

VALLEY TOWNSHIP

FALL 2023/WINTER 2024 NEWSLETTER

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Administrative Office Hours:
Monday – Friday: 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

DEBIT/CREDIT CARD & ONLINE PAYMENTS

The Township is now accepting debit/credit cards at the Township office as well as being able to pay your quarterly trash bill online.

Online trash payments will be for the total amount due to the Township. Partial payments or payment plan arrangements will still need to be done through the Township Administration Office.

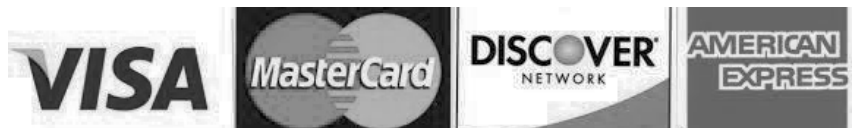


NO PAYMENTS CAN BE TAKEN OVER THE PHONE.

All debit/credit card charges are subject to a service charge which will show on your statement from "MuniciPay". Minimum fee is \$3.00 for transactions up to \$113.00. Fee for transactions over \$113.00 is 2.65%. The service charge is payable to MuniciPay, not the Township.

Card transaction limited to a maximum of \$1,500.00.

In addition to being able to pay your trash bill online, you can also continue to pay in person during normal business hours or utilize the drop box at the Township Building. We accept check, money order or cash – in addition to debit/credit card; however, please do not place cash in the drop box. Please note that the drop box is checked every day at 4:00 p.m. Anything placed in the box will be marked received the next business day.





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2023 REMAINING TOWNSHIP HOLIDAY SCHEDULE & TRASH/RECYCLE COLLECTION DATES

<i>Holiday</i>	<i>Observed Holiday Date</i>	<i>Trash Collection</i>	<i>Recycle Collection</i>
Veterans' Day	Friday, November 10	November 13	November 13
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 23	November 24	November 24
Day After Thanksgiving	Friday, November 24	November 24	November 27
Christmas	Monday, December 25	December 26	---
New Year's Day 2024	Monday, January 1, 2024	January 2, 2024	---

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New Year's Day 2024	Monday, January 1, 2024	January 2	--
Martin Luther King Day	Monday, January 15	January 16	---
Presidents' Day	Monday, February 19	February 20	---
Memorial Day	Monday, May 27	May 28	---
Juneteenth	Wednesday, June 19	June 20	June 20
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 28	November 29	December 2
Christmas	Wednesday, December 25	December 26	December 26
New Year's Day 2025	Wed, January 1, 2025	January 2, 2025	January 2, 2025

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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.



You are required by law to call **PA One Call at 1-800-242-1776** to locate gas, electric & telephone lines before you dig. Whether you are planting a tree, building a fence or laying foundation, contacting a line with a shovel or pick can damage utility lines and injure or kill.



2023 LEAF COLLECTION



November 6
November 13
November 20
November 27
December 4

Leaves must be in biodegradable bags;
No plastic bags.



NO OPEN BURNING

CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION

January 8 & 22, 2024

Please have your tree at the curb – undecorated – by 5:00 a.m. on the above date. Due to the trash and recycling schedule, as well as the possibility of snow removal, trees may not be picked up until the following day or so.



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.



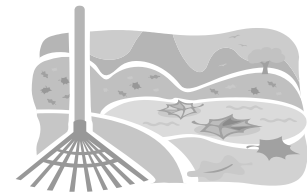
Vehicle and Garage

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.



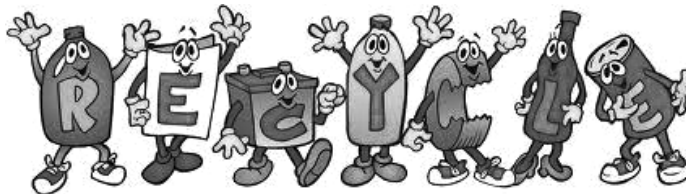
Lawn & Garden

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.



RECYCLE...

What to Put in the Cart ...



Items previously accepted:

- 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

They will now accept:

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| ➤ Grocery bags | ➤ Salad bags | ➤ Bubble wrap |
| ➤ Retail bags | ➤ Wipe pouches | ➤ Pet food bags |
| ➤ Pet treat pouches | ➤ Candy pouches | ➤ Cereal bags |
| ➤ Detergent pouches | ➤ Baby food pouches | ➤ Paper towel overwrap |
| ➤ Case wrap | ➤ Bread bags | ➤ Chip bags |
| ➤ Shrink film | ➤ Diaper wrap packaging | ➤ Meat bags |
| ➤ Food storage bags | NO DIAPERS NEW OR USED! | ➤ Cheese bags |
| ➤ Snack food pouches | ➤ Air pillows | ➤ Drink pouches |

REMINDERS ...

What NOT to Put in the Cart ..

