



London Grove Gazette

Fall 2019 Newsletter

A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

Dear Residents,

As Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, I wanted to take a few moments to highlight some of the amazing accomplishments that have been happening here in London Grove Township.

1. The Township was recently awarded a PECO Green Region Grant in the amount of \$9,218.00. This grant money is being used to help with the maintenance and paving of some of the trails at Goddard Park.
2. Using Open Space Funds, the Township had the opportunity to purchase two (2) properties.
 - a. The Blosser Property- Located at 312 & 384 E. Avondale Road, and
 - b. The Kjellerup Property- Located at 520 W. State Road (directly across State Road from Goddard Park).

These properties were purchased in an effort to keep some “green open space” in the south part of the Township. They also provide the possibility for the expansion of Goddard Park and/or our trail system in the future.

3. To help ensure the safety of our residents if and when events happen, the Township has created an Emergency Services Committee. This Committee meets monthly and consist of representatives from the Township, Avondale Fire Company, West Grove Fire Company, SCCEMS Medic 94, and a resident of London Grove Township. The purpose of this Committee is to develop polices and procedures.

4. The Township has instituted a Community risk Reduction Program. This is defined in the National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) 1035, as “programs, actions, and services used by a community, which prevent or mitigate the loss of life, property, and resources associated with life safety, fire and other disasters within a community.”

5. The Township has established safety and fire inspections of all of our commercial properties.

6. To help promote the health, safety and welfare of our community the Township has received a State Grant in the amount of 1.2 million dollars. This money will cover the majority of the cost to construct a sidewalk along State Road. The sidewalk will run along State Road between Goddard Park and Avon Grove High School.

7. The London Grove Township Board of Supervisors has worked with many of the neighboring communities and West Grove EMS to develop and adopt a funding formula that equally and fairly distributes the costs of services to all of the communities it serves.

8. The London Grove Township Board of Supervisors is in the process of working with the SCCEMS Medic 94 to create the same type of committee, with the appropriate surrounding communities, to create a funding formula that equally and fairly distributes their costs of services to all the communities they serve.

In addition to the above highlights, the London Grove Township Staff and Board of Supervisors remain committed to providing the highest level of community service to our residents at the lowest possible costs.

In closing, I hope everyone has a safe and wonderful fall. Please remember as September begins so does school. Please watch for children crossing roads and school buses stopping. Please drive carefully.

Respectfully,
Richard Scott-Harper
Chairman of the Board
London Grove Township



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Meeting Schedule

All meetings are held at the Township Building unless otherwise stated:

Board of Supervisors Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Planning Commission Meetings are held on the last Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Parks and Recreation Board Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

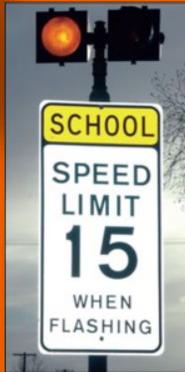
Zoning Hearing Board meets on an as needed basis.

Open Space Committee Meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Environmental Advisory Committee meetings are held on the fourth Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.



PENNSYLVANIA SCHOOL ZONE LAWS
PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION
WWW.PENNDOT.GOV/SAFETY



Children are some of the people most vulnerable to pedestrian accidents both because of their size and innocence. The increased volume of school children foot traffic around schools creates an even higher risk of danger. That's why Pennsylvania laws set down strict rules for motorists driving in school zones. Laws governing motorists driving through school zones are contained in Title 75 Section 212.501 and Title 75 Section 3365 (b). The law includes the following rules:

1. Pennsylvania requires that a school zone be clearly identified using a sign denoting the beginning of the zone and a separate sign defining the end of the school zone.
2. Under the Pennsylvania Code, a school zone speed limit of 15 mph may apply.
3. The speed limit applies during all the normal hours that walking students are arriving to school or leaving school.

Penalties for Violations of Speed Limits in School Zones– The law also provides for penalties for persons found violating the speed limits in school zones. Persons who violate these limits could face fines up to \$500.00. A violation could also result in three points added to your driving record. A second violation could result in license revocation for a period of up to 60 days.

