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## Trash And Recycling - 2019 and Beyond

Elizabethtown Borough provides a comprehensive trash and recycling program for residents and beginning in 2019 there are a number of changes, approved Borough ordinances, and a new three year trash hauler contract. These changes incorporate actions of Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority (LCSWMA), approved Ordinance 987 which outlined amendments to Chapter 20 of the Borough's Code of Ordinances, and the new three year contract. These changes are outlined below.

### Contract

Waste Industries of Pennsylvania, LLC is the hauler for Elizabethtown Borough, beginning January 1, 2019. With this new contract, there are no changes to collection routes or collection days. For more information on the hauler, please visit: <https://wasteindustries.com/newmanstown>.

### Recycling

Residential units may use a recycling container (or multiple containers) of choice no larger than 32-gallons in size and weighing no more than 30-pounds. Container(s) are to be marked with a recycling sticker, available at the Borough Office during normal business hours. Beginning in 2019, only the "Big 4" is acceptable recyclable material.

### Trash

Beginning on January 1, 2019 each residential unit is permitted two 32-gallon refuse containers per week. Each container may weigh no more than 30-pounds. Any additional refuse container requires a yellow extra-service tag purchased for \$2.00 at the Borough Office and local convenient and grocery stores in Elizabethtown.

A container can be

- ▶ A receptacle which is plastic, metal or fiberglass having handles for lifting and a tight fitting lid to prevent entrance into the container by insects and rodents.
- ▶ A polyethylene bag designed for storage and collection, to prevent littering and has a holding strength capable of withstanding normal stresses until it is collected.

Each container may be no larger than 32-gallons in size.



## "Big 4" and Recycling Material

You may have heard or read about Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority's (LCSWMA) "Big 4" and wondered what you should be doing. Beginning on January 1, 2019 recyclable material that is collected in Elizabethtown Borough is condensed to the "Big 4". It is important that only the following materials are recycled.

### Corrugated Cardboard:

This includes any size material consisting of a fluted corrugated sheet, like shipping boxes, packing boxes, CLEAN pizza boxes (no grease or food remnants), etc. Flatten all boxes and remove packaging including Styrofoam, peanuts, bubble wrap and plastic liners. Do NOT put paperboard (cereal boxes, shoe boxes), newsprint or junk mail in the bin.

### Plastic Bottles And Jugs:

This includes plastic bottles, jars, jugs and anything else with a neck. Throw away the lids and rinse out any residue. All other plastic material is considered trash. Ignore the numbers, as they don't indicate if something is recyclable. Do NOT put plastic bags, toys, buckets, packaging, Styrofoam, hosing, furniture, or other plastic items in the bin.

### Metal Food And Beverage Cans:

This includes all food and beverage cans made from aluminum or steel. Throw away the lids and rinse out any residue. Do NOT put metal hangers, cooking pots and pans or other scrap metal like foil and pie plates in the bin.

### Glass:

This includes clear, green and brown glass bottles and jars. Throw away the lids and rinse out any residue. Do NOT put light bulbs, dishes, glassware, window or automotive glass, vases or any other glass material in the bin.



If you are looking for a list of drop off locations that may accept items no longer accepted curbside such as newsprint, visit [earth911.com](http://earth911.com) and for more information on "Recycling Right" visit [recyclerightlancaster.org](http://recyclerightlancaster.org). And, if you still aren't sure, remember this phrase: "When in doubt, throw it out!" LCSWMA will transform discarded waste into renewable energy.

1



**CORRUGATED CARDBOARD**  
*(Flattened)*

2



**PLASTIC BOTTLES & JUGS WITH NECKS**  
*(Emptied, Rinsed, & Lids Removed)*

3



**METAL FOOD & BEVERAGE CANS**  
*(Emptied, Rinsed, & Lids Removed)*

4



**GLASS JARS & BOTTLES**  
*(Emptied, Rinsed, & Lids Removed)*

## 2019 Trash and Recycling Summary



### Curbside Collection

For trash, each residential unit is permitted two 32-gallon containers per week and each container may weigh no more than 30-pounds. Any additional refuse container requires an extra-service tag.

For recycling, each residential unit may use a container (or multiple containers) of choice no larger than 32-gallons in size and weighing no more than 30-pounds. Container(s) are to be marked with a recycling sticker, available at the Borough Office. Recyclable material is limited to the "Big 4" (corrugated cardboard, plastic bottles and jugs with necks, metal food and beverage cans and glass jars and bottles).

### Yard Waste Collection

Curbside collection of yard and woody waste is collected every other week on the same days as trash and recycling. Collections will begin January 1, 2, 3 (Tuesday collection moves to Friday due to the holiday).

Yard and woody waste may be combined and placed in a non-disposable container of the resident's choice. The container may not be larger than 32-gallons or weigh more than 30-pounds. Kraft leaf bags can be used in addition to a non-disposable container.

