

VALLEY TOWNSHIP



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610-384-8133, extension 32
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610-384-5751, extension 4
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610-384-5751, extension 5
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Tax Collector

Janet Steen (Real Estate)
610-384-5751, extension 15

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610-497-6030

Township Meetings

Board of Supervisors	1 st & 3 rd Tuesday at 7:00 pm
Planning Commission	2 nd Tuesday at 7:00 pm
Parks & Recreation	4 th Tuesday at 7:00 pm
Zoning Hearing Board	By request
Town Watch	Last Wednesday at 6:30 pm

Township Holidays

Labor Day	Monday, September 6
Veterans Day	Thursday, November 11
Thanksgiving	Thursday, November 25
& day after	Friday, November 26
Christmas	Friday, December 24

Hearings Scheduled in Response to PAWC Rate Increase Request

The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission has scheduled two public hearings on August 24, 2010 in response to PA American Water Company's request to raise their wastewater rate.

When: Tuesday, August 24, 2010

Time: 1:00 PM

Where: Coatesville Municipal Center
One City Hall Place
Coatesville, PA 19320

Time: 7:00 PM

Where: Rainbow Elementary School
1113 West Lincoln Highway
Coatesville, PA 19320

The rate increase will affect all Valley Township residents who have public sewer. We urge all of our residents to attend this meeting and voice your concerns!

Recycling Notice: To keep bees away, please be sure to rinse out your containers before placing them out for collection.

Motion Detectors are still available for \$6.00.

Township residents who do not have a smoke alarm in their home may pick one up at the township office. There is no charge. Limited to one per household.

Attention: Valley Township Water Customers

Please remember that your water and sewer bills are based on your water usage. Most of our customers use water wisely, but with the summer months here, we would like to remind everyone that any excess usage of water during the months of July through September will be reflected on your quarterly bill due in October.

All water customers have a remote device located on the outside of the home. This device is wired to the water meter inside the house and transmits the reading from the meter. The remote device must be accessible to our employees at all times. Please keep debris, mulch, bushes and other vegetation clear of the device. Any inability to access the device will result in an estimated bill for water and sewer.

Quarterly Sewer-Trash-Water Bill

Bills are due every January, April, July and October. Bills are for services received during the prior three months. If you do not receive your bill contact the township office. Late penalties will not be waived due to lost bills. Discounts only apply if payment is received by the discount date. Payment can be sent in the mail or made at the township office during regular business hours. We accept cash, checks and money orders.

Trash Collection

Trash is collected once a week. Residents are permitted up to four containers per week. Containers cannot be more than 32 gallons in size. Trash must be at the curb no later than 5:00 am. We suggest you place your trash at the curb the evening before your trash day.

Yard Waste Collection

North Side

July 26

August 23

September 20

October 18

South Side

July 27

August 24

September 21

October 19

The following items will be collected: Grass clippings, vegetable and garden clippings, and weeds. If bagged, items must be in biodegradable bags. Tree limbs and branches must be cut to size, approximately 3 to 4 inches in length and bundled.

2010 Household Hazardous Waste Event Schedule

ALL EVENTS START AT 9:00 AM AND CLOSE AT 3:00 PM SHARP

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2010

NEW GARDEN TOWNSHIP

MAINTENANCE BUILDING

8934 Gap Newport Road, Landenberg, PA 19350

No Computers

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2010

GOVERNMENT SERVICES CENTER

601 Westtown Road, West Chester, PA 19380

Computers Accepted

2010 Recycling Calendar

VALLEY TOWNSHIP
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IF YOUR SCHEDULED DAY FALLS ON A HOLIDAY, RECYCLABLES WILL BE PICKED UP THE NEXT BUSINESS DAY.

All residents and businesses of Valley Township are mandated to recycle by Pennsylvania's Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling and Waste Reduction Act 101 and by Valley Township Recycling Ordinance 92-6.

- Aluminum:** Beverage and Food Cans
Rinse

- Brown, Clear and Green Glass:** Clean Food and Drink Bottles and Jars
Rinse and Remove Lids (Lids are recyclable)

- Plastic:** All Plastic except plastic store bags
Rinse and Remove Lids (Lids are recyclable)
Flatten as much as possible

- Metal:** Metal Food and Beverage Cans, Rinse
Empty Aerosol Cans

- Paper:** Newspapers, Magazines, Catalogs, Phone Books
Paper Bags
Mail, Junk Mail, Brochures
Miscellaneous Home and Office Paper
Bundled, tied or put into a paper bag

- Cardboard:** Flattened
Cut if oversize

Recyclables may be mixed together in one container. Please mark your 30 gallon or less container "Recycling". Recycling is collected every other week. Items must be placed at the curb no later than 5:00 am.

