

VALLEY TOWNSHIP

SUMMER/FALL 2019 NEWSLETTER

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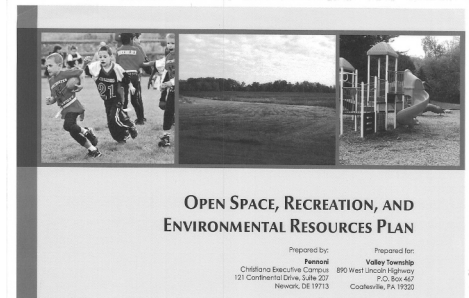
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Monday - Friday – 7:30 am – 3:30 pm

The Township is very excited to see the new building underway. Progress is being made. The building is now under roof and a good portion of the building exterior work is completed. The grading and paving of the parking lots and access road will be underway this summer as well. The new digital sign is being installed. As well as marking the location of the township facilities, the sign will also allow us to display important messages and upcoming events. We look forward to sharing it with all our residents once it is completed. Stay tuned.



OPEN SPACE, RECREATION & ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES PLAN



In 2018 Valley Township received a DCNR Grant to update their Open Space, Recreation and Environmental Resources Plan. That process involved many public meetings and meetings with a steering committee made up of Township residents. In addition, the Township received an extension and additional grant funds to do a Master Site Plan for the property at 890 W. Lincoln Hwy for when the township relocates to its new building. The current township building, while historical, is in very bad repair. The Board of Supervisors will be looking for considerable input from the community as they weigh their options as to which direction to go in. Please keep an eye on the township website to see when these meetings will be held. You can also sign up with your e-mail at the township building to receive notifications of upcoming meetings and projects or send it to manager@valleytownship.org.

VALLEY TOWNSHIP COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

The Township received a Vision Partnership Program Grant from the County of Chester to update the Township's long-range Comprehensive Plan. A committee comprised of local residents and business leaders is working with the Township Manager, Township Engineer and a consultant to develop this plan. A public meeting was held on Wednesday, May 29th at Rainbow Elementary School to get community input on the project on items such as economic development, roads and infrastructure, recreation and housing, etc. within the township. The committee is interested in getting as much public input as possible so a general survey is available at the township or on the website to fill out and return to the township. If you would like a copy e-mailed to you or have any questions, please contact Manager, Carol R. Lewis at manager@valleytownship.org or call her at 610-384-5751, ext. 16. All input must be received by the township by October 24th in order to be included in the study.

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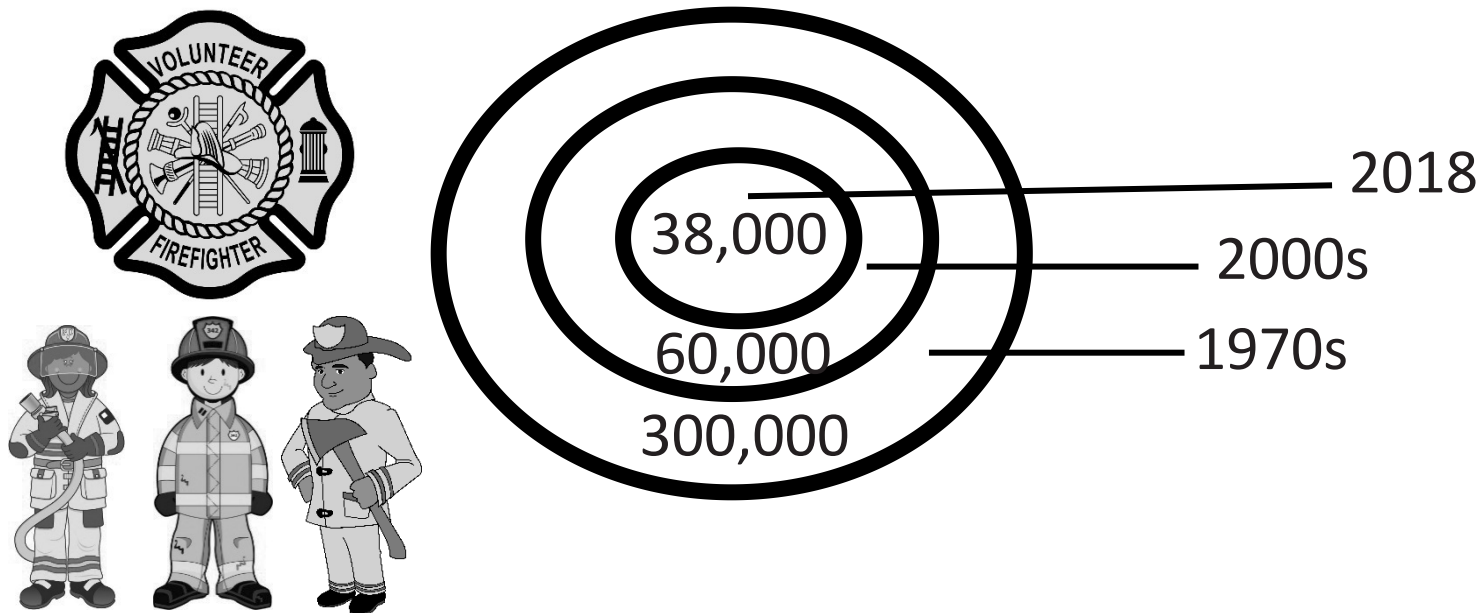
WESTWOOD FIRE COMPANY/EMS:

The 2019 ambulance membership drive is in full swing! Please remember to return your mailer in the included envelope. If you did not receive a mailer, or would like more information on the membership drive, please contact the Westwood Fire Company. Thank you to all who participate in this drive. We would be unable to provide a high level of service to the community without these generous contributions.



Now seeking volunteers! Pennsylvania is experiencing a record shortage of emergency service volunteers. Consider helping your community by volunteering with your local emergency service organization. There are many ways to help, including operational & administrative roles. For more information on volunteering please visit the Westwood Fire Company or www.helpfightfire.com

The Pennsylvania Senate created a commission to study the problem of declining firefighter volunteerism and issued recommendations in a 2018 report, the number of volunteer firefighters have declined from about 300,000 in the 1970s to about 60,000 in the early 2000s, to now 38,000 in 2018.



Westwood is now accepting 2019 picnic pavilion rentals! The Westwood Fire Company is the perfect location for all outdoor event needs. Dates are filling up quickly! For more information, please visit www.westwoodfire.com.