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| ➤ No Styrofoam, packing foam/peanuts | |
| ➤ No yard waste, dirt, grass clippings | |
| ➤ No light bulbs, drinking glasses, crystal, ceramic cups & plates and ovenware | |
| ➤ No mirrors | ➤ No Tyvek plastic envelopes |
| ➤ No paint cans | ➤ No metallic wrapping paper |
| ➤ No oil cans or bottles | ➤ No building materials |
| ➤ No caps or lids | ➤ No Hard back books |
| ➤ No tissues, towels, napkins | |
| ➤ No Shredded paper | |

Recycle Cart

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

Trash, Recycle, Leaf, Bulk Collection

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.

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

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.

Mattress 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 \$35.00 per item. The fee includes a mattress/box spring bag that will be provided upon payment for you to put your mattress or box spring in for collection.

Collection of these items will be once per month on the last Monday of each month (if a holiday, will be collected on the next work day). The bags are required to protect Township Public Works personnel from any potential contact with bed bugs. These items will not be collected if not in the bag.



Payment must be made to Valley Township one-week prior to the collection date. Mattresses/box springs should be set out by 5:00 am on the day of collection and must be in the bag issued by the Township. To arrange a mattress and/or box spring collection, please contact the Township Office to arrange or for additional information.

Dumping or accumulation on public streets or property and dumping or accumulation on private property is in violation of the Township Ordinances. Violators shall be guilty of a summary offense punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000, together with all court costs and reasonable attorney's fees incurred by the Township.



Name: _____

Address (collection address): _____

Telephone Number: _____

Number of mattresses: _____ Box springs _____

Amount paid: _____

Collection date: _____

TRASH BILL PAYMENTS

Trash bills 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 order, and debit/credit card.

If mailing a payment -- Please send your payment to: Valley Township, **1145 West Lincoln Highway**, 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, **1145 West Lincoln Highway**, 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.

A secure drop box is available flush with the main entrance to the Township Building -- Please ensure your payment, along with the remittance part of your bill, is in a sealed envelope. NO CASH!

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E-WASTE DROP OFF

Valley Township is a registered site for e-Waste drop off collection during normal business hours. We accept televisions, computers, printers, MP3 players, VCR/DVD/Blue Ray, video game systems, handheld computer devices, disk drives, calculators, answering machines/phones, satellite receivers/descramblers, projectors, blow dryers, curling irons, coffee makers (no glass pots), blenders (no glass) or any small appliance with a cord. The cord cannot be cut. We cannot accept over-the-range microwaves or any large appliance. If bringing in a television, please ensure that you can carry it in. We do not staff available that can lift and carry in your items.

The drop-off bin is in the Administration lobby area.



ReadyChesCo.org – Chester County's Notification System

Valley Township uses the ReadyChesCo.org system to alert our community of Snow Emergency's, weather alerts and other community information.

ReadyChesCo is the official notification system for Chester County. Citizens can register to receive emergency and non-emergency alerts for their community. By using this innovative alert system, we are able to contact thousands of residents and visitors in seconds.

Users can choose to receive the type of information important to them, and can also note any special needs information that may be useful for emergency responders.

Advantages to ReadyChesCo

- Users can decide whether to receive messages by text, email or phone call, or any combination of the three methods.
- Users can receive messages for more than one address - i.e., home, office, relatives' homes, and schools
- Users can set up a "quiet time" so as not to receive messages during sleep hours.

Sign up today at ReadyChesCo.org

If you require help setting up your ReadyChesCo.org account feel free to call Borough Hall at 610-273-2020 for assistance.

ReadyChesCo is a free subscription service. Please check with your cell phone carrier for additional text messaging costs.

ReadyChesCo.org - Frequently Asked Questions

For support using ReadyChesco please contact: notificationsupport@chesco.org

What is ReadyChesco?

ReadyChesco is a system that helps County and Local officials send emergency text alerts and voice calls to you quickly. ReadyChesco can send these to your cell phone, home phone, office phone, pager, and/or E-mail account.

When will it be used?

This system will be used to provide ongoing government information to alert those groups that you have signed up for. Emergencies can happen at any time and it is our goal to send you critical information as quickly as possible 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The system will also be used to relay emergency notifications such as evacuation and shelter-in-place orders to all users in the system.

Will this service cost me anything?

It is free to sign up for ReadyChesco, and you can choose the types of alerts you want to get. **Your wireless carrier may charge you a fee to get text messages on your cell phone or wireless device.** Contact your carrier to find out how much these text messages may cost you with your current plan. You can choose to stop getting text messages at any time.



ReadyChesCo.org - Frequently Asked Questions, continued

Will I still get emergency notifications if I don't sign up?

You must sign up to the system to receive emergency messages on cell phones, home phone or email. You can also receive notifications through other sources such as on the county's website, Facebook page, and through traditional media such as television and radio.

What if my phone number or email address changes?