Speeding drivers are a major threat to schoolchildren walking to or leaving school. But it isn't only children who walk to or from school who may be at risk. Some children may walk a short distance outside the school to meet a parent, for example. Others may bike to and from school. So, it's important for all drivers to do their part to prevent pedestrian or bicycle accidents involving schoolchildren around a school.

Distracted Driving in School Zones– Apart from speeding motorists, children in a school zone are also at a high risk of accidents involving distracted drivers. A report by Safe Kids USA focused on vehicles that were traveling through school zones, finding that as many as one in six motorist were distracted while they were traveling through the zone.

The researchers found that the distracted rate was similar for male and female drivers. The most common types of distractions while driving through a school zone were the use of a cell phone and electronic devices. Besides using a cell phone, drivers were discovered to be taking part in other distracting behaviors.

1. Snacking
2. Grooming and Applying Make-up
3. Smoking
4. Reading

The same study also found that the rate of distracted drivers was higher in school zones that had no flashing lights and those that had traffic volumes of more than 10,000 cars per day. Drivers of larger cars like minivans and sport-utility vehicles were more likely to be distracted in school zones.

The researchers note that drivers in states with handheld electronic bans for drivers of all ages were 13 percent less likely to be distracted compared to drivers in other states without such bans.

Pennsylvania prohibits all drivers from texting while behind the wheel, and generally requires that drivers not engage in dangerous behavior while behind the wheel. Failure to do so could result in penalties.

School bus safety is a high priority in Pennsylvania. Students, parents, teachers, administrators, transportation personnel and the motoring public all play important roles in keeping our children safe while on or around the school bus.

Pennsylvania's School Bus Stopping Laws

1. Motorist must stop at least 10 feet away from school buses that have their red lights flashing and stop arm extended.
2. Motorist must stop when they are behind a bus, meeting the bus or approaching an intersection where a bus is stopped.
3. Motorists following or traveling alongside a school bus must also stop until the red lights have stopped flashing, the stop arm is withdrawn, and all children have reached safety.
4. If physical barriers such as grassy medians, guide rails or concrete median barriers separate oncoming traffic from the bus, motorists in the opposing lanes may proceed without stopping.

The penalties if Convicted of Violating Pennsylvania's School Bus Stopping Law include:

1. \$250.00 fine
2. Five (5) Points On Your Driving Record
3. 60 Day License Suspension

For more information on school zone and bus safety please visit the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's website at www.penndot.gov/safety





PARKS AND RECREATION NEWS
HAPPY 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY
GODDARD PARK

MS4 Tip:

Lawn Care

Fertilizers and pesticides should be used sparingly.

When applied in excess, these chemicals are washed off by rainwater and enter the local storm sewer system. Do not sweep yard waste and leaves into the street. These add nitrates to streams.



TOWNSHIP INFORMATION EMAILED TO YOUR INBOX

Log on to www.londongrove.org and click on the "Notify Me" tab to sign up and receive text or email notifications for the latest Township Documents and publications. Information Available (Click any or all):

- ◆ Calendar of events
- ◆ Goddard Park
- ◆ Agendas and Minutes
- ◆ Newsletters
- ◆ Recycling
- ◆ And many more

Can you believe it, Goddard Park is ten (10) years old! To honor this milestone London Grove Township will be having an Anniversary Party on Saturday, October 12, 2019 from 11:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m. There will be something for the whole family to enjoy! A moonbounce, pumpkin decorating, food trucks, fire companies, a floating putting green and information booths are just a few of the highlights.

The main parking for the celebration will take place in the recently acquired lot to the north of the park. This is a celebration that you don't want to miss. As the celebration gets closer more information will be available by way of flyers, the Township Website/Facebook page and the sign board in the garden at the park.

