

## What is Storm Water?

Storm water is water from precipitation that flows across the ground and pavement when it rains or when snow and ice melt. The water seeps into the ground or drains into what we call storm sewers. These are the drains you see at street corners or at low points on the sides of streets. Collectively, the draining water is called storm water runoff.

## Why is Storm Water “Good Rain Gone Wrong?”

Storm water becomes a problem when it picks up debris, chemicals, dirt and other pollutants as it flows or when it causes flooding and erosion of stream banks. Storm water travels through a system of pipes and roadside ditches that make up storm sewer systems. It eventually flows directly to a lake, river, stream, wetland, or coastal water. All of the pollutants storm water carries along the way empty into our waters, too, because storm water does not get treated!

- **Pet wastes left on the ground get carried away by storm water, contributing harmful bacteria, parasites and viruses to our water.**
- **Vehicles drip fluids (oil, grease, gasoline, antifreeze, brake fluids, etc.) onto paved areas where storm water runoff carries them through our storm drains and into our water.**
- **Chemicals used to grow and maintain beautiful lawns and gardens, if not used properly, can run off into the storm drains when it rains or when we water our lawns and gardens.**

## CUMRU TOWNSHIP YARD WASTE FACILITY

Open ONLY on the Second Saturday of the Month. Yard waste will not be accepted on any other day.

**Hours of Operation:** January, February and March . . . . . 10 a.m. until Noon  
April through December . . . . . 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

**Location:** Poplar Neck Road

**Please watch Cumru Township website for any schedule changes.**

**The following items will be accepted:** Leaves, Garden Debris, Brush and Bushes, Tree Trimmings, Weeds, Flowers and Garden Plants, Kraft Paper Bags

**The following items will NOT be accepted:** No Commercial Vehicles, No Stumps, **No Grass**, No Plastic Bags, No Root Balls, No Treated or Painted Wood, No Railroad Ties, No Tree Branches larger than 5 feet long and 6 inches in diameter, **NO GLASS OR TRASH**

Fines of up to \$300 will be issued for illegal dumping. Open ONLY to residents of Cumru Township, identification will be required! No commercial vehicles are allowed. The site will be patrolled by police and is under video surveillance. Cumru Township reserves the right to modify the list of items taken at the yard waste site.

Program Registration Form

Name of Event: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Participant(s) (and parent if under 18): \_\_\_\_\_

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Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent if Participant is a Minor: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*Registration in a program constitutes an agreement between the participants and the Department to allow photographs or video of the Participant(s) to be published for promotional use. The undersigned, understand that the listed activity(ies) may involve certain risks, and in consideration of admittance to this activity, does hereby for myself, my minor child, successors, and assigns agree to release, waive, and forever discharge from all liabilities and further agree to indemnify, save, and hold harmless the Township of Cumru, its Commissioners, servants, agents, and employees from any loss, liability, damage, or costs which may be incurred due to participation of this activity.

Two Ways to Register:

1. Come into during office hours 8:00am-4:30pm  
Monday thru Friday
2. Mail your form to 1775 Welsh Road, Mohnton, PA 19540 (mail a week or more before the program begins to guarantee your mail arrives prior to the start date)

\*Registration and payment can only be completed by a Township employee not an instructor, unless specifically stated otherwise.

**TOWNSHIP USE ONLY:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Payment received in full

\_\_\_\_\_ Registration added to master list

\_\_\_\_\_ Confirmation email sent/call made

## Leaf Collection

**LEAVES MAY NOT BE PLACED OUT FOR REFUSE COLLECTION OCTOBER THROUGH DECEMBER.**

Leaf collection on all dedicated roads and streets is scheduled to start on Tuesday, October 14, 2014 and continue for nine weeks **or until the first significant snow fall.** Leaves should be placed in the gutter for collection. Leaves should not be placed out in bags or containers. Leaves in bags or containers will not be picked up at this time. The leaf collection crew will work through the Township on a continuing basis without a published day and area schedule. Leaves may be placed in regular refuse containers January through September. Township residents are encouraged to mulch or compost leaves at their residences if possible. Leaf piles that contain large general yard debris can not be picked up by leaf vacuums.