The system is only as good as the information you provide. If your contact information changes, you can always visit your profile and update your information. If you need assistance updating your information, please email notificationsupport@chesco.org

Will my contact information be shared with others?

No. The information that you provide will be used only for notification purposes from ReadyChesco. We will not give or sell your contact or location information to any vendor or other organization.

Why does ReadyChesco ask me to "Confirm" messages?

When you "confirm" a message, ReadyChesco will know you got the message and stop trying to reach you on other delivery methods you provided reducing the number of duplicate messages you receive.

For example, if you have text, email, and phone set up for your account, ReadyChesco will try to reach you with the message via text first. If you confirm the message, the system will stop right there. If you don't confirm it will try your email, wait for a confirmation, and then try the next delivery method again until it has tried all your delivery methods you've provided. For most messages, there is a three-minute window between attempts to reach you. And if no confirmation is given for any of the delivery methods, ReadyChesco will wait five minutes and try them all one more time.

If you choose not to confirm the message (or miss all the attempts), you will simply get the messages across all the contact pathways you have available to you.

I've moved out of the area; how do I remove myself from the system?

You can delete your account by clicking the button on the Home Page under the My Profile section after logging in. If you have difficulty logging in or need assistance, simply email notificationsupport@chesco.org with your Name and Primary Email address used to register, and we can remove your account on your behalf.

Can I get your notifications if I live outside of Chester County?

Yes, you can but you must use an address inside Chester County. As of 2017 we can no longer accept addresses outside of Chester County.

Emergency Management Protect the Ones You Love

Smart911 is a free service to help you when you call 9-1-1. Once you've signed up, Police, Fire and EMS will be aware of important information including medical issues, current location, and even pets that will help locate and help you in an emergency. Because every second counts. Sign up today.



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2024 COLLECTION DATES

	Spring Bulk	Fall Bulk
Hayti, Quiet Village, Rainbow, Rock Run, West Lincoln Highway, Airport Road, Oakcrest, Meadowbrook	April 15, 2024	September 9, 2024
Mineral Springs Road, Hilltop Lane, Country Club Valley, Valley Springs, Beacon Hill, Country Ridge, Valley Farms, Villages at Hillview	April 22, 2024	September 16, 2024
Westwood area, Charles Street, Madison Street, Gap Road, Valley Crossing, Springbrook Village	April 29, 2024	September 23, 2024

Yard Waste Pick Up	North Side	South Side
	May 13	May 20
	June 10	June 17
	July 8	July 15
	August 12	August 19
	September 9	September 16
	October 14	October 21

Leaf Pick Up	November 4, 18, 25 & December 2 & 9
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Christmas Tree Pick Up 2025	January 6, 13 & 27
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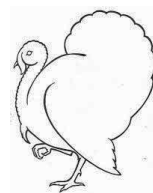
2024 COMMUNITY YARD SALE DATES

	Spring Yard Sale	Fall Yard Sale
Hayti, Quiet Village, Rainbow, Rock Run, West Lincoln Highway, Airport Road, Oakcrest, Meadowbrook	April 13 , 2024	September 7, 2024
Mineral Springs Road, Hilltop Lane, Country Club Valley, Valley Springs, Beacon Hill, Country Ridge, Valley Farms, Villages at Hillview	April 20, 2024	September 14, 2024
Westwood area, Charles Street, Madison Street, Gap Road, Valley Crossing, Springbrook Village	April 27, 2024	September 21, 2024

Yard Sale dates are rain or shine

TOWNSHIP 2023-2024 EVENTS

October 31	Trick or Treat – 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
November 7	General Election – polls open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
November 10	Township Office/Public Works Closed – Veterans’ Day
November 23	Township Office/Public Works Closed – Thanksgiving Day
November 24	Township Office Closed – Day After Thanksgiving Day
December 9	Annual Children’s Holiday Party & Tree Lighting - Township Building 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., with Tree Lighting following the party
December 25	Township Office/Public Works Closed – Christmas Holiday
January 1	Township Office/Public Works Closed – New Year’s Day
January 15	Township Office/Public Works Closed – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
February 19	Township Office/Public Works Closed – Presidents’ Day



In addition to the two Community Yard Sale dates, the Township Code allows two yard/garage sales per calendar year at any one premises. A Permit should be submitted to the Township Codes Office a minimum of 5 days prior to the sale. Sales may be held from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The vendor who organizes a yard sale or the owner of the premises upon which sale is to be held shall have a duty to provide adequate parking facilities for all anticipated customers and shall see to it that no traveled portion of any public highway is in any way blocked, partially or otherwise, or that the flow of traffic is impeded thereon in any way.

Effective January 1, 2024, yard sale permit fee shall be \$10



Development in Valley Township ...