There have been many improvements added to Goddard Park in the last couple months. Shane Kinsey, Public Works Director and the Public Works Crew have been hard at work on the following projects:

1. Dog Park visitors have requested shade for many years and while we wait for the trees to grow a bit larger we have recently installed two (2) green sun tarps to provide protection from the sun.
2. The PWD Crew had a weeklong endeavor to repair the broken outflow pipe that drains the Lamborn Pond. The pond would often overflow and flood the paths south of the pond. The fear was that if a strong storm came along it could result in damage or a break in the earth wall. After receiving permits and approval from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PA DEP), Pennsylvania Fish and Game Commission and the National Park Service the work began with draining the pond and transferring the fish to the old Avondale Quarry. By doing the work in-house, Mr. Kinsey estimates that the Township

saved approximately \$25,000.00 with the biggest cost being the rental of an excavator. A new outflow pipe and surface box have been installed and the south bank built up and strengthened. The fish were returned to the pond plus 300 shiner minnows and 100 channel catfish.



3. If you are a frequent walker you probably noticed that the Wickerton Trail has been paved. This 1500 foot path connects Husband's Run to the Indian Hannah Trail and runs parallel to Route 841 near the lower parking lot. The Public Works Department handled all the paving with their recently purchased paving machine.

The weeklong improvement was mostly funded by the PECO Green Region Grant that London Grove Township received in the amount of \$9,218.00. The monies were administered by the Natural Lands Trust and it expands the trail system accessible to the handicapped and also lessens washouts that were common near Husband's Bridge.

4. Trail hikers may notice a recently completed Eagle Scout Project that indicated distance as you explore the 120 acres.
5. Visitors to the main lot probably noticed that our composting lavatory was closed due to a fire that caused damage in excess of \$2,000.00. The cause of the fire has yet to be determined by the Fire Marshal's office. The damage has been repaired and the facility is expected to be opened shortly.

The Parks and Recreation Board meets the third Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. the meeting agendas can be found on our website the Friday prior to the meeting. All meetings are open and welcome the public.



VOLUNTEER
all that's missing is **U!**

London Grove Township needs volunteers for various Boards and Commissions.

Periodically the Township invites residents to volunteer their time on the various boards and commissions that service the community. Please see below the available opportunities to volunteer. This is your time to give back to your community. The Township appreciates your service!

If you would like more information on the Boards and Commissions that have vacancies please contact the Township at 610-345-0100.

Board of Auditors
3 Vacancies

Uniform Construction Code Board of Appeals

2 Vacancies for alternates

Inniscrone Golf Course Advisory Committee

1 Vacancy

Environmental Advisory Committee

4 Vacancies

Zoning Hearing Board

1 Vacancy for alternate

PLANT AND PROTECT TREES LIKE YOUR FUTURE DEPENDS ON IT!

BY SHANE MORGAN, WATERSHED COORDINATOR



(Student volunteers at tree planting)

Trees produce a host of services for humans and other living things and they provide these services for free. The filter pollution, from the air we breathe and the water we drink. They reduce flooding and erosion, replenish and clean ground water, lower water treatment costs for downstream users, and improve wildlife and pollinator habitat. Trees also store carbon and help regulate temperatures buffering the effects of climate change. All you have to do is stand in the shade of a tree on a hot summer day to experience their cooling effect. A recent study published in Science asserted ‘the restoration of trees remains among the most effective strategies for climate change mitigation’ (Bastin et al., 2019). Trees are a natural, cost-effective solution to both clean water and climate resiliency. Every tree you protect or plant is a small, but vital step in the right direction.

(Robert Ritrovato, Community Activist) Meet Robert Ritrovato. Robert is a homeowner and Board Member of the London Croft Homeowners Association (HOA) in London Grove Township. He is active in his community with an extraordinary interest in protecting and enhancing the protected HOA lands for both people and wildlife. Over the past few years he protected existing woodland



from invasive vine and shrub encroachment. He helped maintain trails for recreation, and he started a wildflower meadow.