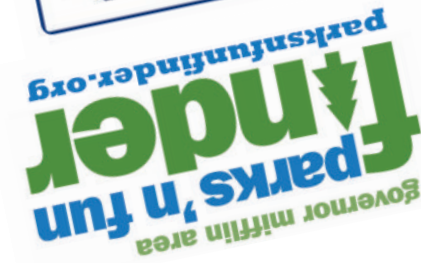
## Christmas Tree Drop Off

Residents can drop Christmas trees at “Tree Drop” signs located at the Warren Recreation Parking Lot, Gouglersville and Grill Fire Stations, the Montrose Manor Playground, the Pennwyn Playground (lower level parking lot on Wyomissing Avenue), Augusta Lane in Flying Hills, the rear of Giant, on Harding Avenue, between Tioga Avenue and Bradford Avenue. Look for the signs. Trees may be dropped off at these points until January 31, 2014. Wood chips resulting from the trees are available to residents of the Township on a first call basis. For further information, contact the Township Office.

## TOWNSHIP INFORMATION

Administration – (610) 777-1343  
Police Department Administration – (610) 777-9595  
Sewer Department – (610) 777-1343  
Tax Collector – (610) 775-8834

See expanded  
recycling  
information  
inside.



TOWNSHIP OF CUMRU

BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
1775 WELSH ROAD  
MOHNTON, PA 19540  
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## Trash/Refuse Collection

**Collection shall be once a week for normal, everyday household refuse. Please refer to the attached “Trash Schedule” and color code to determine the collection days for your household. NO HOT ASHES.**

Approved refuse containers include 33 gallon cans with handles or tied polyethylene bags, or equivalent, which are designed especially for storage and collection purposes. Refuse containers shall not weight more than 50 pounds each when filled. It is understood that all refuse must be in such containers or securely tied in bundles, in which case a bundle will be considered a container as far as maximum weight is concerned, and no bundle shall exceed 3 feet in length or 18 inches in diameter. Containers are to be provided by the property owners. Each collection is limited to six bags or cans.

## Brush/Yard Waste 2014

**There will be two curbside “brush/yard waste” pickups during 2014. The schedule is as follows:**

If your trash day is Monday: pickup will be Sat., April 5, 2014 and Sat., October 4, 2014

If your trash day is Tuesday: pickup will be Sat., April 12, 2014 and Sat., October 11, 2014

If your trash day is Wednesday: pickup will be Sat., April 19, 2014 and Sat., October 18, 2014

If your trash day is Thursday or Friday: pickup will be Sat., April 26, 2014 and Sat., October 25, 2014

Please Note:

1. **All brush/yard waste must be set out the night prior to collection. There will be no re-run routes.**
2. All brush/yard waste is to be in kraft bags (biodegradable bags) or tied securely with rope or twine not to exceed two (2) feet in diameter, and three (3) feet in length. No wood over four (4) inches in diameter will be taken because of possible damage to trucks. No bundles or bags weighing over forty (40) pounds.
3. The limit per household is 12 bags or bundles.
4. No firewood, stumps, dirt, or rocks will be taken as part of this collection.

## Recycling Collection

**Recycling collection shall continue to be every other week. Please refer to the attached “Recycling Schedule” and color code to determine the collection days for your household.**

NOTE: Our recycling program is a single-stream program. This means all recycling materials can be mixed in the recycling container. Items to be placed in the blue and yellow recycling container include: clear, brown and green glass; aluminum, steel and bimetal cans; plastics marked 1 PETE or 2 HDPE on the bottom and:

We will now accept 1 PETE or 2 HDPE on the bottom, corrugated cardboard and cereal boxes, (no waxed cardboard or boxes that came in direct contact with food, such as pizza boxes). Please break down all boxes.

## Holiday Rules

Trash and recycling collections shall not be made on the following holidays: New Year’s Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. *When a holiday falls on a Monday or Tuesday, collection shall be made on the prior Saturday. When a holiday falls on a Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday, collection shall be made on the following Saturday.* These changes are reflected in the trash and recycling schedules. Residents scheduled for a Saturday collection may want to place their items curbside on Friday evening.

If you experience any problems with your trash or recycling collection, call the Township Office during the next business day at **(610) 777-1343.**

