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WINTER 2017-2018



CHEMSWEEP Program To Provide 19 Counties With Safe Pesticide Disposal In 2018

Agricultural businesses and pesticide applicators in 19 counties across the state can dispose of unwanted pesticides safely and easily next year through the Department of Agriculture's [CHEMSWEEP Program](#).

"When pesticides outlive their usefulness, they can become a problem," said Agriculture Secretary Russell Redding. "Rather than leaving them sitting in barns and back rooms as threats to human safety and our environment, we provide this service to each of Pennsylvania's counties every four years."

The program is offered in different counties each year. In 2018, it will be available in Adams, Allegheny, Beaver, Cameron, Carbon, Centre, Chester, Clearfield, Clinton, Elk, Franklin, Jefferson, Lancaster, Lehigh, Monroe, Northampton, Pike, Potter, and Washington counties.

More than 2.5 million pounds of unwanted or unusable pesticides have been properly destroyed through the program since it was established in 1993.

Every year, many pesticide products are discontinued, phased out or become unusable, leaving growers, commercial establishments, and professional applicators with potentially dangerous and toxic materials that cannot be placed in landfills.

The unwanted pesticides often become a safety hazard and an environmental concern through long-term storage in garages, barns, or other areas.

Licensed pesticide applicators, pesticide dealers and commercial pesticide application businesses from the designated counties are eligible to participate by completing the CHEMSWEEP registration and inventory form that will be mailed directly to eligible applicators, dealers, and businesses.

The registration period ends February 28.

CHEMSWEEP covers the disposal cost for the first 2,000 pounds per participant. Above that level, participants are billed at the agriculture department's contracted price.

The program is funded through annual registration fees paid by pesticide manufacturers and applicators.

For more information, visit Agriculture's [CHEMSWEEP Program](#) webpage.

COMPOST SITE CHANGES

*Beginning January 1, 2018
there were some changes
made concerning the
compost site.*

TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

Township residents will now be charged \$1.00 per trip to the compost site. You may continue to use the free entries that you currently have on your card, but any additional trips will be \$1.00 each.

NON-TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

Residential users will still pay \$20 per entrance into the compost site. Commercial users will pay \$50 per entry.

Upper Leacock will no longer be selling compost cards. You will have to stop in at the West Earl Township building. We are open from 8 AM to 4 PM (Monday through Friday).

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WINTER CAR CARE TIPS

Before the cold weather arrives, it's important to prepare your vehicle for the winter season!

This involves everything from thoroughly washing all exterior surfaces, to checking to see if there are any chips in the paint to even applying car wax and sealant.

1. Replace carpet with rubber. Many car owners also replace carpet floor mats with rubber floor mats over top of a thick towel to avoid getting slushy, salty water on the carpet. Not only will the salt cause unsightly stains on the carpet, but the salty water will soak through and rust and corrode the floor of the car. This is especially important on the driver's side since it is the most used.



Also, it's a good idea to switch to steel or alloy wheels for the winter, and put winter or snow tires on your vehicle, which can also benefit from a spray on protectant treatment. Preseason preparation of the vehicle can be done at home or by a professional detailing service center.

2. Where to park. Parking the vehicle in a heated garage may seem like a smart preventative measure. However, there's also the frozen salty slush melting to consider, since the moisture will react with the salt thereby speeding up corrosion. Vehicles that are parked outside do have the disadvantage of being exposed to the elements, but the ice, snow and salty slush is more likely to stay frozen, which slows down the corrosive nature of the salt. So there are pros and cons to both parking a vehicle inside a garage or left outside.

3. Frequent washing. Throughout the winter, it's a good idea to wash your vehicle every 10 days. It's best to wash the vehicle on days when the temperature is 40 degrees or more, and it's preferable to do so during the daylight hours so there's ample time for the vehicle to dry before the evening temperature drops.

Whether washing the vehicle at home or at a car wash, use fresh water and a high-pressure hose. If washing at home, add baking soda to the wash water in the winter to help dissolve dried salt on the vehicle's surface. Warm, soapy water (not dish detergent) and a sponge or wash-mitt can be used.

