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2016 TRASH AND RECYCLING PROGRAM CHANGES

Changes are coming to the solid waste and recycling program effective January 4th. In response to resident requests, and in an effort to enhance customer service, the Borough rebid the trash/recycling contract this past summer and awarded the 2016-2018 contract to Lebanon Farms Disposal (717-949-2363 or 800-533-5356). Please note: Due to the holiday, trash and recycling collection currently scheduled for Friday, January 1st will be collected on Saturday, January 2nd.

WEEKLY COLLECTION DAYS TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY

The weekly collection schedule will shift to Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday. Residents whose current collection day is Friday will be the only group affected by the change as they move to a Tuesday pick up. Existing Wednesday and Thursday collections will remain the same. The decision to move collection from Friday to Tuesday was a culmination of several factors:

1. The change gives all residents the ability to report problems to the Borough Office in a timely manner. Often missed collections were not discovered until people got home from work and after regular business hours on Fridays. This meant the situation could not be corrected until the following week. Moving the collection days to Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday will ensure that the Borough Office will be open to address any problems in a timely manner.
2. In an effort to control costs, this change restricts trash and recycling collections to the work week. The current contract requires the hauler to return over the weekend for any missed collections resulting in more expense for the hauler that is reflected in higher fees for the Borough. Keeping these fees at a minimum helps keep trash and recycling fees as low as possible for Borough residents.
3. The change was also a result of resident requests from those people who are often out of town over the weekend. By changing to a Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday schedule, homeowners planning long weekend excursions can bring trash and recycling cans back inside before leaving town.

HOLIDAY COLLECTION CHANGE

If a holiday should fall on your regular collection day, pick-up is moved to Friday of that week (this is a change from Saturday collection following a holiday). 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. Again, this is a cost-saving measure designed to avoid the expense of weekend collections. Only one day will be affected by this change in 2016. Collection scheduled for Thursday, November 24th will move to Friday, November 25th.

FREQUENT CURBSIDE WASTE COLLECTIONS

Yard (soft and woody) waste materials will be collected curbside every other week on the same day as trash and recycling. Soft yard waste (organic waste including garden residues, leaves, sticks) and woody yard waste (tree trimmings and branches) can be mixed together and placed in a non-disposable container of your choice, clearly marked for Yard Waste collection, so long as the container does not exceed 30 pounds in weight. Yard Waste stickers, similar to recycling stickers currently in use, are available at no charge at the Borough office Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Limbs and branches not placed in a non-disposable container should be tied with string in bundles less than 4 feet in length and no more than 20 inches in diameter. While soft and woody yard waste can be combined, it is important to keep yard waste separated from trash and recyclable materials when placed at the curb. Please note: grass clippings are NOT considered yard waste materials and must be disposed of with regular trash.



BAGS TO BE USED ONLY FOR LEAVES



CURBSIDE TRASH AND RECYCLING

Residents may put out one 32-gallon container weighing less than 30 pounds per week on their designated collection day. Each residence may also place out at the curb, at no extra charge, one large item that does not fit into a 32-gallon container and commingled recycling each week. Extra service tags for regular trash collection beyond the one permitted container may be purchased for \$2 each at the Borough Office and local stores. Attach the sticker to the extra bag or, when using an extra container, affix the tag to the top item inside the container.



RECYCLING REMINDERS:



- Cardboard is accepted at the curb and will be picked up on your regular trash day so long as it is flattened and easy for the loaders to handle. If flattened cardboard will not fit in your recycling container, it may be bundled and placed at the curb beside your recycling container. Shredded paper is accepted either in a recycling bin or in clear plastic bags. Please note that no other recyclable items in plastic bags will be collected.

• Compact fluorescent bulbs (CFLs) contain trace amounts of mercury and, while one CFL does not pose a hazard to you or the environment, millions of these energy-efficient bulbs are in use making it important to keep large concentrations of CFLs out of landfills. CFLs should not be placed in the trash or commingled with recycling, but you can drop off intact (unbroken) CFLs at Lowe's, Home Depot and the Borough Office.



- Construction/demolition debris is not recyclable, nor will it be collected as regular household trash.



- Recycling and Yard Waste stickers are available free at the Borough Office weekdays between 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Although green bins are no longer distributed through the Borough Office, residents can continue to use their green bins, any plastic container with a recycling sticker attached, or even a full size trash can with a lid. While collection of recycling material is unlimited, please keep in mind that recycling bins, when full, should not exceed 30 pounds in weight.

• The Covered Devices Recycling Act, adopted January 24, 2013, prohibits curbside collection of covered devices (televisions, 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.