Valley Suburban Center – Valley Square Development Associates, LP, received amended final approval for Lot 1/Phase 2 to construct 100 townhomes. This lot is to the east of Airport Road. The developer, upon recording of the land development plan, will also be dedicating to the Township 9.3 acres on the north side of the pipeline easement along the frontage of Airport Road.

Previously, Valley Square Development Associates, LP, received approval to re-subdivide the three parcels into three lots and the townhouse development as to Lot 2 – which shall consist of 98 townhouse units currently under construction.

Westwood Ridge Subdivision– Westwood Ridge Land Development LLC received land development approval for 87 single-family dwellings. The 36-acre tract is located in the R-2 Residential Zone and is bounded to the south by the Valley Township and East Fallowfield Township boundary line, to the east and west by residential use properties within the R-2, and to the north by Valley Road and residential use properties within the Conservation Zone.

Chester County G.O. Carlson Airport Expansion Preliminary Land Development Plan – Proposed projects consist of constructing three buildings in the northeast area of the Airport property, expanding existing uses within the main part of the property, and expanding the taxiway area with hangar buildings and parking in the southwest area of the property. The project will disturb 55.5 acres of the 340± acre Airport property. The location of the Airport is south of West Lincoln Highway and its primary entrance is the Aviation Way access drive. The Airport is in the Planned Development Zone.

NSEC Sports Complex – IDG Development, LLC is proposing a 156,040 sf indoor commercial recreation facility housing a field house and multi-purpose arena and special events center and a 13,500 sf footprint, 4-story hotel with 100 units. The two buildings, stormwater management facilities, and most of the parking lot are within the City of Coatesville. A portion of the proposed parking lot extends north beyond the City boundary into Valley Township (124 parking spaces). The parking within Valley Township will be situated on parcels falling within Valley Township's Conservation Zone.

Valley View Business Park Lot 8 (250 Waverly Boulevard) – All County Partnership recently subdivided Lot 8 into two parcels. Lots 8A and Lot8B are proposed as industrial uses within the Industrial Zone. No physical improvements are proposed as part of this Subdivision Plan.

700 Fox Chase Road – Koenig Engineering proposes the construction of a 4,500 square foot industrial storage building in the Valley Township Planned Development zoning district. The site contains a 19,218 square foot office building and parking area.

Approved Plans awaiting recording:

- Micronic Manufacturing USA received approval in June 2022 to construct a 28,564 square foot building for office and manufacturing use. The 6.525 acre tract is located in the Planned Development zone and is bounded to the north by Sunoco Gas station, Oasis car wash, and Lincoln Diner, to the east by Aviation Way (Earhart Dr), to the south by Lindbergh Blvd., and to the west by the Chester County Airport. Both Aviation Way and Lindbergh Blvd. are private roads owned by the Chester County Airport.
- 1220-1224 & 1226 West Lincoln Highway (Abdala) was granted approval for both the consolidation of lots and land development to construct a new office building addition on the eastern lot.

The Valley Township Planning Commission meets the second Tuesday of each month. The meetings are held hybrid with the physical location at 1145 West Lincoln Highway, Coatesville. To join the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone go to:
<https://global/gotomeeting.com/join/200404965>
or you can dial in using your phone at 1-571-317-3122; Access Code 200-404-965

Planning Commission members: Denny Bement, Chair; James Druecker, Vice Chair; Shawn Leonard; Shawn Leonard; Yvette Smith
Recording Secretary: Gwen Stillwell
Alternate Member: Lorenzo Kelley





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



Drop Box is located inside the vestibule as you enter the Township Building and accessible during normal business hours.

HOME HEALTH CARE WASTE:

Home health care waste primarily consist of “used sharps” such as needles, syringes, lancets and other sharp objects, as well as soiled bandages, disposable sheets, and gloves. Prevent injury, illness and pollution by following some simple steps when disposing of these wastes in your household trash:

- Place all used sharps in an opaque, puncture-resistant, hard plastic or metal container. An empty detergent bottle with a screw-on cap or an empty coffee can will do.
- Close the container with its original lid and secure with heavy-duty tape.
- Place the tightly sealed container in a paper bag and discard it with your household trash.
- Place non-sharp home health care wastes in a doubled, securely fastened, opaque plastic trash bag before putting them in the garbage can with other wastes.

DO NOT PLACE IT WITH RECYCLABLES!

Recommended Treatment – Prior to disposal, disinfect used sharps with a solution of 1 teaspoon of bleach in one-half gallon of water.

Dos & DON'Ts:

DO:

- Place used sharps in an opaque, puncture-resistant container.
- Seal lids on containers of sharps with heavy-duty tape.
- Seal trash bags wit tape or wire/plastic ties.
- Label plastic jug or metal can “Do Not Recycle”.
- Keep waste containers out of reach of children and animals.

