

2023 Trash & Recycling Information

Starting January 1, 2023 Noble Environmental Specialty Services LLC will be Elizabethtown Borough's contractor for Waste and Recyclable Materials. To help with the change to a new hauler, please remember the following:

- Place items for weekly curbside collection out the night before the scheduled collection, this includes yard waste and oversized items.
- For trash collection you may use two containers or bags no larger than 32-gallons. Containers and bags should weigh no more than 30 pounds. Additional containers or bags require an extra trash tag that you can purchase at the Borough Office or at local convenience and grocery stores. As set by Resolution 2022-23, beginning January 1, 2023, the cost of an Extra Service Trash Tag will increase to \$3.00 per tag.
- For recycling collection you may use multiple containers. The container(s) should be 32-gallons or less in size, weigh no more than 30 pounds, and must have a recycling symbol sticker adhered to it. The Borough Office supplies stickers free of charge!
- 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). Rinse all items thoroughly to remove contaminants prior to placing in the recycling container. Please DO NOT place plastic bags in the recycling container.
- Special collection dates for yard waste, white goods and tires are set for 2023. These dates are included as a separate flyer with this newsletter.
- You may place out ONE oversized item per week curbside as long as the item can be lifted into the truck by two people.

Important Billing Reminders

Resolution 2022-25, approved on December 1, 2022, set the annual trash and recycling collection fee at \$324.00. The Borough increased the annual fee (billed quarterly at \$81.00/Qtr.), effective January 1, 2023, in order to cover the costs for tonnage disposal and hauler fees.

The quarterly billing for sanitary sewer services reflect the same sewer rates as last year: \$105.00/unit for residential units and \$0.0092/gallon for commercial units.

Property owners may pay their utility bills online, request to receive bills via email, or have the amount due automatically withdrawn from a bank account. Please visit the borough's website (Under: Finance) or call the office for more information.

Etown Rocked the Holidays!

Many thanks to all the wonderful businesses, organizations, and borough residents that made our 2022 Community Holiday Celebrations so very special. Best wishes to everyone for a wonderful year ahead!

Christmas Tree, Yard & Woody Waste

Remove all bags, tinsel and other decorations from the tree prior to placing the tree curbside. Place tree, kraft bags and/or containers curbside on the same day as trash and recycling collection:

January 10, 11, 12, 24, 25, 26

See the Borough website
for collection information .



Borough Office Holiday

Martin Luther King Day: January 16, 2023

Pavilion Rentals

Looking for a place to hold a birthday party or family gathering? Check to see if the Borough has a pavilion available to make your party planning a breeze.

You can make pavilion reservations for 2023 starting on January 3, 2023. Pavilion Reservation Fees are \$25 for residents and \$50 for nonresidents.

Random Acts of Kindness Day

February 17, 2023

How will you celebrate?



Let's Talk About... Sewer Backups

While not the norm, backups from the sewer main in the street do occur on occasion.

If you experience a backup, that you suspect is from the main, contact either the Wastewater Treatment Plant during regular business hours (717-367-1585) or the Police Department for after-hour emergencies (717-367-1835). In response, the Borough's 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 incidents 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, please call 717-367-1585 to schedule an inspection.

With everyone's help, the Borough's wastewater collection system and treatment plant will run more efficiently, reducing backups and avoiding expensive repair costs.

Rental Property Reminders

- Rental License Information was mailed in October; Application and License Fees are due by December 31, 2022.
- The Borough has contracted with Commonwealth Code Inspection Service, Inc. (CCIS) to complete rental inspections. CCIS will contact each property owner/property manager to schedule and conduct the inspection in accordance with the Borough's Existing Structures and Property Maintenance Code.
- Beginning January 1, 2023, the re-inspection fee of a unit will increase to \$55/unit for a re-inspection. Additionally, the Borough will charge a \$55/unit fee if a property owner/property manager comes to an inspection without the key to enter the unit(s).