- Monday:** Country Ridge, East Kings Highway, Highland Drive, Valley Farm and Hillview
- Tuesday:** All other homes on the North Side, Beacon Hill, Valley Springs, Country Club Valley, Meadowbrook, Oakcrest, Quiet Village, Hayti, Rock Run
- Wednesday:** All homes on the South Side, Valley Crossing, Springbrook Village, West End and Westwood

2010 Township Holidays

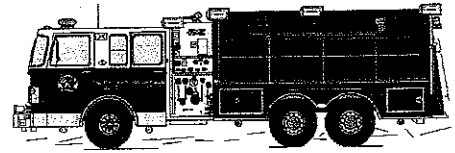
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| New Years Day | Friday, January 1 ** | Labor Day | Monday, September 6 * |
| Martin Luther King Jr. | Monday, January 18 * | Veterans Day | Thursday, November 11 *** |
| Presidents Day | Monday, February 15 * | Thanksgiving | Thursday, November 25 **** |
| Memorial Day | Monday, May 31 * | and day after | Friday, November 26 **** |
| Independence Day | Monday, July 5 * | Christmas | Friday, December 24 ** |

- * Trash collected on Tuesday
- ** Trash collected on Monday
- *** Trash collected on Friday
- **** Trash collected on Friday for both days

Any inability to pick up trash on the scheduled day will result in trash being picked up the following business day or as posted or as soon as it is feasible.

OPEN BURNING IS NOT PERMITTED IN VALLEY TOWNSHIP!

Westwood Fire Company
1403 Valley Road
Coatesville, PA 19320
(610) 383-0538 – Engine Room
(610) 383-1453 – Ambulance Office
(610) 383-4041 – Fax



Westwood Fire Company

Protect Yourself and Your Family Today

In the event of a fire, properly installed and maintained smoke alarms will provide an early warning alarm to your household. This alarm could save your own life and the lives of loved ones by providing the chance to escape.

Residents of Valley Township may call the Westwood Fire Company at 610-383-0538 and request FREE smoke alarms and for help with installation if needed. You may also call for any questions about fire safety in your home.

It is very important that your home has proper address identification in order for us to find you in an emergency. The Fire Department requests that numbers that are a minimum of 3 inches in height be used to identify your home. These numbers should be placed on the street side. Remember if we can't find you, we can't help you!

The Westwood Fire Company wishes to thank all the residents of Valley Township, along with the Board of Supervisors for the increased Fire Tax which was imposed this year. The Westwood Fire Company is still the ONLY 100% full-time volunteer Fire, Rescue, and Ambulance Service in Chester County and we are very proud of this! We recently purchased a second Ambulance and are currently in the process of replacing our aging tanker fire truck which is over 20 years old. These trucks can cost over \$550,000.00.

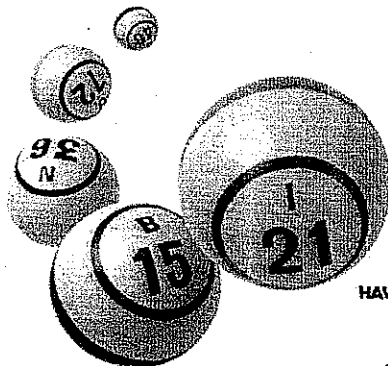
We can always use more volunteers! In addition to firefighters, EMTs, and Fire Police, we can always use administrative and support staff as well. If you have any interest in providing assistance to your friends and neighbors, we'd love to have you join us!

Please don't forget that Westwood Fire Company also has Bingo every Tuesday and Saturday evening, please come out and support your local fire service.

Visit our website at www.westwoodfire.com for more information.

WESTWOOD FIRE COMPANY

1403 VALLEY ROAD - COATESVILLE, PA
610-384-4999 - BINGO HOTLINE
EVERY TUESDAY AND SATURDAY - 6:45PM



BINGO!

\$5 OFF

PRESENT THIS COUPON AND
RECEIVE \$5 OFF
YOUR ADMISSION.
HAVE THIS COUPON STAMPED 3 TIMES
AND RECEIVE A FREE 18 PACK
COMPUTERIZED BINGO CARD!



VALID THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 2010

Storm Water is Everybody's Business

Stormwater 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.

Too Little Stormwater infiltration increases the potential for a drought. With more impervious surfaces, less stormwater has the opportunity to infiltrate into the groundwater.

Too Much Stormwater runoff without proper stormwater management techniques may cause polluted stormwater to flow untreated directly into our streams, rivers and wetlands.

Problems occur when pollutants from our activities like car maintenance, lawn care, and dog walking are left on the ground for rain to wash away. You can help by doing the following:

Properly dispose of hazardous substances such as used oil, cleaning supplies and paint - never pour them down any part of the storm sewer system and report anyone who does.

Use pesticides, fertilizers, and herbicides properly and efficiently to prevent excess runoff.

Look for signs of soil and other pollutants, such as debris and chemicals, leaving construction sites in storm water runoff or tracked into roads by construction vehicles. Report poorly managed construction sites that could impact storm water runoff to your community.

Install innovative storm water practices on residential property, such as rain barrels or rain garden that capture

storm water and keep it on site instead of letting it drain away into the storm sewer system.