Robert learned about a program that the White Clay Watershed Association sponsors called Catch the Rain, an incentive program that supports implementation of green stormwater practices on private lands. Being naturally curious, he contacted me and set up a site visit. As soon as we met, Robert had me walking the entire community showcasing his work and discussing opportunities to improve the natural lands in his community. His energy was contagious, and right off the bat we began to prioritize areas for restoration. We enlisted the help of Rob Daniels, Senior Land Use Planner from the Brandywine Conservancy, and eventually selected an area for a streamside tree planting where we saw the best opportunity for success.



(Area of streamside buffer planting highlighted in green)

The selected site needed some additional phragmites (invasive species) treatment prior to the future planting, but on June 1, 2019 approximately 300 trees were planted along both sides of the 400-foot length of stream. The trees were purchased with grant funding from TreeVitalize and installed by about 30 volunteers under the supervision of the Brandywine Conservancy.

*PLANT AND PROTECT TREES LIKE YOUR FUTURE
DEPENDS ON IT!*

BY SHANE MORGAN, WATERSHED COORDINATOR

(Before): Buffer before new tree planting with a few existing trees left on site along the stream.



(After): Enhanced, wider buffer with native trees in tubes to protect from deer.

While it is impossible to plan for unpredictable weather,

such as the extreme wet weather and saturated soil conditions of this year, we hedged our bets by planting a diverse range of native species hoping that some would adapt to changing climate conditions, and acknowledging that some would be lost along the way. Robert is the local 'on the grounds' person who will monitor the planting to detect any future issues to help ensure the success of the planting, and the HOA board agreed to support his efforts with the continued management of the planted area by

funding some professional work as needed to combat invasive plants (plants from other regions that out compete our native vegetation making it difficult for them to get established).

Opportunities for tree planting exist throughout the White Clay watershed, but there is also an urgent need to protect existing forests from development and neglect. Organizations like the Brandywine Conservancy and the Chester County Planning Commission can help municipalities plan for better growth through ordinance reviews and revisions, and local citizens can help by participating in municipal meetings or joining an Environmental Action Committee in their community. Every individual has the power to do something. Trees are one of the most cost effective solutions at our disposal to mitigate climate change and clean our water. So, what are you waiting for? Plant a tree! The future is in your hands.

Interested in having someone come out to look at your property or HOA lands? Please contact Shane Morgan at mpc@whiteclay.org or learn more at CatchtheRain.org.

*FALL FOR THESE AUTUMN SAFETY TIPS
BY NICKEL ELECTRIC*



While safety is important throughout the entire year, there are a few safety precautions to take as we enter the cool autumn and winter months.

Be Safe On Halloween— Pedestrian and bicycle traffic significantly increases on and around Halloween. According to the National Safety Council, about 6,000 pedestrian deaths occurred in 2013. Their research found these deaths varied by age. Running into the road accounted for about 70% of pedestrian deaths or injuries for children ages 5-9 and about 47% for those ages 10-14. Adults should accompany young children while trick or treating.



Make Sure Your Heater Is Working— Before it gets to chilly, turn it on to test and make sure it sufficiently heats up your house. If it seems weak or isn't working at all, call a professional. You don't want to get stuck in a bind when the weather hits freezing temperatures.

Be Safe Driving In The Dark and Bright Sunshine— The amount of daylight decreases through autumn and winter, which means you'll spend more time driving in the dark. Make sure you're using your headlights correctly and focus on your route. You'll also need to be careful in the morning. This time of the year, the bright sunshine typically rises during morning rush hour. Have sunglasses on hand to protect your eyes.



MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY NEWS

BY KAREN LINAWEAVER



London Grove Township Municipal Authority welcomed Leland Key as a new Board Member earlier this year and now welcomes Frank Scarpato as a new Board Member of the Municipal Authority!

London Grove Township Municipal Authority has an active Fats, Oils and Grease (F.O.G.) Program that monitors commercial and industrial establishments on a regular basis. Residential homeowners should be aware of F.O.G. and make a concerted effort to eliminate these substances from going into your sinks, toilets and drains. F.O.G. can ultimately create blockages in your privately-owned sewer pipes and in the public sewer system. Costs to repair and remove F.O.G. from sewer lines are very expensive. Please do your part to keep F.O.G. out of the sewer system. Thank you.



