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# West Earl Township

SPRING / SUMMER

APRIL 2013

## OPEN HOUSE



### SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2013

### 9:00 AM TO 1:00 PM

Come and meet your Township Supervisors, Officials,  
Employees & Police Department



Demonstrations  
Equipment Displays  
Child Fingerprinting  
Child Seat Safety Inspections  
Refreshments



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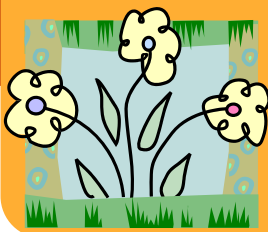
## Utility Billing Changes

The West Earl Township office staff would like to thank you for your patience during the transition to monthly utility billing. You have been supportive of our efforts to make this change and achieve our goal to simplify payments to our office.

This change in billing required many steps. The monthly notifications that were sent out were intended to keep you abreast of the process. We are pleased to report that everything is on schedule and the next bills in May will be combined.

#### A few things to remember:

- ⇒ Rates for all utilities remain the same. The only difference is the frequency of the invoice.
- ⇒ Once all bills are combined onto one invoice, you may write one check for the total amount due.
- ⇒ The combined bills will be printed on white paper. Please don't mistake them for junk-mail!



# Storm Water Pollution Solutions

## Storm water runoff and why it's a problem.

Storm water runoff occurs when precipitation from rain or snowmelt flows over the ground. Impervious surfaces like driveways, sidewalks, and streets prevent storm water from naturally soaking into the ground. Storm water can pick up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants and flow into a storm sewer system or directly to a lake, stream, river, wetland, or coastal water. Anything that enters a storm sewer system is discharged untreated into the waterbodies we use for swimming, fishing, and providing drinking water.

## The effects of storm water pollution

Polluted storm water runoff can have many adverse effects on plants, fish, animals, and people.

- Debris—plastic bags, six-pack rings, bottles, and cigarette butts—washed into water bodies can choke, suffocate, or disable aquatic life like ducks, fish, turtles, and birds.
- Household hazardous wastes like insecticides, pesticides, paint, solvents, used motor oil, and other auto fluids can poison aquatic life. Land animals and people can become sick or die from eating diseased fish and shellfish or ingesting polluted water.
- Polluted storm water often affects drinking water sources. This, in turn,



can affect human health and increase drinking water treatment costs.

## 10 Things You Can Do to Prevent Storm Water Runoff Pollution

- \* Use fertilizers sparingly and sweep up driveways, sidewalks, and gutters.
- \* Never dump anything down storm drains or in streams.
- \* Vegetate bare spots in your yard.
- \* Compost your yard waste. Township residents can use the compost facility located on Locust Street in Talmage free of charge.
- \* Use less toxic pesticides, follow labels, and learn how to prevent pest problems.
- \* Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces; consider a rain garden to capture runoff.
- \* Take your car to the car wash instead of washing it in the driveway.
- \* Check your car for leaks and recycle your motor oil. The Township office has a receptacle for recycling used motor oil.
- \* Pick up after your pet.
- \* Have your septic tank pumped and system inspected regularly.

For more information about storm water visit the PA Department of Environmental Protection website at [www.depweb.state.pa.us](http://www.depweb.state.pa.us) or the US Environmental Protection Agency website at [www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater](http://www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater)

## HYDRANT FLUSHING



The West Earl Water Department will be flushing hydrants during the month of May. During the flushing, water may appear milky due to air in the system. Please report any brown or rust-colored water to the Township office at 717-859-3201.

## Spring/Summer Road Work

Road work will take place on the following Township roads this spring/summer.

### Nova Chip Overlay

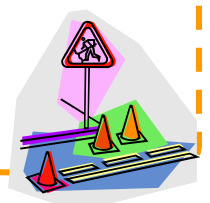
- Stone Quarry Road
- Louise Avenue
- Marlou Avenue
- Evergreen Lane—section

### Micro rut fill & chip seal

- Diamond Station Road—from Brossman Rd. to Pleasant Valley Dr.

### Widen & overlay

- Brick Church Road—from S. Groffdale Rd. to School Rd.