REMAINING TOWNSHIP HOLIDAY SCHEDULE & TRASH/RECYCLE COLLECTION DATES



Holiday	Observed Holiday Date	Trash Collection	Recycle Collection
Independence Day	Thursday, July 4	July 5	July 5
Labor Day	Monday, September 2	September 3	---
Veterans' Day	Monday, November 11	November 12	---
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 28	November 29	November 29
Day After Thanksgiving	Friday, November 29	November 29	December 2
Christmas	Wednesday, December 25	December 26	December 26

If your trash or recycle day falls on the "Observed Holiday Date" listed above, please refer to the chart for your collection date. Any questions, please contact the Township Office at 610 384-5751 to confirm your "make up" date.



2019 FALL BULK TRASH COLLECTION

Monday, September 23

Hayti, Quiet Village, Rainbow, Rock Run, West Lincoln Highway, Airport Road, Oakcrest & Meadowbrook

Monday, September 30

Mineral Springs Road, Hilltop Lane, Country Club Valley, Valley Springs, Beacon Hill, Country Ridge, Valley Farms, Villages at Hillview

Monday, October 7

Westwood area, Charles Street, Madison Street, Gap Road, Valley Crossing, Springbrook Village

- **Two (2) large items equivalent to 4 trash bags -- NO TELEVISIONS, ELECTRONICS, MATTRESSES/BOX SPRINGS CAN BE ACCEPTED AS THE DEP DOES NOT ALLOW THE DUMPING OF THESE ITEMS INTO THE LANDFILL. Also, NO building materials, tires, garbage, grass clippings, leaves or brush**
- *Freon in refrigerators & air conditioners must be removed and tagged by a certified professional*
- **Do NOT place anything curbside that you do not want picked up!** *We assume if an item(s) is placed along the street or curb, it is for collection. We are not responsible for items set along the curb on collection that are taken.*

DROUGHT EMERGENCY PLAN

A Drought Emergency Plan will be implemented for the Valley Township Water System by establishing several stages of water demand reduction as shown below:



<u>Stage</u>	<u>Water Demand Reduction</u>
Normal Conditions	Emphasize Water Conservation Program a. Encourage voluntary conservation b. Constant leak survey program, prompt repair c. Repair/replace meters where applicable d. Enforce use of water conservation fixtures
Ground Levels Reach “Drought Watch” Stage	<u>Voluntary</u> restriction on lawn watering, car washing, and all other non-essential use of water
Ground Levels Reach “Drought Warning” Stage and notice of intent to replace rationing plan in effect.	<u>Mandatory</u> restrictions on all non-essential use, voluntary 25% reduction in consumption request
Groundwater Levels Reach “Drought Emergency” Stage	<u>Mandatory</u> water rationing put into effect. All users – 25% reduction with a floor for residential users of 40 gallons per person per day.
If Supply Continues to Drop ...	<u>Decrease</u> allowance to 50%.

The groundwater levels to trigger the different stages show above will be set initially as follows:

<u>Pumping Level</u>	<u>Stage</u>
40% of normal-critical	Drought Watch
30% of normal-critical	Drought Warning
20% of normal-critical	Drought Emergency

**Difference between normal pumping level and pump intake level*

These trigger levels would be adjusted as actual season pumping levels are determined.

Emergency supply to the Valley (Mineral) Springs water system is available from the Airport Road Interconnection with Pennsylvania American Water Company’s system, supplying a maximum daily capacity of 0.40 MGD.

TIPS ON MANAGING STORMWATER

In order to recharge the groundwater levels, rain must soak back into the ground and with increased impervious (non-porous) surfaces such as asphalt on driveways and streets or impervious rooftops the ability for this to happen is diminished. This leads to flooding and increased pollution of our streams.

Low groundwater levels result in critically low or even dry creek beds and diminished drinking water supply during periods of reduced rainfall. As stormwater flows over driveways, lawns, and sidewalks, it picks up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants. Stormwater can 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. Polluted runoff is the nation's greatest threat to clean water.

By practicing healthy household habits, homeowners can help with reducing stormwater runoff on their property. To assure that common pollutants like pesticides, pet waste, grass clippings and automotive fluids are kept off the ground and out of stormwater, adopt these healthy household habits and help protect your drinking water.

Use a Rain Barrel



Rain Barrels capture and store rain making it available for watering gardens, washing cars and other activities that you would use your hose for. The collected rainwater is used in place of your utility or well water, therefore reducing costs. The stored rainwater will not contribute to stormwater runoff, which causes flooding and carries pollutant to our streams.

Vegetated Stream Bank

Riparian buffers are the vegetated areas alongside streams. They are an important part of the natural ecosystem and vital to the health of streams and their organisms including plants, fish and other aquatic organisms.



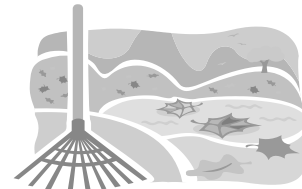
Vehicle and Garage

Use a commercial car wash or wash your car on a lawn or other unpaved surface to minimize the amount of dirty, soapy water flowing into the storm drain and eventually into your local waterbody. Check your car, boat, motorcycle and other machinery and equipment for leaks and spills. Make repairs as soon as possible. Clean up spilled fluids with an absorbent material like kitty litter or sand, and don't rinse the spills into a nearby storm drain. Remember to properly dispose of the absorbent material. **Recycle** used oil and other automotive fluids at participating service stations. Don't dump these chemicals down the storm drain or dispose of them in your trash.



Lawn & Garden

Minimize lawn chemicals and consider using organic fertilizers if you must. If using chemicals use, the recommended amounts and do not apply them when the forecast is calling for rain. **SWEEP UP** yard debris rather than hosing down areas. **COMPOST OR RECYCLE** yard waste when possible. Don't over water your lawn. Water during the cool time of the day and don't let water runoff into the storm drain. **COVER** piles of dirt and mulch being used in landscaping projects to prevent these pollutants from blowing or washing off your yard and into local waterbodies. **VEGETATE** bare spots in your yard to prevent soil erosion.

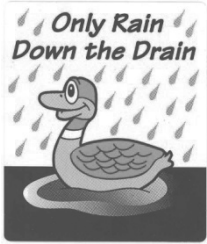


Pick Up After Your Dog

Pet waste can contribute nutrients and bacteria to our streams. When walking your pet remember to pick up the waste and dispose of it properly. Flushing pet waste is the best disposal method.