Shop rags can contain bits of metal, so these are not a good choice since the vehicle surface may get scratched. Be sure to wash behind the mud flaps, under the door handles and in all cracks and crevices of your car or truck.

Conestoga View Sanitary Sewer Extension

The most recent West Earl Township's Act 537 Plan Update (2004) identified the Conestoga View area to be in need of sanitary sewers. The most cost-efficient alternative was determined to be a low-pressure sanitary sewer system (LPSS) similar to the sanitary sewers installed in the Village of Talmage and Oregon Pike areas. The "Conestoga View Sanitary Sewer Extension" consists of areas along Oregon Pike, North Conestoga View Drive, South Conestoga View Drive, White Street, Dogwood Drive, Millway Road, Old Akron Road and South 9th Street. All residential and commercial properties within 150 feet of the low-pressure main will be connected utilizing a grinder pumping station to convey sewage to the LPSS. The West Earl Sewer Authority (WESA) intends to install and operate the LPSS primarily within existing public rights-of-way. WESA also intends to install the grinder pumping stations, controls, and appurtenances, however these facilities will be owned and operated by the property owners upon completion of the project.

The length of LPSS proposed to be constructed is approximately 11,000 feet and requires 100 grinder pump units. An additional 5,000 feet of piping would also be installed to convey sewage from each grinder pumping station to the LPSS. WESA anticipates that this project will generate approximately 40,545 gallons per day (gpd) of wastewater. This flow will be conveyed through WESA's existing collection system to the Brownstown Wastewater Treatment Facility.

The contractor's most recent schedule is as follows:

Construction of sewer main, laterals and manholes:

1/15/18 to 2/15/18 – Millway, S. Conestoga, Dogwood, N. Conestoga, White Street

1/29/18 – 2/30/18 - W. Metzler Road, Lauber Road, Old Akron Road, Oregon Pike

Set Grinder Pumps:

2/26/18 – 4/13/18 – All areas

Project Substantial Completion: 4/30/18

Project Final Completion: 5/28/18

NEWS FROM LCSWMA

What can be taken to Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority?

Residual wastes are defined by PADEP as nonhazardous industrial waste. It includes waste material (solid, liquid or gas) produced by industrial, mining and agricultural operations. It excludes certain coal mining wastes and wastes from normal farming activities. Examples of the types of residual wastes accepted for combustion or landfilling including outdated, returned or off-spec manufactured goods, pharmaceutical wastes, oily debris, ink wastes, plant trash, foundry sand, refractory material, DEA controlled substances, confidential materials and other non-hazardous industrial process residues.

What happens to the residual waste once it is received?

LCSWMA's Integrated System allows for two methods of non-hazardous residual waste disposal, incineration and landfill. The Lancaster Waste-to-Energy (WTE) Facility and Susquehanna Resource Management Complex (SRMC) combust waste, reducing it to ash. The ash is then used as daily cover at the Frey Farm Landfill (FFLF), which also receives non-combustible, non-hazardous residual wastes for disposal.



How can we safely dispose of household hazardous waste (HHW) products?

LCSWMA offers free and safe disposal of HHW to Lancaster County residents at our HHW Facility on Harrisburg Pike. Items accepted at the HHW Facility include: paint, cleaners, automotive fluids, cooking oils, pesticides, herbicides, computers, TV's, tablets, cell phones, fluorescent light bulbs, batteries and more.



"Did you know we have a wonderful Community Pool right next door?"

The Leola Community Pool is located at 23 E. Main St., Leola.

Please visit their website, www.leolapool.com, for 2018 rates and information."



