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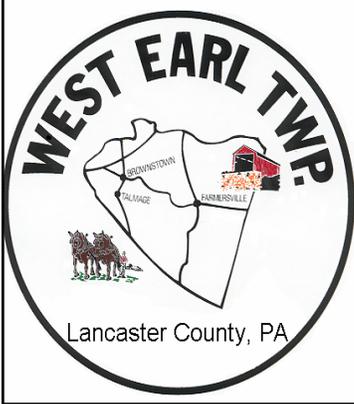
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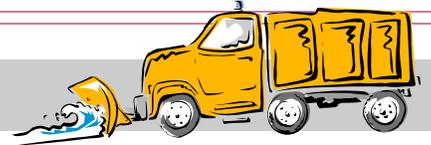
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Snow Removal Procedures



As the winter season approaches, the Road Department would like to remind you that the Township does have a general policy for snow removal. However, each storm event may be a cause for change.

The major collection streets and roadways are attended to first followed by the residential streets. Salt material is spread on the road at the start of a storm and when the snow starts to accumulate, the roads will be plowed with one single pass in each direction and on each street. After the initial plowing, the plow will return to widen the cleared area as much as possible. Please keep in mind when clearing driveway entrances, the plow will be returning again and may block the driveway with additional snow.

In our attempt to remove snow from the roads, plowed snow sometimes damages mailboxes. Wet, heavy snow increases the chance for damage to mailboxes. To reduce the potential for damage, make sure your mailbox is secured tightly on a sturdy post. The Township crew makes every effort to avoid causing damage to mailboxes.

Some additional reminders during snow events:

- Do not push or throw snow into roadways. This creates hazardous driving conditions.
- Drive carefully at a minimum speed.
- Keep parked vehicles off the street whenever possible.



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Library Funding Survey

In preparing its 2007 budget, the Township opted to omit the annual \$4,000 appropriation to the Lancaster Public Library. After some residents expressed concern over this change, the Board of Supervisors decided to conduct a survey of the residents of the Township to ask your opinion on whether funding of the Library should be reinstated.

Please mark the enclosed postage-paid postal card with your choice and mail it back to the Township office by March 12, 2007.



Refuse/Recycling News

White Goods and Tires will be picked up on **Saturday, April 14th**. Tags for these items can be purchased at the West Earl Township Municipal Office during regular business hours, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday. Tags for disposal of White Goods (large appliances such as stoves, refrigerators, washers, dryers and water heaters) cost \$12 for each item. Tags for tires (without rims only) cost \$2 each. **To ensure that your address is included on the list for pick up, please purchase tags for these items no later than Thursday, April 12th**. Tags purchased after Thursday, April 12th will not guarantee a pickup on April 14th.

Yard waste pick up will begin on April 10th. Refer to your 2006-2007 Refuse/Recycling Schedule for specific dates. Brown Kraft Bags are required for yard waste. These biodegradable bags are available for purchase at the Township Office for \$1 each. **Woody waste** will also be picked up on these days. Each bundle of woody waste requires a green tag. Bundles should be no longer than 4 feet and no heavier than 25 lbs. Yard waste that is mixed with trash or is not properly bagged or tagged cannot be picked up.

On-Lot Management Program

A public meeting has been scheduled for February 22, 2007 at 7 p.m. at the Township building. The topic of discussion will be the up-coming On-Lot Management Program. All residents who have an on-lot disposal system are encouraged to attend. If you have any questions regarding this meeting please call the Township office at 859-3201.

Reminder to Township Residents

If you pay your water, sewer or trash bills with a check please remember to make out a separate check for each payment. Payments for water should be made to the West Earl Water Department. Payments for sewer should be made to the West Earl Sewer Authority and payments for trash should be made to West Earl Township.

Thank You!

Disposal of Household Hazardous Waste

Many materials used in the home, garage and garden are considered *household hazardous waste* (see page 3 of this newsletter for some safe alternatives to these hazardous materials) and they can cause serious safety and health problems in transportation or in disposal facilities. **Residents** of Lancaster County can dispose of these materials at the Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority's Household Hazardous Waste Facility (HHW) **free of charge**. These materials include:

- **E-waste: computers and cell phones**
- **Transmission & brake fluids, antifreeze, used motor oil & batteries**
- **Fire extinguishers**
- **Household cleansers**
- **Floor & furniture polish**
- **Paint, stains, turpentine, thinners, rust inhibitors**
- **Pesticides, herbicides, insecticides**
- **Adhesives**
- **Kerosene, gasoline**
- **Old chemistry sets**
- **Photographic & pool chemicals**
- **Mercury-containing devices, such as fluorescent bulbs, ballasts & thermometers**



AUTHORITY FACILITIES

Transfer Station (Manheim Twp.)

Monday-Friday 6:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Frey Farm Landfill (Manor Twp.)

Monday-Friday 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Saturday 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Resource Recovery Facility (Conoy Twp.)

Monday-Friday 6:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Saturday 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Household Hazardous Waste Facility

Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Do you have a question about other materials? Call the LCSWMA at (717) 397-9968 or email info@lcswma.org

Household Hazardous Waste Alternatives

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(Information courtesy of the Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority)

All Purpose Cleaner: Baking Soda - Dissolve 4 tablespoons baking soda in 1 quart warm water for a cleaning solution, or use baking soda sprinkled on a damp sponge. Baking soda will clean all kitchen and bathroom surfaces.

Glass/Window Cleaner: Mix ½ cup vinegar and 1 quart warm water. Wipe with newspaper.

Drain Cleaner: Baking soda and vinegar. Put 1/2 cup baking soda and then 1/2 cup white vinegar down your drain and cover the drain. Let set for a few minutes, then pour a kettle of boiling water down the drain to flush it. (Prevention: To avoid clogging drains, use a strainer to trap food particles and hair, collect grease in cans rather than pouring it down the drain, and pour a kettle of boiling water down the drain weekly to melt fat that may be building up in the drain.)

Furniture Polish: Olive oil and lemon juice. Mix 2 parts oil and 1 part lemon juice. Apply and polish with a soft cloth.

Lime and Mineral Deposit Remover: Vinegar. Hard lime deposits around faucets can be softened for easy removal by covering the deposits with vinegar-soaked rags or paper towels. Leave rags or paper towels on for about 1 hour before cleaning. Cleans and shines chrome.

To remove deposits that may be clogging metal shower heads, combine 1/2 cup white vinegar and 1 quart water. Completely submerge the shower head and boil for 15 minutes. If you have a plastic shower head, combine 1 pint white vinegar and 1 pint hot water. Completely submerge the shower head and soak for about 1 hour.



Remember to use one of these non-hazardous alternatives in place of hazardous materials whenever possible.

For more information about non-hazardous alternatives please visit the LCSWMA website at www.lcswma.org

Township Website

The Township's website is continually being updated. You can now check the online calendar for information on upcoming events and meeting dates and times.

If you have any suggestions for the website please send an email to : sservice@westearltwp.org

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Meetings

West Earl Board of Supervisors

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

West Earl 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

West Earl Zoning Hearing Board

Meet 1st Wednesday of the month as needed at 7:30pm

West Earl Sewer Authority

Meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7:00pm

West Earl Water Authority

Meets the first Monday of every month at 7:00pm



Important Phone Numbers

- Municipal Office 859-3201
- Fax Number 859-3499
- Tax Collector 656-4075
- Water & Sewer Dept (after hours) 859-3725
- Police Department 859-1411
- Emergencies 911
- Police Dept Fax 859-3630
- Building Inspector 733-1654
- Zoning Officer 625-0444
- Sewage Enforcement 721-9008

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