**IF YOUR DOG POOPS
PLEASE SCOOP**

Only Rain in the Drain



Never put anything into the storm sewers, including oil, paint, soap, debris, leaves, etc. Storm sewers do not go to the sewer plant but discharge directly into our streams. Check with the township website for the location and times for the county hazardous waste pickup schedule.

Please check the websites and numbers listed below for additional stormwater runoff issues and pollution prevention tips. If you are interested in volunteering at the Township to mark storm drains, cleaning up trash and litter, or writing articles concerning stormwater runoff, please contact the Township Office at 610 384-5751.

Valley Township	610 384-5751
PA DEP Southeast Regional Water Quality	484 250-5970
Chester County Conservation District	610 925-4920
Chester County Water Resources Authority	610 344-5400
Brandywine Red Clay Alliance	610 493-1090
Chester County Solid Waste Authority	610 273-3771

www.valleytownship.org
www.dep.pa.us
www.chesco.org/conservation
www.chesco.org/water
www.brandywineredclay.org
www.chestercountyswa.org

WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM



Valley Township will implement the following measures to encourage water conservation:

- Water Rates & Metering
 - ✓ All connections are metered and rates charged based on water consumption to help reduce wasteful water usage.
 - ✓ Household leak detection will be encouraged by informing customers with unusually high meter readings and distributing leak detection tips in brochures with all water billings.
- Leakage Monitoring and Control Programs
- Water Saving Fixtures – Ordinance for water saving fixtures has been enacted
- Public Education – The public will be informed through brochures (to be sent out in mailings or in the Newsletters and website) of laws affecting water conservation and how to avoid wasting water.
- Drought Emergency – Water conservation will become mandatory during a drought emergency plan.



If you are a water and sewer customer of Valley Township, Please remember that your sewer bill is also based on your water usage. If you choose to water your lawn, wash your car, power-wash your home or fill a swimming pool, not only will this increase your water bill but it will increase your sewer bill as well.

DISCOUNT MOVIE TICKETS

AVAILABLE FOR SALE

\$9.50 each



Tickets may be purchased by residents and non-residents at the Valley Township Municipal Office, 890 West Lincoln Highway, during normal business hours of 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Tickets are for unrestricted access to any movie at any Regal, United Artist or Edwards theatres (except in Manhattan, NY) such as the Downingtown Cinema Stadium. Not valid for special events or private screenings. Surcharge fees apply at the theatre for all 3D, IMAX, large format, RPX and Real D films. Makes great gifts!! No expiration date!!

*Cash Sale Only; sorry, no checks or credit cards.
Proceeds Benefit the Valley Township Parks &
Recreation Authority Programs*

SHREDDING/eWASTE EVENT SUCCESSFUL!

The annual multi-municipal shredding and eWaste event was held on Saturday, May 11. This year it was held at the North Brandywine/Reeceville Elementary School Complex. The event is a joint effort between East Brandywine Township, West Brandywine Township, West Bradford Township, Borough of South Coatesville, City of Coatesville and Valley Township. Each municipality sends volunteers to help with the paper and eWaste drop off and are assisted by the Hopewell Boy Scout Troop.

This year, there were 17,460 pounds of paper collected and two, 20-foot box trailers of eWaste collected.

In addition to the volunteer help, donations from the following companies provide for the shredding trucks and eWaste collection at no cost to the participating municipalities:



Thank you to our generous sponsors! Keep your eye out at the beginning of 2020 for the date and location of next year's event.

Advertisements in the Newsletter have helped defray the costs of printing. If you would like to place an advertisement in an upcoming issue, please contact the Township Office for more information. There is a limited amount of space dedicated to advertisers in each issue.



UTILITY BILL PAYMENTS

Utility bills (Sewer, Trash, Water) are due every January, April, July and October. If you do not receive your bill by the 5th of the month, please contact our office. When paying in person, **please bring the entire bill with you if you would like a receipt.** We accept cash, personal check or money orders.

If mailing a payment:

Please send your payment to: Valley Township, **P.O. Box 467**, Coatesville, PA 19320

If you are paying by check: please ensure that your check is made out properly! Check is to be payable to "Valley Township" and your account number should be written in the "memo" section of the check. Ideally, the remittance portion of the invoice should be returned with payment or brought into the office if paying in person. Please proofread your check before submitting it for payment -- ensure that the written amount and the numeric amount of your check match. The bank will go by the written amount of the check. Checks that are not written out properly, do not include any identification to which account the payment is for, and/or are post-dated will be returned. We are not responsible for any untimely posting to your account due to checks that cannot be posted to the correct account or processed through the bank. This could result in lost discounts or penalties being assessed.

If you pay online through your bank:

Please ask them to send your payment, **with your account number**, in a separate envelope addressed to:
Valley Township, **P.O. Box 467**, Coatesville, PA 19320

Valley Township will not be responsible for misdirected or late mail. No adjustments will be made if your bank mails your payment to the incorrect address or encloses it with other correspondence. ***Addressing your payment by mail to "890 West Lincoln Highway" may result in the post office returning your envelope.***

DO NOT TAPE YOUR PAYMENT TO THE FRONT DOOR OF THE TOWNSHIP BUILDING!!!! If someone other than Township Staff gets the envelope, you could be vulnerable to identify theft. Someone now has your bank account and routing information!

Attention Valley Township Water Customers:



Water meters are read through a remote device attached to the outside of your home. This remote device must be clear of all obstructions and must provide a direct line-of-sight for drive-by and walk-by meter readings. It is the responsibility of the property owner to keep the area where the remote device is located clear of all vegetation or other obstacles.

MedReturn

Drug Collection Unit



As part of a County-wide initiative, Valley Township was issued a MedReturn Drug Collection Box for residents to bring in prescription and over-the-counter medications that they no longer need. The collection box is located at the Township Building near the reception area.