Report any discharges from storm water outfalls during times of dry weather - a sign that there could be a problem with the storm sewer system.

Pick up after pets and dispose of their waste properly. No matter where pets made a mess - in a backyard or at the park - storm water runoff can carry pet waste from the land to the storm sewer system to a stream.

Store materials indoors that could pollute storm water and use containers for outdoor storage that do not rust or leak to eliminate exposure of materials to storm water.

To address storm water management issues or for more information please contact the township office.

Valley Township	610-384-5751
PA DEP Southeast Region Water Quality	484-250-5970
Chester County Conservation District	610-925-4920
Chester County Water Resources Authority	610-344-5400
Brandywine Valley Association	610-793-1090

Do You Need a Permit?

When is a permit required in Valley Township? In Valley Township there are a few types of permits.

A building permit is required for any home repair, replacement, alteration, or construction, such as additions, finished basements, decks, patios, pools over 2 feet deep, sheds over 500 square feet, fences over 6 feet tall, garages & driveways.

- * Regular Building Permit – Required for the following acts: All new construction, additions, alterations and repairs in residential, commercial and industrial facilities.
- * Plumbing Permit – Due to the International Plumbing Code of 2003, which is the current code of Valley Township, permits are required for all acts of plumbing *except the following:*
 - Repair or replacement of a defective faucet or valve. Permit is required if you change or upgrade the current faucet.
 - Clearance of stoppages.
 - Repairs of the working parts of faucets or valves.
 - Replacement of the wax seal of a toilet.
 - Replacement of a ballcock and flushometer.
- * Sign Permit – Required for all new and replacement signs within Valley Township. This does not include political signs.
- * Grading permit – Required for most excavation and digging on your property. Consult the Building Inspector to see if you require this type of permit.
- * Demolition Permit – Required for all Demolition work that takes place in Valley Township.

What happens if you get caught working without a permit? If you are caught working without a permit you may be charged with a summary offense in District Court 15-1-05 in Valley Township. This fine could be as much as \$500 per day.

How do you apply for a permit? Simply fill out the application, which is available from the administrative office. The application is also available on our website, www.valleytownship.org. The Codes Department telephone number is 610-384-5751, extension 4.

As of July of 2009, the Pennsylvania Attorney General's office requires all contractors working on residential properties to be registered with their office. This act was created to protect homeowners from scammers and home improvement fraud. You can visit the Attorney General's office on the web at www.attorneygeneral.gov or call 1-888-520-6680 for more information. Valley Township also requires all contractors working in the township to register at the township office.

The Lanchester Landfill will accept the following items for free. The Recycling Center hours are Monday thru Friday, 7:00 am to 4:30 pm. Saturday, 7:00 am to 11:30 am. The Lanchester Landfill is located at 7224 Division Highway in Narvon PA 17555. Please call 610-273-3771, extension 228 with any questions.

Aluminum Beverage Cans	Clean Aluminum Foil	Cardboard	Cell Phones
4 Foot Fluorescent Bulbs	Glass Bottles & Jars	Liquid Cooking Oil	Metal Caps & Lids
Metal Food & Beverage Cans	Empty Aerosol Cans	Mixed Paper	Mixed Scrap Metal
Newspapers	Plastic #1 through #7	Plastic Bags (agricultural #4 film & supersacks)	
Rechargeable Batteries	Used Oil and Filters	Styrofoam (clean, no food containers)	
Antifreeze			

The following items can be dropped off for a fee:

Appliances containing Freon:	\$18.00
Computers/Peripherals:	\$3.00 per computer/peripheral system

Are you ready?

September is Emergency Preparedness month. Do you have a plan in the event of an emergency? It might be an extended power outage, severe weather, or other disaster that would present a significant challenge to your daily routine. The best way to deal with an emergency situation is to have a plan laid out ahead of time and practice that plan so that it is not a big surprise when you need to use it.

The Valley Township Emergency Management Agency recommends that each and every resident and business owner have a personal (family) plan in the event that a shelter in place or evacuation order is issued. You and your family should be prepared to exist totally upon your own resources for at least 72 hours without assistance. That includes basic needs such as water, food, medications, and any other basic necessities. If you don't have that covered, we suggest you start planning now. You should also have an evacuation plan and a method to communicate should you be disconnected from your normal family routine. When disaster strikes, you need to be calm and prepared.

To assist you, go to www.readypa.org or www.ready.gov for more information and assistance in developing a personal or business plan. We are also recommending you sign up for notifications using www.readynotifypa.org that will notify you of urgent situations that may need your attention. Remember, if you are ready, dealing with the emergency will be much easier.

Valley Township EMA is looking for community volunteers to learn more about assisting in disasters. If you would like to know more about this program, please contact Joe Sciandra, Emergency Management Coordinator via email at JoeSciandra@comcast.net. We will be holding meetings in September for those interested in finding more information about CERT and VOAD teams.

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