

Borough Services Schedule

April - July 2025

YARDWASTE COLLECTION

PLACE YARD WASTE CONTAINERS OUT THE SUNDAY EVENING BEFORE THE FOLLOWING WEEKS BEGIN:

April 7th	April 21st
May 5th	May 19th
June 2nd	June 16th
June 30th	July 14th
July 28th	August 11th

YARD WASTE GUIDELINES - Casella provides yard waste services two weeks per month through the summer/fall months. These yard waste guidelines still apply:

- No bags or boxes will be accepted – only open containers not exceeding 33-gallons in size.
- Yard waste containers may not have lids and must be marked with the complete word “yard waste” in large letters on all sides of the can. Stickers are available at the Borough office at no charge.

- All yard waste containers must have drainage holes in the bottom of the can and must have graspable handles of adequate strength for lifting.
- Plants, twigs, and any bush trimmings smaller than 1” diameter, must be placed in open containers not exceeding 45-pounds, or, bound together in bundles not exceeding 4-feet in length or 45-pounds in weight using cotton or sisal twine only. Bagged items and unbound loose piles will not be picked-up!
- Pumpkins, gourds, hay bales, and other vegetation used for seasonal decorations will be collected as yard waste.

25-gallon yellow yard waste cans are available for purchase at the Borough office for a cost of \$18.00 each.

Have your own can? The Borough offers free stickers to highlight yard waste cans for easier identification.

CHIPPING - The Borough will continue to provide chipping service the last full week of the month beginning in April.

SPRING LEAF COLLECTION - Spring Leaf collection will be offered the week of April 7th. Helpful Hint: Please do not park close to the piles of leaves along the curb. It is difficult for the leaf collection vehicle to remove the leaves from between parked cars.

STREET SWEEPING - The following areas shall be designated and posted for prohibited parking during the months of April through September of each year, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 am, on the following days and streets:

The first Wednesday of each month:

North Railroad Street from Main Street to Ridge Road.
South Railroad Street from Main Street to Walnut Street.

The first Thursday of each month:

West Cherry Street from South Railroad Street to South Mark Street.
East Cherry Street from South Railroad Street to South Franklin Street.

WHITE GOODS - Casella has scheduled white good collection for Wednesday, April 16th. White goods are defined as large appliances, including the clothes washers/dryers, dishwashers, freezers, refrigerators, stoves, ovens, hot water heaters, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, furnaces, and electrical heaters.

Collection of white goods will be curbside. Any item placed for collection MUST have a special service tag for each item. The tag is \$15.00 per item and can be purchased at the Borough office.

Spring 2025



Working Together for a Common Cause - a Better Community!

Our Town News

Spring to Life

As the snow slowly melts away, the birds begin to sing and fresh life bursts from the soil heralding the approach of Spring and the lawn maintenance season.

For the 1 million-plus acres of home lawns in Pennsylvania, selecting and implementing an appropriate lawncare management program to promote healthy and aesthetically pleasing lawns is not only important to homeowners, but is also essential to protecting our waterways.

Know What's Best. Soil Test!

The first step to understanding what your lawn really needs to be lush, healthy, and green is to know what your soil needs. It is important to conduct regular soil tests to determine nutrient deficiencies that should guide fertilizer selection and application. Soil test kits can be purchased for a nominal fee from your local Penn State Extension office.

Following soil test recommendations, reading fertilizer label instructions, and using a properly calibrated spreader will ensure the right amount of nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium are applied, while reducing nutrient loss and fertilizer cost.

Soil Health. It's the Bottom Line.

Maintaining a happy, healthy soil is imperative to your lawn's success. Soil is the foundation for your lawn and is home to a multitude of microorganisms that are essential for plant growth. Take the time to support your soil by incorporating some simple practices into your lawn care program. Your lawn and wallet will thank you.

- Keep it open.** Routine soil aeration can help reduce soil compaction. Good soil structure is essential for proper root growth, healthy microbe communities, and the movement and exchange of water, air, and nutrients.
- Raise it up.** Maintain a taller lawn by only cutting 1/3 of the grass blade with each mowing. Taller lawns slow runoff and promote deeper roots, which reduces lawn stress and improves soil structure.
- Put it back.** Return nutrients and organic matter back to the soil by mulching your leaves and grass clippings.

For more soil management strategies, contact your local county conservation district or Penn State Extension office.