Acceptable Items



- Prescriptions
- Prescription patches
- Prescription medications
- Prescription ointments
- Over-the-counter medications
- Vitamins
- Samples
- Medications for pets



NOT Accepted

- Hydrogen peroxide
- Inhalers
- Aerosol cans
- Ointments/lotions/liquids
- Medications from businesses or clinics
- Needles
- Thermometers



Saturday, August 10, 2019

**Resorts Casino
Atlantic City, NJ**



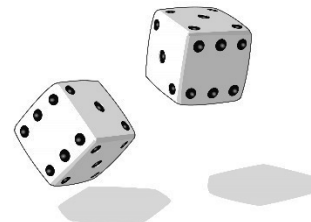
**Bus departs at 10:00 am from Airport Village Shopping Center
106 Airport Road, Coatesville, PA**

Bus arrives back to Airport Village Shopping Center at 8:00 pm

Cost: \$25.00 per person / \$10.00 Voucher Upon Arrival

***Tickets can be purchased at the Township Municipal Building
during normal business hours of 7:30 am – 4:30 pm
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The 2020 Census & Confidentiality

April 1, 2020, will be “Census Day”! Responding to the 2020 Census helps communities get the funding they need and helps businesses make data-driven decisions that grow the economy. Census data impact our daily lives, informing important decisions about funding for services and infrastructure in your community, including health care, senior centers, jobs, political representation, roads, schools and businesses. More than \$675 billion in federal funding flows back to states and local communities each year based on census data.

Your census responses are safe and secure – The Census Bureau is required by law to protect any personal information we collect and keep it strictly confidential. The Census Bureau can only use your answers to produce statistics. In fact, every Census Bureau employee takes an oath to protect your personal information for life. Your answers cannot be obtained for law enforcement purposes or to determine your personal eligibility for government benefits.

It’s your choice: you can respond securely online, by mail, or by phone – You will have the option of responding online, by mail, or by phone. Households that don’t respond in one of these ways will be visited by a census taker to collect the information in person. Regardless of how you respond, your personal information is protected by law.

The US Census Bureau is hiring!

People can apply for 2020 Census work if they are at least 18 years old, a US Citizen, and if they have a valid Social Security number and eMail address. Males born after December 31, 1959, must also be registered with the Selective Service System or have a qualifying exemption. Please visit 2020census.gov/jobs to learn more about specific application requirements. As part of the application process, applicants will be asked questions related to their education, work, and other experiences.

In addition to supporting your community, census jobs offer great pay every week, flexible hours, and paid training. The Census Bureau is committed to hiring Census Takers to work in their own communities. Employees are paid weekly and can expect to receive their first paycheck approximately 10 to 14 days after their first day of work. Field employees will be reimbursed for authorized work expenses, like mileage while conducting 2020 Census work.

VOTING DISTRICT CHANGE COMING FOR “VALLEY NORTH”

Starting with the General Election this November (November 5), Valley North will be broken down into 3 voting locations: **proposed locations, awaiting final approval by the County & State**, are: Rainbow Elementary School (1113 West Lincoln Highway), Valley Baptist Church (200 Airport Road), and James J. Terry Funeral Home (1060 West Lincoln Highway). Notifications will be sent out by [Chester County Voter Services](#) as well as publication in the *Daily Local News* of how the current voting district will be split and which location registered voters will go to cast their vote in November. If you receive the information from Voter Services, please be sure to read it!

There is no change in the voting location for Valley South – you will continue to vote at Westwood Fire Company (1403 Valley Road).



15th ANNUAL VALLEY DAY



Saturday, September 28, 2019

(rain date: Sunday, September 29, 2019)

11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Craft Vendors

Food Vendors

Held at: Highlands Corporate Center
Airport Road & Highlands Blvd, Coatesville

Sponsored by Valley Township Board of Supervisors
& Valley Township Recreation Authority

***** Activities Provided at No Cost *****

HEALTH FAIR – 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Activities in the past have included:

- Miniature Golf
- Photo Booth
- Moon Bounce
- Rock Climbing
- Petting Zoo , Pony Rides
- Face Painting
- Rolling Game Trailer
- Inflatable Obstacle Challenge
- Kiddie Go-Karts & Train
- Mobile Zip Line
- Westwood Fire Company Vehicle Exhibit
- Performances by local baton, dance and gymnastic groups
- DJ



RAFFLE ongoing throughout the day, closing at 3:00 p.m.

Please check our website, www.valleytownship.org, for Valley Day updates and confirmed activities – new this year “Grandpop Bubbles”



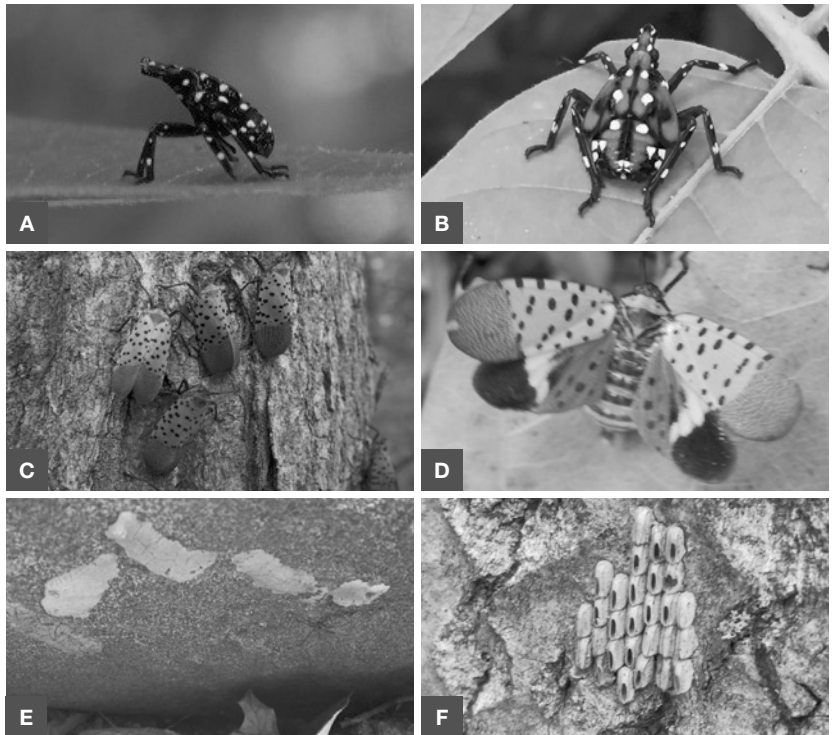
How You Can Comply with the Spotted Lanternfly Quarantine Regulations

There is a new invasive insect in southeastern Pennsylvania, *Lycorma delicatula*, commonly known as the spotted lanternfly (SLF). This insect has the potential to be harmful to grapevines, hops, tree fruit, and trees. To try to limit the spread of SLF, the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture (PDA) has established a quarantine order in counties where SLF already exists. All residents and businesses must comply with the regulations. PDA has the authority to fine anyone who willfully violates the quarantine order.