DON'T:

- Place loose used sharps in the trash or toilet.
- Label the containers as medical waste.
- Clip needles with a pair of scissors.
- Place sealed containers in with recyclables.
- **DO NOT RECYCLE ANY USED SHARPS!**

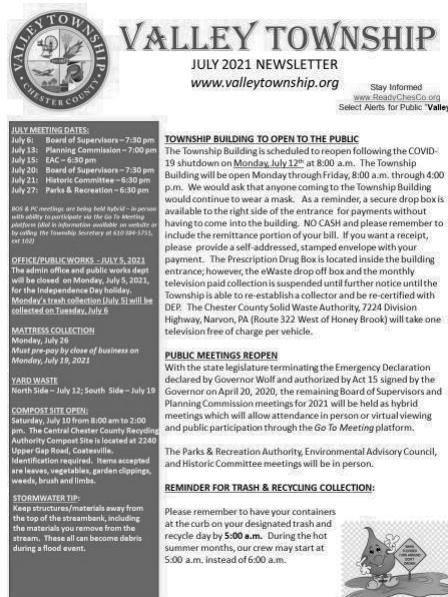


MONTHLY eNEWSLETTER/WEBSITE UPDATES

At the beginning of each month, Valley Township posts a monthly newsletter on our website, www.valleytownship.org. The monthly "eNewsletter" focuses on key items for that month.

In early 2021, our website was updated with a new layout. In accordance with new regulations, public meeting agendas will be posted both online and at the Township Office 24 hours in advance. Copies are also available at the Township Building.

The Board of Supervisors public meetings and Planning Commission monthly meeting are now being held hybrid – both in person at the Township Building with virtual access utilizing *Go To Meeting*. Links being utilized are published on our website or available by calling the Township Manager at 610 384-5751, ext. 101.



DISCOUNT MOVIE TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR SALE

\$9.50 each



Tickets may be purchased by residents and non-residents at the Valley Township Municipal Office, 1145 West Lincoln Highway, during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 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 or credit/debit card only; no checks.
Proceeds Benefit the Valley Township Parks &
Recreation Authority Programs*

**service fee applies*

OPEN BURNING



Valley Township prohibits that no person shall ignite, feed, cause, allow, permit or maintain on any property any open fire outside of any building for any purpose other than:

- Open fire in the performance of an official duty of any public officer if the fire is necessary
- Open fire is conducted during an official act or exercise preapproved by the duly designated Township enforcement officer or by the Westwood Fire Company
- Recreational and ceremonial fires may be set with written approval of the enforcement officer
- To burn charcoal or wood fires kindled for the purpose of outside barbeques, providing the fire is contained to the barbeque structure and is solely for the heating, cooking and preparing of food.

COMMUNITY WAREHOUSE PROJECT FOR CHESTER COUNTY

Do you have gently used furniture and/or housewares you no longer need or use? Do you want to avoid throwing these things in the trash? Community Warehouse Project might be the place for you. They collect gently used furniture items at their warehouse in West Chester. Working with other local agencies who identify clients in need, they help families and veterans affected by homelessness, domestic violence, and other crises.

Their mission is to turn empty houses into homes of hope. They give furniture and housewares to an average of 6 to 10 Chester County households each week. They need more help than ever before and you can help by simply donating a piece of furniture.

What is in need the most right now:

Dressers
Kitchen Tables & Chairs
Sofas
Mattresses & Box Springs with no stains
(especially twins & queens)

Lamps
Microwaves
Sheets & Blankets
Coffee Tables & End Tables

**Please go to the Community Warehouse Project website for details –
www.communitywarehouseproject.com;
Call 484 473-4360; or eMail gbrion@communitywarehouseproject.com**

UNITED STATES SEMIQUINCENNIAL

The United States will be celebrating the 250th anniversary of the 1776 United States Declaration of Independence in 2026. On November 10, 2021, the Chester County Commissioners signed a resolution to support America250PA and created a Chester County Committee to help building the foundation for celebrating the nation's 250th anniversary and to prepare specific steps for celebrating the nation's heritage. On July 4, 2026, communities across the nation will join to celebrate the 250th anniversary of our nation. From events such as the Battle of the Brandywine to the Iron and Steel and Agriculture industries, history is all around us in Chester County.

Valley Township would like to form a committee that would showcase Valley Township's rich history as part of America250 and participate in the celebrations throughout the County.

If interested, you can send an eMail to
jambo@valleytownship.org or cleidy@valleytownship.org
Or forward a letter of interest to the Township:

Valley Township
Attn: Township Manager
1145 West Lincoln Highway
Coatesville, PA 19320



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 BIU, Inc. Please allow at least twenty-four (24) 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 fees due the Township.

The Codes Department Permit Fee Schedule and the Non-Permit Fee Schedule can be found on the website:
www.valleymunicipal.org

Vacant Property Registration – (Ordinance 2020-04) Vacant properties shall be registered annually with the Valley Township Codes Department (forms available on the Township website or at the Township Office) or within 15 days upon a property becoming vacant. Properties shall remain under an annual registration and security requirement as long as they remain vacant. The owner of the vacant property as of December 1 of each calendar year shall be responsible for the annual payment of a non-refundable fee to be set by resolution of the Board of Supervisors from time to time (currently \$275.00). The registration fee shall be billed by the Township on or after January 1 of each year on a calendar-year basis.