Visit the Borough's website (www.etononline.com) for more information on items acceptable for recycling



2016 RECYCLING SCHEDULE

SOFT AND WOODY

YARD WASTE AND BRANCHES

Curbside collection every other week on the same day as trash and recycling collection beginning January 5th. Soft and Woody Yard Waste may be combined and placed in a container/can of your choice. As with recycling stickers, free yard waste stickers are also available at the Borough Office between 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Branches should be tied with string in bundles up to 20" in diameter and less than 4' in length and set at the curb or placed in a can or other non-disposable container. Keep in mind that bundles or containers should weigh no more than 30 pounds. Kraft leaf bags are designated for collections of leaves only (see below), not soft or woody yard waste.

2016 Collection days for Soft & Woody Waste

- January 5, 6, 7, 19, 20, 21
- February 2, 3, 4, 16, 17, 18
- March 1, 2, 3, 15, 16, 17, 29, 30, 31
- April 12, 13, 14, 26, 27, 28
- May 10, 11, 12, 24, 25, 26
- June 7, 8, 9, 21, 22, 23
- July 5, 6, 7, 19, 20, 21
- August 2, 3, 4, 16, 17, 18, 30, 31
- September 1, 13, 14, 15, 27, 28, 29
- October 11, 12, 13, 25, 26, 27
- November 8, 9, 10, 22, 23, 25
- December 6, 7, 8, 20, 21, 22

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- January 3, 4, 5, 17, 18, 19, 31

WHITE GOODS & TIRES



Two Saturday curbside collections of white goods (washers, dryers, refrigerators, freezers, stoves, hot water heaters, etc.) and regular motorcycle, car and truck tires are scheduled in 2016, once in the spring and again in the fall. An extra service tag is required for each item placed at the curb for collection. In order to keep pace with disposal fees imposed by LCSWMA, fees are rising slightly next year to \$15 for white goods/appliances and \$3/tire. Tags are only sold at the Borough Office, Monday through Friday between 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

2016 Collection Days White Goods & Tires

- Saturday, April 23
- Saturday, November 5

LEAF COLLECTIONS - {LEAVES ONLY}

The leaf collection process remains unchanged for 2016. Leaves should be placed in biodegradable Kraft bags (available free to residents) and placed curbside for collection on the same day as regular trash and recycling collection. Please note that ONLY leaves are to be placed in Kraft bags for collection at this time. No sticks, acorns, pinecones, or other yard waste is acceptable. Roll the top of the Kraft bag closed, but please refrain from using tape to seal the bags.

2016 Collection days for Leaves

- October 18, 19, 20
- November 1, 2, 3, 15, 16, 17, 29, 30
- December 1

KRAFT LEAF BAG DISTRIBUTION

Each year the Borough purchases 46,000 biodegradable Kraft bags through a joint purchasing arrangement with LCSWMA for approximately \$0.28 each. While supplies last, Kraft bags are provided free of charge to residents for leaf collections. Residents are urged to take only the number of bags they expect to need for their individual property; there is a 25-bag limit each time you pick up bags. Please refrain from using Kraft bags for soft and woody yard waste collections. Kraft leaf bags are available at the Scout House in Community Park on Verdant Alley on the following dates:

WEDNESDAYS, 7 A.M. - 6 P.M.

October 5, 12, 19

November 2, 9, 16, 30

SATURDAYS, 8 A.M. - 10 A.M.

October 8, 15, 22

November 5, 12, 19



CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION

One Christmas Tree collection is scheduled for January each year. Please remove all bags, tinsel, and decorations prior to placing curbside for collection.

Collection days for Christmas Trees

- Saturday, January 9, 2016
- Saturday, January 7, 2017



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MEDICAL WASTE & SHARPS

Small amounts of in-home medical waste should be placed in a sealable plastic container and disposed of as regular trash. For large volumes of medical waste, contact the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PA DEP) at 717-705-4700. LCSWMA provides a free Safe Clip for disposal of Sharps (needles). The device holds 1,500 needles and safely stores them in an attached receptacle. When full, Safe Clips can be disposed of as regular trash. You may, if you prefer, put the entire syringe in a heavy plastic container with a lid (an empty liquid detergent container works well for this). Mark the container **SHARPS—NOT FOR RECYCLE** with a permanent marker, and dispose of as regular trash when the container is full.



PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE-BACK PROGRAM

The Elizabethtown Borough Police Department collects unwanted prescription medications (pills only—no gel caps or liquids). Empty the pills from the original container into a clear plastic bag and drop off at the Police Station during normal business hours. If no disposal instructions are provided on the prescription drug label, you may also dispose of medication in the regular trash using the following steps:

1. Remove the pills from the original container and mix with an undesirable substance (coffee grounds or kitty litter). This makes the drug less appealing to children and pets and unrecognizable to people who may intentionally go through trash looking for drugs.
2. Place the mixture in a sealable bag, empty can, or other container to prevent the drug from leaking or breaking out of a garbage bag.