Here are some tips to help you avoid spreading SLF and be in compliance with the regulations.

1. Learn about which counties are included in the quarantine order. The area of the quarantine will continue to change as new discoveries are made. As you move within and out of the quarantined area, you must make sure that you are not transporting any living life stages of the SLF to new areas. If you believe you have discovered SLF, report your discovery online at extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly or call 1-888-4BAD-FLY (1-888-422-3359). The most recent quarantine map can always be found at extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly.

2. Learn about what SLF looks like in every stage of its development throughout the year.



- A. The young nymphs are black with white spots and can be present from April through July.
- B. The older nymphs are black and red with white spots and can be present from July through September.
- C. The adults (shown at rest) can be present from July until late December. The adults are 1 to 1¼ inches long.
- D. Adults will show their red underwings when disturbed.
- E. The egg masses can be on trees, rocks, or any other solid object and can be present from September through June.
- F. The empty remains of the eggs that have hatched can be found at any time of the year.

To see additional pictures of SLF, go to extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly-what-to-look-for

3. Avoid parking or storing things under trees in infested areas. The female SLF often lays eggs on objects that are under the trees she is feeding on. You should try to change your habits about where you park. Park vehicles in open fields, away from tree lines, or in a closed garage if possible. You should not store things that you might need to move to outside of the quarantined area under infested trees. These things include firewood, tools, construction supplies, equipment, or any other solid object.

4. Inspect all items that you need to move from within the quarantined area to areas outside the quarantined area. You should remove and destroy any SLF that you find before you move the item. Also check all vehicles, trailers, campers, and equipment, including around windshield wipers, grills, wheel wells, and truck beds. Inspect plant material, woody debris, lawn furniture, construction supplies, tools, and all solid objects. Destroy mobile stages of SLF by crushing them. Destroy eggs by smashing them or scraping them into a container of rubbing alcohol.

5. All businesses should get a permit issued through PDA. A permit provides evidence that you have completed training about how to follow the rules of the quarantine order and you agree to do all you can to ensure the items you transport are not carrying SLF. You will receive documentation for your vehicles to show that you have obtained the SLF permit from PDA. To obtain a permit, take the training online at extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly. This is a “train the trainer” course to train designated employees (usually an owner, manager, or supervisor) within a company on how to comply with the quarantine regulations. The designated employee must then train fellow employees. In-person training and questions may be directed to SLFPermit@PA.gov.

6. Use the checklist for residents if you need to move items that are not included in a permit through a business. This checklist is a legal document to show that you have inspected the item, removed and destroyed any living life stages of SLF, and are in compliance. You can print the checklist, fill it out, sign it, and take it with you when you move the item(s). The checklist is available at extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly.

7. If you sell plants, have them inspected by PDA to receive a phytosanitary certificate. Pennsylvania law requires horticultural businesses that produce and/or sell plants to have either a Nursery/Greenhouse License or a Nursery Dealer’s License. When you have a license, plant inspectors will check your plants. For more information, see www.agriculture.pa.gov/Plants_Land_Water/PlantIndustry/plant-health/Phytosanitary/Pages/default.aspx.

8. If you sell and/or produce mulch, you must use specific practices to ensure it does not harbor SLF. The specific practices are outlined at extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly under Spotted Lanternfly Management. You will need to enter into a compliance agreement with PDA.

These regulations do not apply to grass clippings or autumn leaf collection. We believe that the spotted lanternfly does not lay eggs on these lightweight objects. Clippings and leaves may be moved from the quarantined area if necessary, as long as the truck and/or trailer you are hauling them with has been checked.

The regulations of the quarantine order are in place to prevent the spotted lanternfly from being spread by people. This pest is not just a concern to agricultural and horticultural professionals, it is a community concern. To protect the agriculture industry, we need everyone to be aware of the best practices to avoid spreading the spotted lanternfly and use these practices in their daily activities.

You can find the official quarantine order, a summary in plain language, and more information at www.agriculture.pa.gov/Plants_Land_Water/PlantIndustry/Entomology/spotted_lanternfly/quarantine/Pages/default.aspx.

If you do not have access to the Internet, contact the Penn State Extension office in your county to receive copies of the checklist for residents or to access the online permit training.

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VALLEY TOWNSHIP HONORS ITS VOLUNTEERS AT ANNUAL LUNCHEON AND NAMES THE 2019 “VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR”

On Saturday, April 27, 2019, Valley Township honored its volunteers at their annual *Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon*. Over 50 volunteers were present and were recognized for helping with many of the Township’s community events such as: annual Easter Egg Hunt, Multi-Municipal Shredding Event, Community Clean Up Day, Valley Day, Townwatch, and the Children’s Holiday Party. The Board also presented their 8th *Volunteer of the Year Award*.

Sydney Proctor was recognized as the “2019 Volunteer of the Year”. Sydney has assisted with the Children’s Holiday Party since 2002. She also participates in the annual Easter Egg Hunt and Valley Day. Other events have included the “Fun in the Park”, the “Bookbag Giveaway” and she is very active in helping to solicit items for the annual Silent Auction/Raffle that raises funds to be used for Parks & Rec Activities. **Congratulations, Sydney, for this recognition!**

The Volunteer of the Year Award was sponsored by Barbagallo & Associates, PC



L-R, Patrice Proctor, Sydney Proctor, Kathy O’Doherty.



L-R, Patrice Proctor, Twanasue Lenhart, Shaun Lenhart, “KJ” Lenhart, and Kathy O’Doherty.

Missing was Kris Lenhart who was attending a conference representing AFSCME District Council 13

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD PRESENTED

A Special Recognition Award was also presented at this year’s Volunteer Luncheon. Kris Lenhart, Valley Township’s Lead Worker I, and his family were recognized for their participation at Valley’s Annual Community Clean Up Day. Kris volunteers his time along with his sons Kris Jr. (KJ) and Shaun and his wife, Twanasue (“Sis”). Vice Chairwoman Kathy O’Doherty noted that although the Lenhart’s formerly lived within the Township, they currently live in the Elverson area. She recognized Mr. Lenhart volunteering time to the Township and his family’s participation. Unfortunately, Kris was unable to be at the luncheon and presentation.