Septic Management Program– Each person owning a property served an on-lot sewage disposal system which contains a septic tank shall have the septic tank pumped by a qualified pumper/hauler. The tank must be pumped at least once every three years or whenever an inspection reveals that the septic tank is filled with solids or with scum in excess of 1/3 of the liquid depth of the tank. Receipts from the pumper/hauler shall be submitted to the Township within the three-year pump periods. Processing fee for the pumper/hauler receipt is \$25.00

HOW TO SUBMIT A COMPLAINT



Complaints must be in writing or the Township *Complaint Form* can be completed. The complaint form can be found on the Township's website or is available at the Township office. Complaints must be signed. Please be sure to provide your name, address, and phone number. Anonymous complaints will not be investigated. Complaints are kept confidential and are generally not released under the Pennsylvania Right to Know Law (Section 708, 17 i). Completed complaint forms or written complaints can be dropped off at the township office, mailed to the Valley Township (1145 West Lincoln Hwy, Coatesville, PA 19320) or emailed to codes@valleytownship.org.

INSPECTION SCHEDULING

NEW PHONE NUMBERS FOR SCHEDULING!

Resale or Rental Use & Occupancy Permit Inspections
U&O inspections require a minimum of 24 hours notice

1-800-732-2551

Building/Zoning Permit Inspections

1-800-732-2551



Herbert E. MacCombie, Jr., P.E. Consulting Engineers & Surveyors, Inc.

Building Inspection Underwriters, Inc.

Valley Township Building/Code/Zoning Officer & Plumbing and Electrical Inspectors

Zoning/General Building Inquiries, please call 610 384-5751, ext. 402 and leave message
Codes Coordinator – Joy Hurst – 610 384-5751, ext. 401

TIPS FOR SAFE USE OF GENERATORS

During long-term power outages many rely on portable generators for emergency power ... but many generators are installed and operated incorrectly and pose a real threat to the lives of family, neighbors and utility crews working to restore service. Follow the tips below when installing and operating portable generators:

- **Follow the directions supplied with the generator.** Incorrect generator use can lead to carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning from the toxic engine exhaust, electric shock, electrocution and fire. Never use a portable generator indoors and never use a portable generator in a garage, carport, basement, crawl space or other enclosed or partially-enclosed area ... even with ventilation. Opening doors and windows or using fans will not prevent CO buildup in a home.
- **Generators should be at least 20 feet away from buildings.** At even 20 feet away air flow patterns may still blow carbon monoxide into homes through attic vents, windows or doors. Keep the generator away from these openings and maintain a working carbon monoxide detector inside the home.
- **To avoid electrocution, keep the generator dry.** Do not use in rain or wet conditions. Operate it on a dry surface under an open canopy-like structure. Make sure your hands are dry before touching the generator.
- **Turn off all appliances and lights before you begin operating the generator.** Once the generator is running, turn appliances and lights on one at a time to avoid overloading the unit. And don't forget to use safety-tested, shop-type electrical cords designed and rated for heavier, outdoor use.
- **Never try to power house wiring by plugging the generator into a wall outlet.** This practice, known as "back feeding" can lead to the electrocution of utility workers or neighbors served by the same utility transformer. The only safe way to connect a generator to house wiring is to have a qualified electrician install a power transfer switch.
- **Shut down your generator correctly.** Turn off and unplug all appliances and equipment being powered before shutting off the generator. Drain the gasoline from the generator while it is being stored and inspect the fuel and oil filters, spark plug, oil level and fuel quality on a regular basis .. And before the next power outage!

For more info on portable generators, contact John Haynes, Emergency Operations Center Director, Chester County Department of Emergency Services, at (610) 344-5005.



What precautions should I take

to prevent damage to pipes during freezing temperatures?

Make sure that the pipe coming into your home is not exposed to the elements. Most pipes are located underground. Once in your home, be sure the pipes are protected from any extreme temperatures at the point of entry. You can place insulation around or between where the pipe enters your home and the outside surface.

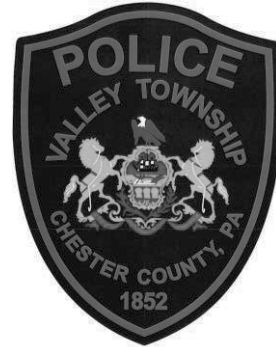


POLICE - OATH OF OFFICE

Valley Township would like to congratulate and welcome their newest full-time police officer, **Jacob Shear**. The Honorable Nancy Gill administered the Oath of Office to Officer Shear at the Board of Supervisors meeting on Tuesday, September 5, 2023.