The London Grove Township Municipal Authority is a municipal utility that bills property owners only. Please be advised that if you have a

rental property, the bill is the responsibility of the property owner to the Municipal Authority. The Municipal Authority doesn't get involved in billing issues between property owners and their renters. We request that rental unit property owners discuss this with their tenants and ask them to contact you (the property owner) with

questions. Subsequently, the property owner can feel free to contact the Municipal Authority for any questions regarding their water and/or sewer service. Thank you.



London Grove Township Municipal Authority continues to grow with new water and sewer customers each quarter. We would like to notify our customers that the water/sewer bills are mailed each year in January, April, July and October by the 15th of those months. The postcard bill is bright yellow in color with black print. After 30 days of the original bill, the past due notices are a postcard, bright pink in color with black print. Please look for the bill in the mail each quarter. If you have any questions regarding your billing, please do not hesitate to contact Linda Dowdy at 610-345-0300.

The Municipal Authority meets the 1st Monday of the month and *welcomes* the public. For any other information please feel free to contact the Municipal Authority Office at 610-345-0300. Please feel free to visit our website at www.londongrove.org and view the Municipal Authority menu for more information.

OPEN
to the
PUBLIC

Ms. Karen A. Linaweaver, Manager
London Grove Township
Municipal Authority
372 Rose Hill Road, Suite 300
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**CRACKLING BONFIRE
AND OPEN THE FIRE
CODE!
BY KIMBERLY TRAINOR
AND DAWN MACIEJCZYK**



**Autumn Fires, by: Robert Louis Stevenson
(1850-1894)**

In the other gardens
And all up the vale,
From the autumn bonfires
See the smoke trail!
Pleasant summer over
And all the summer flowers,
The red fire blazes,
The grey smoke towers.
Sing a song of seasons!
Something bright in all!
Flowers in the summer,
Fires in the fall!

Planning to gather friends or family around a crackling bonfire or cozy fire pit? Keep the following in mind.

London Grove Township follows the 2012 International Fire Code, Section 307-Open Burning, Recreational Fires and Portable Outdoor Fireplaces.

Bonfires, open fires and recreational fires in portable outdoor pits require a permit from the Township Fire Marshal. Once you have received your permit, please keep in mind these fires need to be maintained at all times until the fire is fully extinguished. For more information on having bonfires, open fires or recreational fires in London Grove Township or to obtain a permit please contact Robert Weer,



Township Fire Marshal, at 610-345-0100 or rweer@londongrove.org.

- ◆ 99% of wildfires are caused by people being careless while burning leaves and/or trash.
- ◆ Wood smoke contains millions of tiny particles. When you breathe in smoke, the particles can get deep into your respiratory system.
- ◆ Smoke isn't the only health hazard you should avoid. The heat itself is harmful.



“Inhaling air that is consistently at a higher temperature than the surrounding air can cause more damage to the lining of your lower respiratory tract than smoke inhalation,” Dr. Pichurko

- ◆ London Grove Township issues free brush permits to Township residents to take their brush to SECCRA. (Proof of residence must be shown in order to obtain a permit).

**Mr. Robert Weer,
Fire Marshal/ Emergency
Management Coordinator
610-345-0100**



**AS FIRE PREVENTION WEEK APPROACHES,
LONDON GROVE TWP REMINDS RESIDENTS:
NOT EVERY HERO WEARS A CAPE. PLAN AND
PRACTICE YOUR ESCAPE!**

OCTOBER 6-12, 2019

BY: DAWN MACIEJCZYK

London Grove Township is teaming up with the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®)—the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week for more than 90 years—to promote this year’s Fire Prevention

Week campaign, “Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape!” The campaign works to educate everyone about the small but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe.