Branches should be placed in a container or tied with biodegradable string in bundles up to 20" in diameter and less than 4' in length and placed at the curb. Bundles and containers should weigh no more than 30-pounds.

Containers are to be marked with a yard waste sticker which are available free of charge at the Borough Office.

### Kraft Bags

In the fall, the Borough offers biodegradable Kraft bags free of charge while supplies last. Residents may pick up Kraft bags from the Borough's Scout House/Park Office, on scheduled dates. In order to make the bags available after office hours, the bags are offered on an honor system. Please take only the number of bags needed and limit each pick up to a maximum of 25 bags. Kraft bag distribution will begin in October.

### Leaf Collection

Leaves are collected curbside on scheduled dates. Leaves can be placed in biodegradable Kraft bags or in a yard waste container. Curbside leaf collection will begin in October.

### Oversized Item, White Goods and Tires

Curbside collection of white goods and tires occurs twice in 2019. A special service tag is required for each item. Tags are sold only at the Borough Office. Dates for 2019 curbside collection:

- April 30, May 1, 2
- November 12, 13, 14

One oversized item can be placed curbside per week with regular trash. Items that are too heavy to be lifted into a truck by two people will not be accepted. An oversized item is an item that does not fit into a trash container.

### Christmas Trees

There is not a separate Christmas tree collection day. Christmas trees are collected with the yard waste collection. All bags, tinsel and other decorations are to be removed from the tree prior to placing the tree curbside on the designated yard waste collection day.

### Holiday Trash Delays

If a holiday should fall on your regular collection day (Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday), pickup will be moved to Friday of that week. Collection for the day falling on the holiday is the only day that will be affected—no other change in collection that week will occur.

### Extra Service Tags

Service tags are to be purchased for:

- additional refuse containers (\$2.00);
- white goods (\$15.00); and
- tires (\$3.00)

Extra service tags may be purchased at the Borough Office during normal business hours, Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Extra refuse service tags can also be purchased at local convenient and grocery stores in Elizabethtown.

### Reminder

Don't be a litter bug! Larger items of trash can clog storm drains and potentially cause flooding, while smaller trash can make its way into the drain system and eventually end up in our streams. Please help to protect our waterways and make sure all litter ends up in the trash can!





## Myths and Facts Related to Trash and Recycling

**Starting January 1, 2019 I can use two 32-gallon containers for trash collection.**

**TRUE!** Beginning on January 1, 2019 each residential unit is permitted two 32-gallon refuse containers per week and each container may weigh no more than 30-pounds. Any additional refuse container requires a yellow extra-service tag at a cost of \$2.00 each

**All Items that have a recycling symbol can go in the bin.**

**FALSE!** The "chasing arrows" symbol is simply a communication tool used by manufacturers. Sometimes it means a manufacturer used recycled material in the product. Other times it shares information about how the product is made. Follow the "Big 4" guidelines when deciding whether something should be placed in your curbside bin.

**All the material that should be recycled is now just going to go to the landfill.**

**FALSE!** Fortunately, in Lancaster County, material placed in the trash does not go to a landfill. LCSWMA owns two waste-to-energy (WTE) facilities where trash is combusted and turned into renewable energy. In fact, 1 in 5 Lancaster County homes are powered by trash!

**For yard waste, woody waste and leaves I can use a Kraft Bag or container.**

**TRUE!** Yard and woody waste (including leaves) may be combined and placed in a non-disposable container of the resident's choice but the container may not be larger than 32-gallons. Beginning on January 1, 2019, Kraft bags can be used in addition to a non-disposable container or can.

**I am going to get a fine from the borough for not having a lid on my trash container when I place it curbside.**

**FALSE!** Residents are encouraged to use containers with lids to help keep the trash contained. The use or non-use of a lid is not included in the most recent revision of the ordinance.

**I'm just going to put the same items in the recycling bin, someone else will sort out what shouldn't be there.**

**FALSE!** In Lancaster County, we use a process called "single-stream" recycling, where residents can put all their approved recyclables into one bin. These materials are collected and taken to a materials recovery facility (MRF) where they are sorted, bailed, and sold to manufacturers, who turn them into new products. The sorting process is mostly automated, using various screens, magnets, and optical sorters to identify materials. MRFs

are built to only sort certain items, so any additional materials are contaminants.

**My grass clippings should not go in with my yard and woody waste.**

**TRUE!** Grass clippings are not considered yard waste and should not be included in the yard waste container or Kraft bag. Grass clippings can be bagged and placed for trash collection (using extra service tags as needed) or simply leave clippings on your lawn where they break down in 7 to 14 days. The clippings act as a top-dressing fertilizer and help keep your lawn green and healthy.