West Earl Township Refuse/Recycling Collection Schedule 2018

Trash/Recycling	Trash/Recycling and Yard Waste	White Goods	Christmas Trees
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January 2018						
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Please note: Monday holidays WILL affect your pickup day

SAVE THE DATE

January 13 – Christmas Tree Pick-Up

April 3 – Yard Waste Pick-Up Begins

April 14 – White Goods Pick-Up

September 18 – Last Day for Yard Waste Pick-Up

October 13 – White Goods Pick-Up

You will need to stop in at the Township Office to pick up tags for white good items, oversized trash and extra trash bags. We also have yard waste bags that may be purchased.

Yellow tags (for extra trash bags)	\$ 1.25/ea
Red tags (for oversized items)	\$ 4.00/ea
Orange tags (for tires)	\$ 2.00/ea
Blue tags (for white goods)	\$12.00/ea
Yard waste bags	\$ 1.00/ea



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STORMWATER BMPs

What are they & what do they do?

BMP stands for Best Management Pactice, and includes designed stormwater management facilities (such as detention basins), as well as non-engineered approaches like protecting open space to manage stormwater.

The goal of BMPs is to reduce the impact of development on downstream bodies of water (streams, lakes, etc.) by:

- Minimizing the amount of stormwater runoff
- Slowing down the runoff
- Infiltrating runoff
- Evapotranspiring runoff
- Filtering runoff



Many BMPs will use vegetation for their ability to use water, put water back into the atmosphere, or help it infiltrate into the ground, rather than allow it to become runoff. If you've ever walked through a meadow or shaken a tree branch after a rain, you got wet with intercepted water. When it rains, some of the water is trapped on plants. This "intercepted" water never even makes it to the ground where it could be infiltrated. Plants also use water as part of the photosynthesis process where they use the sun's energy to create their own food. This water used by plants is called evapotranspiration. Larger plants with broader leaves and deeper roots like trees, shrubs, or decorative grasses will intercept and evapotranspire more water than a grass lawn.

Communities are designed with stormwater management in mind. There are many different BMPs spread throughout our community. Stormwater flows downstream, and the homeowners must do their part on their own property to protect the streams for everyone. You and all of your neighbors each plan an important role in the health of downstream waters.

Some BMPs are landscaped and others are buried so you might not see anything at the surface. Even though it might just look like some plants or gravel, the BMP is still performing a very important function. Disturbing the vegetation or compacting the soil can ruin that BMP and have a negative impact downstreams.

- **Evapotranspiration (ET) is a term used to describe the water consumed by plants over a period of time. Evapotranspiration is the water loss occurring from the processes of evaporation and transpiration. Evaporation occurs when water changes to vapor on either soil or plant surfaces. Transpiration refers to the water lost through the leaves of plants*

You can find out even more about storm water and what your possible responsibilities are at: http://www.westearltpw.org/pages/stormwater_education.html.

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WINTER REMINDERS FOR TRASH & RECYCLING

White trash bags tend to blend in with the snow. If you have a darker colored trash bag that you could use or a trash can that you can place your bag in, it will make it easier to ensure that your trash is picked up.

Please make sure there is a clear, safe path to your trash and recycling.

Garbage and recycling may not be collected at the exact time that is usually is due to poor weather conditions or inaccessibility due to road conditions.

If you are behind a trash or recycling truck, please make sure you slow down before you go around. Check for traffic coming in the opposite direction before going around the truck and please watch for the trash haulers themselves.

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Monthly Meetings

Board of Supervisors

2nd & 4th Monday of every month at 7 PM

Sewer Authority

2nd Wednesday of every month at 7 PM

Water Authority

1st Monday of every month at 7 PM

Planning Commission

3rd Tuesday of every month at 7 PM

Park & Recreation Board

3rd Monday of the month (as needed) at 7 PM

Zoning Hearing Board

1st Wednesday of the month (as needed) at 7

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

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| • Municipal Office | 717-859-3201 |
| • Municipal Fax | 717-859-3499 |
| • Water & Sewer Dept. (after hours) | 717-859-3725 |
| • Police Department | 717-859-1411 |
| • Brownstown Fire Company | 717-656-8431 |
| • Farmersville Fire Company | 717-656-2508 |

Is there something you would like to see in the newsletter? Please feel free to let us know!

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