*The Special Recognition Award was sponsored by Kathy O’Doherty®
Kathy OD’s Tri-State Realty Team with Keller Williams Realty*

PARK/PAVILION RESERVATION

Fees to rent one of Valley Township's Parks or Pavilions was set effective May 1, 2019 as follows:

Park/Pavilion reservation – security deposit	\$150.00
Park/Pavilion reservation – resident – up to 3 hours/less than 25 people	\$25.00
Park/Pavilion reservation – non-resident – up to 3 hours/less than 25 people	\$50.00

**Park/Pavilion usage over 3 hours or 25 or more people must have Board of Supervisor approval and fee will be set by the Board of Supervisors. The Board meets the first and third Tuesday of each month and your request to be on the agenda would need to be submitted by noon the Friday before the meeting.

Township Parks

- Hayti Park – West Lincoln Highway, adjacent to Township Building
- Rock Run Park – Irish Lane
- John A. Gibney Park – Valley Road in Westwood Area



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Valley Township has partnered with "YOUNG LUNGS AT PLAY" to eliminate children's exposure to secondhand smoke, aerosol and debris at public parks, buildings, and playgrounds; protect the environment and health of all; and positively influence community norms.

The Board of Supervisors adopted an Ordinance on May 22, 2019, governing the use of tobacco or nicotine delivery products on Township Property prohibiting the use at the Township's Municipal Building and the Township's Municipal Parks.

Tobacco or Nicotine delivery products include any product containing, made, or derived from tobacco or nicotine that is intended for human consumption, whether smoked, heated, chewed, absorbed, dissolved, inhaled, snorted, sniffed, or ingested by any other means, including, but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, little cigars, chew, e-cigarettes, juul, hookah, pipe, snuff, and snus.

Any person who violates any provision shall, upon being found liable of a summary offense in a criminal enforcement proceeding pay a judgement of not more than \$600 plus all costs.



Chief Brian A. Newhall presented Todd Pechin with a *Certificate of Commendation* at the Board of Supervisors Meeting of April 23, 2019. Mr. Pechin assisted the Valley Township Police Department in controlling a subject that was being taken into custody. His actions helped prevent injuries to officers and the subject. Pictured above with Chief Newhall accepting his *Certificate of Commendation* is Todd Pechin, along with his son, TJ, and wife, Joellen.



Township Manager Carol Lewis (far right) presented Certificates of Appreciation to members of the Girl Scout Troop 4075 who volunteered their time to plant flowers and mulch at the Township Building. Scouts attending, pictured above, were Alexa Toth, Avary Gathercole, Emma Sell, Jordan Toth, Kyra Reider, and Sarah Scharf along with their leaders Tina Keen and Erin Toth. Not able to attend were Alina Morton, Ava Weldon and Brooke Snyder. Presentation was made at the Board of Supervisors meeting of June 18, 2019.

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When you dial 9-1-1, from a phone associated with your Safety Profile, that information automatically displays to the 9-1-1 call taker, allowing them to send responders based on up-to-date location and emergency information. With your Safety Profile, responders can arrive aware of many details they would not otherwise know. Fire crews can arrive knowing exactly how many people live in your home and where the bedrooms are located. EMS personnel can know family members' allergies or specific medical conditions. And police can access a photo of a missing family member in seconds rather than minutes or hours, helping the search start faster.

In an emergency seconds can save lives. Take a few seconds now to plan ahead at www.smart911.com

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Select Alerts for Public "Valley"

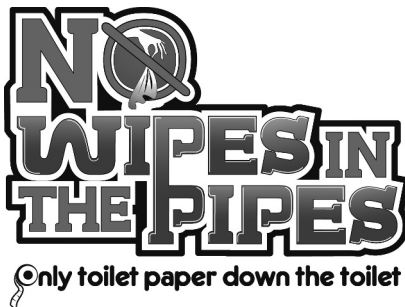


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SEWER RULES & REGULATIONS REMINDER

Valley Township would like to once again remind all residents not to flush items such as rags, non-disintegrating wipes, condoms, tampons, etc. down the toilet/sewer system. These items have been found while staff has been routinely cleaning the sewer trash racks and the various pump stations. Continued disregard for flushing items that should not go into the sewer system creates the potential for clogging the system and causing back flows.

It is also in violation of the Valley Township Sewer Rules and Regulations to discharge or deposit the above items into the Valley Township sewer system. If you have been guilty of such violations, please stop immediately. We would appreciate your adherence to the Township rules and regulations and your consideration of all your neighbors and Township staff.



CODES/ZONING/BUILDING



What do I need a building permit for?

A permit is required for additions, structural renovations, basement renovations, decks > 30" above grade, pools, plumbing, new mechanical systems (or replacement of entire system, grading (more than 1,000 sq. ft.), demolition, fireplaces/chimneys and storage tanks.

What do I need a zoning permit for?

A zoning permit is required for all fences, sheds, carports, retaining walls, driveway expansions, patios and decks <30" above grade.

How long will it take to get my permit?

We have 15 business days to review, comment, deny or approve Building Permit Applications. We have 30 days to review, comment, deny or approve Zoning Permit Applications. PERMITS ARE NOT APPROVED AT THE TIME THE BUILDING/ZONING OFFICER ASKS QUESTIONS. PERMITS ARE CONSIDERED VALID WHEN ISSUED AND SIGNED FOR AT THE TIME OF PICK UP.

Do I need to register a Rental Property?

All rental properties must be registered annually. Also, any time there is a change in tenant, a Rental Use & Occupancy application and inspection must be applied for. Forms are available on our website or at the Township office.

Do I need a resale inspection?

All properties that are sold (change in name on deed) require a Resale Use & Occupancy Application and Inspection.

How are inspections scheduled?

All inspections are scheduled through the Valley Township Codes Department. Please allow at least seventy-two (72) hours notice for these inspections. These include Building Permit inspections, Zoning Permit inspections, Rental inspections and resale inspections.



Building and Zoning Permits need to be **approved, issued and signed** prior to any work starting, unless it is an emergency situation, which will be determined, in writing, by the Code Enforcement Department.

Ordinance 2011-07 states that with the exception of building permits issued for replacement(s) or repairs to a rental property, no building permit, rental license(s), or rental license renewal(s) shall be issued for any dwelling unit, rooming house, or structure containing a housekeeping unit or rooming unit for which there are delinquent water, sewer, or trash fees due the Township. A bill shall be considered delinquent if not paid within ninety (90) days of its due date.