**A television can be placed curbside as my oversized item.**

**False!** The Covered Device Recycling Act, adopted January 24, 2013, prohibits curbside collection of covered devices (television, computers, monitors, keyboards, printers, etc.) LCSWMA offers free disposal of covered devices which are considered household hazardous waste. For more information call 717-397-9968 or visit the website at [www.lcswma.org](http://www.lcswma.org).



### Upcoming Holiday Trash Delays

Thanksgiving, Christmas Day and New Year's Day fall on a regular collection day (Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday). For these days pickup will be moved to Friday of that week. Collection for the day falling on the holiday is the only day that will be affected—no other change in collection that week will occur.

Thursday 11/22/2018 ► Friday 11/23/2018  
Tuesday 12/25/2018 ► Friday 12/28/2018  
Tuesday 01/01/2019 ► Friday 01/04/2019

## Winter Weather

The Borough's public works crews perform snow removal and de-icing operations whenever road conditions call for these services. With winter just around the corner please remember:

- If at all possible move any cars parked on the street to your garage or driveway. This will assist with plowing of the streets. Please also avoid parking on any cul-de-sacs.
- Snow and ice is to be removed from sidewalks within 12 hours of the end of a snow storm.
- Depending on the storm, if changes to the trash and recycling collection schedule are needed, these changes will be posted to the Borough's website and Facebook.

Above all, please be patient and allow our employees time to do their jobs when plowing streets. Safe streets are a primary concern for the Borough during the winter months. Thank you for your patience and cooperation.



## Snow Emergency Routes

According to Borough ordinance, after any snow emergency is declared and at any time during the continuance of the emergency, it shall be unlawful for anyone to drive a vehicle (unless it is equipped with snow tires or chains) or park a vehicle on a snow emergency route. These restrictions assist Borough crews and emergency personnel in combating the hazards of snow and ice and facilitate the movement of traffic on the snow emergency routes.

The following streets are designated as snow emergency routes in Elizabethtown Borough:

- High Street - the entire length
- Market Street - the entire length
- College Avenue - Market Street to Spruce Street
- Spruce Street - College Avenue to Willow Street
- Willow Street - Spruce Street to Market Street

If a snow emergency for Elizabethtown Borough is declared, information on its implementation and duration will be announced through local media outlets, with a SWIFT911 call, and posted to the Borough's website and Facebook.

Be sure to check the website [www.etownonline.com](http://www.etownonline.com) and follow us on Facebook for the latest information and updates of interest to the community.

## Sewer Back Ups

Sewer backups, from the main while not the norm, do on occasion occur. If you experience a backup, that you suspect is from the sewer main in the street, contact either the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) (717-367-1585) during regular business hours or the Police Department (717-367-1835) for after-hour emergencies. In response, the Wastewater Department will conduct an inspection to determine the reason for the backup and address the issue if located in the sewer main.

It is important for residents to be aware that under the Pennsylvania Governmental Immunity Statute, the Borough has limited legal responsibility for sewer backups. Residents are advised to contact their homeowners or commercial insurance agent to make sure adequate coverage is in place for sewer or water backups. Some policies do not automatically cover these backups and the Borough recommends you purchase an adequate level of this valuable coverage.

There are many factors that can lead to a sewer line blockage. Fats, oils and grease poured down the drain can harden, or solidify, causing clumps which stick to the sides of pipes in the sewage collection system. When these clumps occur, the end result is often a back-up in the sewer main or the lateral which can result in costly repairs, both for the homeowner and the Borough. To help avoid these situations, be sure to follow these recommendations:

- Do not pour oil, grease or fats down the drain.
- Soak up grease after frying with paper towels and put in the trash.
- Pour larger amounts of grease into a container with a lid. Refrigerate to harden, then place in the trash.
- Minimize the use of your garbage disposal. Put food scraps in the garbage.
- Never pour motor oil down the drain—this is illegal!

One factor that can lead to sewer backups can be the amount of inflow and infiltration (I & I) during heavy rain events. Infiltration is groundwater leaking through cracks in sewer mains or manholes, and inflow is groundwater, or rainfall, that flows directly into the collection system. Its source is often from downspouts or sump pumps connected directly to a sewer lateral emptying into the system, a practice that is prohibited by Borough Ordinance. Over the years the amount of I&I entering the collection system has been drastically reduced, but we need your help to continue making improvements. Please check discharge points from downspouts and sump pumps and remove any direct connections to lateral lines. If you would like the Borough's assistance in determining if your Inflow is discharging properly, call (717) 367-1585 to schedule an inspection.

With your help the Borough's collection system and Wastewater Treatment Plant will run more efficiently, back-ups will be reduced, and expensive repair costs can be avoided.



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Happy Holidays from all of us at the Borough of Elizabethtown!



Elizabethtown Borough Offices will be closed on the following dates in observance of holidays:

- November 22 & 23
- December 24, 25 & 31
- January 1 & 21
- February 18