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Green Lawns--Clean Streams

Pennsylvania's 2022 Fertilizer Law amendments were developed to protect Pennsylvania waterways and the waterways downstream. As a bonus, following the limitations in the law will boost your bottom line by ensuring that your investment doesn't wash away. The 2022 law established the following nitrogen and phosphorus limits for turf fertilizer applications.

- Nitrogen is limited to 0.9 pounds of total nitrogen and 0.7 pounds of available nitrogen per 1000 ft² per application.
- No phosphorus can be applied unless establishing or repairing turf.
- Nitrogen and phosphorus rates can be adjusted based on soil test recommendations and/or if using an enhanced-efficiency fertilizer.

In addition to the nutrient limitations, the law also established application parameters to prevent direct movement of fertilizer nutrients into our streams:

- Do not apply fertilizer if a heavy rain event is expected.
- Keep fertilizer away from drainage ditches, storm drains, or water.
- Maintain a 15-foot buffer from the banks of all waterways.
- Remove fertilizer that lands on impervious surfaces (driveways, sidewalks, roads, parking lots).

Working Together for Clean Water

With ever growing acres of managed turf in Pennsylvania, controlling what goes into PA waterways is ALL of our responsibility. Help protect Pennsylvania's waterways by being wise when you fertilize!

For more information on the Pennsylvania Fertilizer Law, visit the Department of Agriculture's website at agriculture.pa.gov/fertilizer or contact Denise Uzupis at duzupis@pa.gov.

2025 Rental Licenses

2025 Rental license applications were due November 30, 2024. The submission of this information is now overdue. Rental property owners are encouraged to visit the Borough's website and apply for the required rental license using the new online format. If you have any questions regarding this information, please do not hesitate to contact the Borough office.

BOROUGH OFFICE CLOSINGS

The Borough office will be closed on the following holidays:

- Memorial Day -- May 26, 2025
- Juneteenth Day -- June 19, 2025
- Independence Day -- July 4, 2025

CASELLA RECOGNIZES THE FOLLOWING HOLIDAYS:

- Memorial Day -- May 26, 2025
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Please contact the Borough office at (717) 838-6361 if you have any questions.

You'll Never Get A Second Chance To Make A First Impression!

This includes how you present your property to the public. Main Street (Route 422) is both a blessing and a curse. The same goes for North and South Railroad Street. These heavily traveled streets provide the first impression to travelers and visitors of the area. Take a moment to inspect your property, no matter what street you live on, and determine how it contributes to the overall impression of the community. It will not take much to improve on the appearance. Something as simple as a scrub brush or some flowerpots can change the presentation immensely. What can you do to help contribute to improvements?

Spring Clean Up

Spring is the time when property owners do a little Spring cleaning. The Zoning & Codes Enforcement Officer wants to remind property owners of the following items that are frequently cited as violations:

- All unregistered and/or uninspected vehicles from the street and private property will need to be removed.
- Lawns must be kept mowed and maintained.
- All trees must be trimmed to 14 ft. above the road and 10 ft. above the sidewalk.

Any planned improvements, such as a new shed, deck, swimming pool, etc. will require a permit. Please make sure to contact the Borough office to discuss your plan and determine what type of permit will be required.

Residents Are Prohibited From Blowing Grass Into the Street

Mowing season is here! Remember that the Borough has an ordinance against blowing grass into the street. This practice poses a violation for the Borough's MS4 requirements, can be very dangerous to motorcyclists and bicyclist, and eliminates any pride of ownership for respective property owners. The Borough Code of Ordinance, §310-40.1 states:

No persons shall sweep into or deposit into any street or any portion of the MS4 grass clippings. This prohibition shall include blowing of grass clippings from a property onto a street or portion of the MS4. If a person accidentally sweeps, deposits or blows grass clippings into a street or portion of the MS4 and promptly removes such grass clippings, there shall be no violation of this chapter.

Lebanon Tire Collection Program Offered by Penn State Cooperative Extension Office as a Means to Combat West Nile Virus

Scrap tires are a prime breeding source for mosquitoes including those mosquitoes infected with the West Nile Virus. Tires are the ultimate mosquito habitat. They provide shelter from predators and standing water and cannot be emptied easily. Disposing of unused tires is an important way the community can reduce the mosquito population and the threat of West Nile Virus.

To eliminate the potential for breeding thousands of mosquitoes, the Lebanon County Penn State Extension office is offering their annual tire collection program, scheduled for Wednesday April 30th, 2025, from 8am-4pm, contingent on trailer availability.

Pre-registration forms are available on the Borough's website, palmyraborough.org. This year there is an online form that can be filled out after following the QR code, which is also available on the website.