Officer Jacob Shear



Don Mosley

PUBLIC WORKS

Don Mosley (pictured right) joined Valley Township's Public Works Department on July 10, 2023, as a **Laborer**. **WELCOME DON!**

PLANNING COMMISSION

During 2023, Planning Commission Alternate **Shawn Leonard** replaced Tamarkius Roby who had moved from the Township. **Joe Arvay** and **Yvette Smith** were appointed to the Planning Commission to fill vacancies. We thank **Tamarkius Roby, Sharon Pysher** and **Jim Druecker** for their serving on the Planning Commission. **Gwen Stillwell** was appointed as Recording Secretary to the Planning Commission. We also thank **Leslie Siebert** who served as Recording Secretary for over 10 years.

Lorenzo Kelley was appointed as the Alternate Member of the Planning Commission.

ZONING HEARING BOARD

After many years serving on the Zoning Hearing Board, **Sheila Hamilton** resigned in September. Alternate member, **Van Dora Brickus** was appointed to fill Ms. Hamilton's remaining term. There is currently an opening as Alternate Member of the Zoning Hearing Board. If interested in this seat, please send a letter of interest to the Township Manager/Secretary by eMail to jrambo@valleytownship.org or by mail to 1145 West Lincoln Highway, Coatesville, PA 19320. We thank Ms. Hamilton for her many years on the Zoning Hearing Board.

EMERGENCY DECLARATION

Valley Township Ordinance 2008-13 allows for a declaration prohibiting the operation of motor vehicles after the Declaration of a snow and/or ice emergency, establishing snow emergency routes, prohibiting certain activities during a snow event, including the parking of vehicles on township roads and the removal of snow and/or ice from private property on to the township roads or streets, mandating the removal of snow and/or ice from fire hydrants by property owners and establishing penalties for violations of the ordinance.

After any snow emergency is declared, it shall be unlawful, at any time during the continuance of the snow emergency for any person to drive or park any motor vehicle of any such snow emergency routes, unless that vehicle is equipped with four-wheel drive or uses PennDOT approved snow chains.

After the Snow Event has been declared, **it shall be unlawful to park on any street or road which is part of the Township system after the start of a snow fall and until the snow has stopped falling and the snow has been completely plowed for the full width of the cart way.**

Any member of the Valley Township Police Department, or any employee of Valley Township engaged in road work, is authorized to remove any vehicle abandoned or parking upon any public highway or street in violation.

It shall be unlawful to dump, throw, shovel, pile or push any snow or ice removed from driveways or walkways into any public highway or street.

Fire hydrants shall not be covered. Property owners are required to remove all snow, ice, slush, etc., around the fire hydrants located on their property to provide access by fire rescue personnel.

A complete copy of Ordinance 2008-13 is available on the Township's website or for review at the Township Municipal Building.

Snow Emergency Routes

Street	Between
Valley Road	Coatesville City & Sadsbury Twp Line
Mount Carmel Road	E. Fallowfield Twp Line & Valley Road
Park Avenue	E. Fallowfield Twp Line & Valley Road
Lincoln Highway	Coatesville City & Sadsbury Twp Line
Airport Road	W. Caln Twp Line & Lincoln Highway
Country Club Road	W. Caln Twp Line & Lincoln Highway
Glencrest Road	Irish Lane & Lincoln Highway
Irish Lane	Glencrest Road & Wagontown Road
Wagontown Road	W. Caln Twp Line & Coatesville City
Mineral Springs Road	Country Club Rd. & Wagontown Rd.
Pine Valley Drive	Country Club Rd. & Baltusrol Drive
Pleasant Valley Drive	Baltusrol Drive & Harry Road
Harry Road	Pleasant Valley Drive & Glencrest Road
Mount Airy Road	W. Caln Twp Line & end of roadway
Washington Lane	Lincoln Highway & Sadsbury Twp Line
Cynthia Road	Old Wilmington Road & Valley Road
Danielle Lane	Old Wilmington Road & Marc Drive
Marc Drive	Cynthia Rd(South) & Cynthia Rd (North)
Maple Avenue	Valley Road & Mt. Carmel Road
Ridge Avenue	Valley Road & Spruce Street
Spruce Street	Ridge Avenue & W. Birch Street
W. Birch Street	Sheeler Lane & Kirby Street
Kirby Street	Oak Avenue & Park Avenue
Euclid Avenue	Park Avenue & W. 12 th Avenue
Charles Street	W. 9 th Avenue & W. 11 th Avenue
W. 11 th Avenue	Charles Street & Valley Road
W. Main Street	Lincoln Highway & Rainbow Road
Highland Avenue	George Street & Front Street
Front Street	Highland Avenue & Rainbow Road
Rainbow Road	Lincoln Highway & W. Main Street
East Glencrest Road	Glencrest Road & Wagontown Road
Franklin Street	Glencrest Road & Country Club Road
Leeward Street	Franklin St (East) & Franklin St (West)
W. 3 rd Avenue	Leeward Street & W. Chestnut Street
W. Chestnut Street	W. 3 rd Avenue & 1 st Avenue
1 st Avenue	W. Chestnut Street & Lincoln Highway
Lamberts Lane	Country Club Road & Matthew Drive
Matthew Drive	Lamberts Lane & Mineral Springs Road
Pinckney Drive	Mineral Springs Road & Thomas Circle
Cambridge Way	Beacon Street & Mineral Springs Road
Beacon Street	Pinckney Drive & Thomas Circle
Mt. Airy Road	Wagontown Road & north end of road
Manor Road	Wagontown Road & PA Route 82
W. Kings Highway	W. Caln Twp Line & Caln Twp Line
PA Route 82	W. Caln Twp Line & City of Coatesville
Butterworth Road	PA Route 82 & Heston Road
Heston Road	Butterworth Road & Blackhorse Hill Road
Gilmer Road	Heston Road & end of roadway