Please note that effective April 1, 2019, the Codes Department Fee Schedule was revised

Effective May 1, 2019, the Non-Permit Fee Schedule was revised

Both Fee Schedules can be found on the website:
www.valleytownship.org

Mattress/Box Spring Collection

Mattresses and box springs are no longer permitted to be dumped in the landfill. Valley Township will pick up these items for a fee of \$25.00 per item. Collection of these items will be once per month on the last Monday of each month.



Payment must be made to Valley Township prior to 12:00 p.m. on the Friday prior to the collection date. Mattresses and/or box springs should be set out by 5:00 a.m. on the day of collection. To arrange a mattress and/or box spring collection, please contact the township office to arrange or for additional information. A collection form is available at the Township Office, on the Township website, or by completing the following information and returning with your check (\$25.00 for each mattress and \$25 for each box spring) and mailing/returning to the Township Office prior to the monthly collection date:

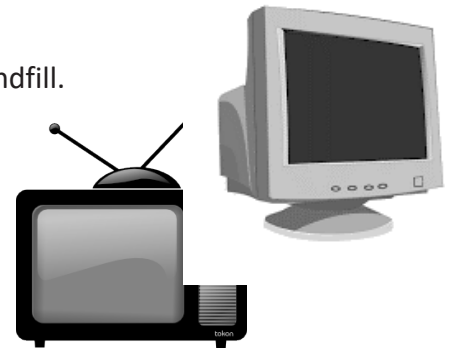


Name: _____
Address (collection address): _____

Number of mattresses: _____ Box springs _____
Amount paid: _____
Collection date: _____

CRT Television & Monitor Collection

CRT televisions and monitors are no longer permitted to be dumped in the landfill. Valley Township will pick up these items for a fee as noted below. Collection will be once per month on the **last Monday of each month**. *Please note, we cannot collect console-type CRT televisions.*



TVs: 29" and smaller - \$20.00 / 30" and larger - \$40.00
CRT Monitors: 18" and smaller - \$20.00 / 19" and larger - \$40.00

Payment must be made to Valley Township prior to 12:00 p.m. on the Friday prior to the collection date. Televisions should be set out by 5:00 a.m. on the day of collection.

Reminder: Flat Screen televisions are still accepted at the Township Building as part of their eWaste collection.



Name: _____
Address (collection address): _____

Number of CRT televisions 29" and smaller: _____ CRT Monitors 18" and smaller: _____
Number of CRT televisions 30" and larger: _____ CRT Monitors 19" and larger: _____
Amount paid: _____ Collection date: _____

COMPOSTING & YARD WASTE

Valley Township provides curb-side collection of yard waste during the months of June through October. If bagged, items must be in biodegradable bags. Tree limbs and branches must be cut to size, approximately 3 to 4 feet in length and bundled. The 2019 collection dates, weather and time permitting, are on the following dates (or the first available date thereafter):



North Side

July 8
August 12
September 9
October 8

South Side

July 15
August 19
September 16
October 15



Valley Township residents can take their yard waste and leaves to the Central Chester County Recycling Authority Compost Site located at 2240 Upper Gap Road, Coatesville, on the second Saturday of each month, and the fourth Saturday of April, May, August and September, from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. Identification required. Items accepted are leaves, vegetables, garden clippings, weeds, brush and limbs.

2019 LEAF COLLECTION



November 4
November 18
November 25

December 32
December 9



NO OPEN BURNING

- Bags must be placed at curbside by 5:00 a.m. on the collection days. If your bags are not collected on the Monday collection date, leave bags at the curb for collection by the Public Works Department on Tuesday. We collect rain or shine.
- Leaves must be placed in bio-degradable paper collection bags. To avoid damaging the equipment used to compost the leaves, the bags must be free of plastic, trash, sticks and all other debris.
- Leaves placed in any other container, including trash and recyclable totes, will not be collected.
- Do not staple or tape yard waste bags closed.
- Bio-degradable bags may be purchased at the Township Building, 890 West Lincoln Highway, Coatesville, PA, during normal business hours of 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at a cost of 5 bags for \$3.00. Residents may also use biodegradable bags sold at local stores.



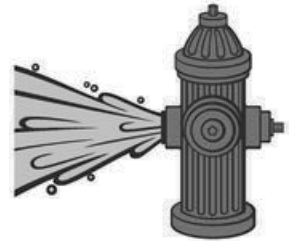
HYDRANT FLUSHING SCHEDULE

Valley Township Public Works Department is currently scheduled to flush hydrants on the following days (starting at 11:00 p.m. into the following morning with typical conclusion by 8:00 a.m.;

July 24/25	Springbrook Village, Valley Crossing, Valley Road, Red Road, Mt. Carmel Road, & Timberlane
July 31/August 1	Hillview & Glencrest Road
August 7/8	Country Ridge & Valley Farm
August 14/15	Oakcrest 1, Oakcrest 2 & Meadowbrook
August 21/22	Country Club Valley & Burgundy Lane
August 28/29	Valley Springs, Lincoln Highway (between Airport Road & Country Club Road), St. George Street & County Club Road
September 4/5	Beacon Hill & Mineral Springs Road

Helpful Hints to Remember:

- Do NOT wash white or light colored laundry during the flushing operation
- A temporary drop in water pressure to your residence or place of business may occur
- Rust brown or cloudy water (these conditions will subside after flushing is completed)



After the Flushing Operation is Completed:

- Open the cold water faucets and let the water flow until it is clear. Turn off the faucets.
- Open the hot water faucets and let the water flow until it is clear. Turn off the faucets.
- When both hot and cold water are clear, the water is ready for use as normal.
- Check the faucet screens for trapped particles.
- Wash a load of two of dark-colored clothes first.

