of Supervisors

Meets the 2nd & 4th Monday of every month at
7:00pm

Planning Commission

Meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm

West Earl Parks and Recreation Board

Meets the 3rd Monday of every month (as needed) at
7:00pm

Zoning Hearing Board

Meet 1st Wednesday of the month (as needed) at
7:00pm

Water Authority

Meets the 1st Monday of every month at 7:00pm