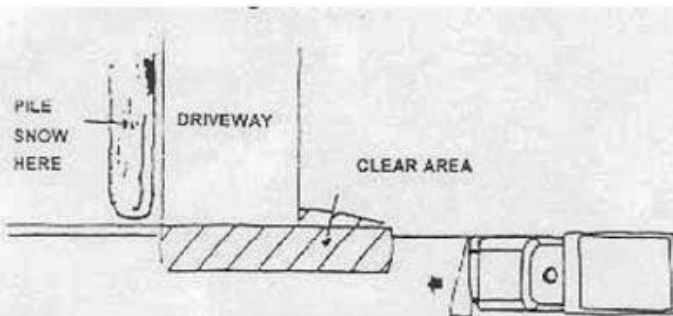
Snow Shoveling Tips

PennDOT offers tips on shoveling your driveway to avoid being plowed in.

After a snowstorm, how many times have you shoveled your driveway only to have it plowed in?

PennDOT suggests that you clear an area to the right of your driveway (as seen in the diagram below) to give the snow on the blade of the plow a place to empty before it gets to your driveway. This way you won't have to do the same job twice.

PennDOT also reminds you that it is illegal to push snow from a parking lot or driveway onto a state highway.



Sketch shows the proper way to shovel snow out of your driveway.

MAILBOX SUPPORTS



The Postal Service does not regulate mailbox supports in any way except for the purposes of carrier safety and delivery efficiency. Posts and other supports for curbside mailboxes are owned and controlled by customers, who are responsible for ensuring that posts are neat and adequate in strength and size. Heavy metal posts, concrete posts, and miscellaneous items of farm equipment, such as milk cans filled with concrete, are examples of potentially dangerous supports. The ideal support is an assembly that bends or falls away when struck by a vehicle. Post or support designs may not represent effigies or caricatures that disparage construction and placement of mailboxes and supports on motorized, city, rural, and contract delivery service routes. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has determined that wooden mailbox supports no larger than 4" by 4 inches, or a 2-inch diameter standard steel or aluminum pipe, buried no more than 24 inches, should safely break away if struck by a vehicle. According to FHWA, the mailbox must also be securely attached to its post to prevent separation if struck.

**Mailbox Supports Article from USPS*

<https://about.usps.com/postalbulletin/2007/html/pb22206/mailboxkit.4.6.htm>.

WINTER WEATHER & PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

Cooperation of residents is needed and appreciated for efficient snow removal efforts. Our goal is to provide exceptional service in maintaining clear, safe roads for our residents and passing motorists. Also, if you have a fire hydrant on your property, it is your responsibility that the hydrant is clear of snow. As always, our Public Works personnel will do their very best to keep roadways as clear as possible, but we need your help! When the first snowflakes begin to fall, please remember to:

- **Remove vehicles from the roadway until the roadway is cleared.** Vehicles parked on emergency routes may be towed.
- **Wait until the roadway is cleared before shoveling your driveway, sidewalk and mailbox area. But if you must clear these areas sooner, please know Township trucks will likely throw snow back onto your property when plowing the road.**
- Refrain from shoveling snow into the roadway. Pushing snow from your driveway or sidewalk into the roadway creates a safety hazard and could cause an accident, and is against the law. Property owners may be held responsible for accident damages.
- Prepare your vehicle for winter driving. If you are too nervous about driving on snow and/or ice, don't drive! Share a ride with a neighbor, or wait until the roadways are cleared before traveling.

Please note that the Township does not plow private roadways, roadways not dedicated to the Township and state-owned roadways.



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Board of Supervisors

1st & 3rd Tuesday

7:30 pm

First meeting in November
is November 9

Planning Commission

2nd Tuesday

7:00 pm

**Environmental
Sustainability Advisory
Council**

3rd Thursday

6:30 pm

**Parks & Recreation
Authority**

4th Tuesday

6:30 pm