FAQs

- *Why is hydrant flushing necessary?* It enhances water quality by removing sediments from inside the mainline and flushing them out through the hydrant; identifies malfunctions of the hydrant and related valves; helps determine weaknesses in the water distribution system; identifies inadequate water volumes and pressures in the mainlines and helps determined locations where flow pressures may require valve inspections.
- *What should I do when hydrants are being flushed in my area?* 1) Mainly avoid using the dishwasher, washing machine and don't turn on the faucets (not or cold). Wait until the operation is completed. 2) If you are driving in the work zone where hydrants are being flushed, please drive carefully.
- *Why does my water look rusty or cloudy after hydrant flushing?* When a hydrant is opened, the water in the mainline will flow out at a high velocity. This creates a scouring action in the pipe and dislodges fine sediment particles that have accumulated in the pipe. The fine sediment mixes with the water, turning the water a cloudy or rust brown color. This mixture is discharged out of the hydrant. Remember, after the hydrant flushing operation, run your hot and cold faucets to let the water clear before you use it.

Due to weather or unforeseen circumstances, changes to schedule could occur. Updates will be posted on the Township's website: www.valleytownship.org

VALLEY TOWNSHIP HAS THE FOLLOWING OPENING:

Valley Township Environmental Advisory Council – 2 Seats:

- Must be a Valley Township resident
- Environmental Advisory Council meets the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.
- Current vacant terms expire on 12/31/19 and 12/31/20

Please forward a letter of interest noting any special qualifications to:

Valley Township, Attention: Township Secretary
PO Box 467, 890 West Lincoln Highway
Coatesville, PA 19320
or eMail jrambo@valleytownship.org



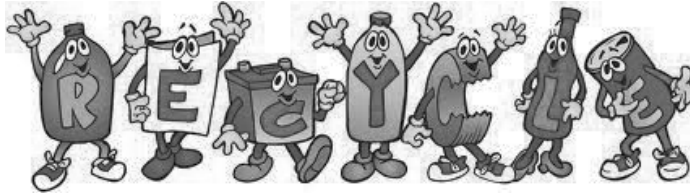
ANNUAL COMMUNITY CLEAN UP DAY

Valley Township's annual *Community Clean Up Day* was held on Saturday, May 18. The Board of Supervisors would like to thank the 38 volunteers who came out and helped. The crew targeted Glencrest East, Glencrest Road, Rainbow Road, and Airport Road. The crew collected 37 bags of trash, 3 rugs, 1 tire, 1 television, 1 seeder, and 1 bucket car seat.



Special Thanks to our Volunteers:

Kris Lenhart
Shaun Lenhart
Twanasue Lenhart
Kris Lenhart, Jr.
James Scott
Officer Katelynn Duca
Officer Tim Parker
Chief Brian Newhall
Bruce Worrell
Jen Miller
Patrice Proctor
Joey Lancelli
Mekai Proctor
Denise West and Butch Hills
& 23 participants from Concern



REMINDERS ...

What to Put in the Cart ...

- Newspapers
- Mixed paper -- cardboard, paper bags, magazines, mail, home/office & school paper, paper egg cartons, clean pizza boxes, box board (cereal, cake and cracker boxes)
- Glass – rinse and remove lids
- Aluminum – beverage cans, pie plates & clean foil. Rinse!
- Metal – rinsed food & beverage cans, empty metal aerosol cans
- Plastic - #1 - #7



REMINDERS ...

What NOT to Put in the Cart ..

- No Styrofoam, packing foam/peanuts
- No plastic “grocery store” bags
- No yard waste, dirt, grass clippings
- No light bulbs, drinking glasses, crystal, ceramic cups & plates and ovenware
- No mirrors
- No paint cans
- No oil cans or bottles
- No caps or lids
- No tissues, towels, napkins
- No Shredded paper
- No food wrappers
- No wax or plastic coated boxes
- No Tyvek plastic envelopes
- No metallic wrapping paper
- No building materials
- No Hard back books

Please note:

Our Recycle Center no longer accepts shredded paper and bound (soft and hard cover) books.

Recycle Cart

Reminder to ensure you have your address on your recycle cart !!

Trash Container

Residents have two options for trash containers:

- 32-gallon capacity cans, with lids and handles (weight cannot exceed 50 pounds)
- 48-gallon container which have all of the following:
 - Recessed metal rod which allows cart tipper to dump container
 - Must have lid
 - Must have wheels

Trash, Recycle, Leaf, Bulk Collection

Reminder to have your items out by 5:00 a.m. on the day of collection in order to ensure pick up by our Public Works Department.

Total amount of trash collected per household will remain at 128 gallons which will still allow four 32-gallon containers or up to two 48-gallon containers and one 32-gallon container.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS:



August 17, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. – **Book Bag Give-Away & Fun in the Park** – *Hayti Park, 890 West Lincoln Highway*

September 7, 12:00 p.m. - **Concert** – *Wilson Lambert’s “BLUE Philly MAGIC” featuring Special Blendz – Westwood Fire Company, 1403 Valley Rd*

Bring your lawn chair or blanket and enjoy an afternoon of Motown music, Disco, 50’s Doo Wop and sweet, lush, buttery Philly Soul.



September 28 – **Valley Day & Health Fair**
Highlands Corp Center – 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
(rain date: 9/29/19, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.)

October 31 – **Trick-or-Treat** (6:00 – 8:00 p.m.)



December 8 – **Annual Tree Lighting** – 6:00 p.m.
check website closer to event for more details



December 14 – **Children’s Holiday Party** – 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
held at Rainbow Elementary School

Additional information, as available, will be posted on the Township website, www.valleytownship.org, included in future mailings, or can be obtained by contacting the Township Office

Tickets for the Children’s Party will be available at the Township Office on Monday, November 25 during normal business hours.

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Tax Information

Board of Supervisors

1st & 3rd Tuesday
7:30 pm
1st mtg in Nov is Nov 6

Planning Commission

2nd Tuesday
7:00 pm

Environmental Advisory Council

3rd Thursday
6:30 pm

Parks & Recreation Authority

4th Tuesday
7:00 pm

Town Watch

Last Wednesday
6:00 pm

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<i>Township real estate taxes</i>	
Keystone Collections Group	610 269-4402
<i>Earned Income tax - Township & CASD</i>	
Berkheimer Associates	1-800-360-8989
<i>Coatesville Area School District real estate taxes</i>	
Chester County Treasurer's Office	610 344-6360
<i>County real estate taxes</i>	

Important Telephone Numbers

Police Dispatch	610 383-7000 (Non-Emergency Calls)
Westwood Fire Company	610 383-0538 (Non-Emergency Calls)
Westwood EMS Office	610 383-1453 (Non-Emergency Calls)
Chester County Information	610 344-6000
District Court 15-1-05 (Judge Koon)	610 380-3325
Emergency	911