## FREE HOME COMPOSTING WORKSHOPS SCHEDULED



**May 18** at the [East Donegal Township](#) gazebo located at 190 Rock Point Rd., Marietta during Shredding/ReUse/Recycle Day. If raining, the workshop will be held in the Township building at the same address. The workshop is from 10 am to 11 am. For more information, please contact the East Donegal Township Recycling Coordinator at (717) 426-3167 or email [Vicki@eastdonegaltwp.com](mailto:Vicki@eastdonegaltwp.com).

[Borough](#). The workshop is from 10 am to 11 am. No fee is required for this workshop, but pre-registration is recommended. For more information, please contact the Mount Joy Borough Recycling Coordinator at (717) 653-2300 or email [borough@mountjoytpa.org](mailto:borough@mountjoytpa.org).

**June 1** at the Community Center in [East Petersburg Borough](#) located at 6051 Pine St., East Petersburg. The workshop is from 10 am to 11 am. No fee is required, but pre-registration is recommended. To pre-register or for more information, please contact the East Petersburg Borough Recycling Coordinator at (717) 569-9282 or email [vag.ep4@comcast.net](mailto:vag.ep4@comcast.net).

**June 19** at the [Chiques \(Chickies\) Creek Watershed Alliance Expo](#) at the [Lancaster Liederkrantz](#) pavilion, 772 S. Chiques Rd., Manheim. This is not a workshop, but features a display providing educational materials and the opportunity to discuss home composting issues. This event is from 6 pm to 8 pm. For more information, please contact the Chiques Creek Watershed Alliance at (717) 665-3827 or [manager@raphotownship.com](mailto:manager@raphotownship.com).

**June 4** at the [City of Lancaster](#) Recycling Drop-off Center located at 850 New Holland Ave. Lancaster. The workshop is from 6 pm to 7 pm. No fee is required, but pre-registration is recommended. To pre-register or for more information, please contact the City of Lancaster Solid Waste & Recycling Manager at (717) 291-4762 or email [tbrenneisen@cityoflancasterpa.com](mailto:tbrenneisen@cityoflancasterpa.com).

**September 21** at the Freedom Memorial Park, Pavilion A at 5 Blue Rock Rd., Millersville. This workshop is from 10 am to 11 am and is co-hosted by [Millersville Borough](#) and the Penn Manor Girl Scouts. No fee is required for this workshop, but pre-registration is recommended. For more information, please contact the Millersville Borough Recycling Coordinator at (717) 872-4645 or email [smc-cullough@millersvilleborough.org](mailto:smc-cullough@millersvilleborough.org).

**June 15** at Little Chiques Park on Park Avenue in [Mount Joy](#)



## RECYCLING NEWS

Did you know that Pennsylvania passed a law, called the **Covered Devices Recycling Act**, which prohibits residents from disposing of covered devices as trash? Effective January 24, 2013 residents and businesses may no longer place these items at the curb or throw them away as trash. These devices must be recycled. Additionally, trash haulers are prohibited from collecting these items as municipal waste.

### What is a covered device?

Covered devices include desktop computers, laptops, monitors, computer peripherals (keyboard, mouse, printer and speakers), televisions, and e-readers that browse the internet.

The Covered Devices Recycling Act does NOT include cell phones, motor vehicle components, appliance components or items such as handheld calculators, PDAs, MP3 players or similar devices.

### How does this benefit you?

While you are required by law to recycle covered devices, the new rule prohibits manufacturers and retailers from charging customers a fee for accepting covered devices. There are a number of ways to recycle these items free of charge.



### Where can you recycle your covered device?

You can recycle your covered device at Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority's **Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Facility**, located at 1299 Harrisburg Pike in Lancaster. The HHW Facility will accept a maximum of 10 units per visit, per day from Lancaster County residents and businesses. Visit [www.lcswma.org](http://www.lcswma.org) to learn more.



You may also visit [www.Earth911.com](http://www.Earth911.com) for an additional list of locations that recycle covered devices.

### More questions?

If you have additional questions on the Covered Devices Recycling Act, please contact the Township Office at 717-859-3201 or email [datadep@westearltpa.org](mailto:datadep@westearltpa.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  
7:00pm*

### **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 556-8294
- Water & Sewer Dept  
(after hours) 859-3725
- Police Department 859-1411
- Emergencies 911
- Zoning Officer 859-3201  
(Wed. 9am-12pm)
- Sewage Enforcement 625-1930