NFPA statistics show that in 2017 U.S. fire departments responded to 357,000 home structure fires. These fires caused 2,630 fire deaths and 10,600 fire injuries. On average, seven people died in a fire in a home per day during 2012 to 2016.

“These numbers show that home fires continue to pose a significant threat to safety,” said Lorraine Carli, NFPA’s vice president of Outreach and Advocacy. “In a typical home fire, you may have as little as one to two minutes to escape safely from the time the smoke alarm sounds. Escape planning and practice can help you make the most of the time you have, giving everyone enough time to get out.

While NFPA and London Grove Township are focusing on home fires, these messages apply to virtually any location.

Situational awareness is a skill people need to use wherever they go. “No matter where you are, look for available exits. If the alarm system sounds, take it seriously and exit the building immediately.”

Escape Planning:

Plan Ahead! If a fire breaks out in your home, you may have only a few minutes to get out safely once the smoke alarm sounds. Everyone needs to know what to do and where to go if there is a fire.

Safety Tips:

1. Make a home escape plan. Draw a map of your home showing all doors and windows. Discuss the plan with everyone in your home.
2. Know at least two ways out of every room, if possible. Make sure all doors and windows leading outside open easily.
3. Have an outside meeting place (like a tree, light pole or mailbox) a safe distance from the home where everyone should meet.

4. Practice using different ways out.
5. Practice your home fire drill at night and during the day with everyone in your home, twice a year.
6. Teach children how to escape on their own in case you can’t help them.
7. Close doors behind you as you leave.

If the Alarm Sounds:

1. If the smoke alarm sounds, **GET OUT AND STAY OUT.**

Never go back inside for people or pets.

2. If you have to escape through smoke, **GET LOW AND GO** under the smoke to your way out.

3. **CALL** the fire department from outside your home.

Facts:

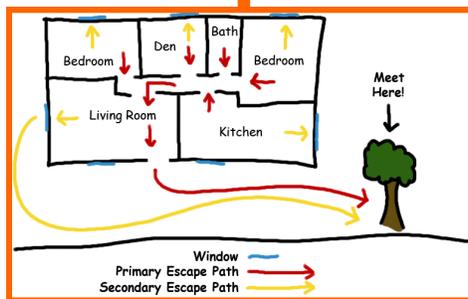
1. A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat and fire. Install smoke alarms on every level of the home. Smoke alarms should be interconnected. When one smoke alarm sounds, they all sound.

2. According to an NFPA Survey, only one of every three American households have actually developed and practiced a home fire escape plan.

3. While 71% of Americans have an escape plan in case of a fire, only 47% of those have practiced it.

4. One-third of American households who made an estimate thought they would have at least 6 minutes before a fire in their home would become life threatening. The time available is often less. And only 8% said their first thought on hearing a smoke alarm would be to get out!

If you any help with Fire Safety please contact Robert Weer, Fire Marshal.



Mr. Robert Weer,
Fire Marshal/ Emergency
Management Coordinator
610-345-0100



"IT'S FIRE PREVENTION WEEK!"
 This year I'm teaching everyone about the importance of planning and practicing your home fire escape plan. But I can't do it alone, I need your help. Work with your family and complete the fire escape checklist."



✓ Fire Escape Checklist

- Do you have working smoke alarms in your home?
- Is there a smoke alarm in every sleeping room and outside each sleeping area?
- Is there a smoke alarm on each level of the home, including the basement?
- Do you test your smoke alarms at least once a month? (Have a grown-up push the test button to check if the batteries work.)
- Do you know the sound of your smoke alarms?
- How old are your smoke alarms? (If they're more than 10 years old, you need new ones.)
- Does your family have a home fire escape plan?
- Do you know two ways out of each room in your home?
- Do you know what to do when you hear your smoke alarm? (Get out and stay out.)
- Are all the exits in your home clear of trash and toys?
- Has your family picked a meeting place outside the home where everyone can go when they've escaped a fire?
- Does everyone at home know how to call the fire department once they are outside?
- Do you and all family members practice your escape plan at least twice a year?

For more
 information visit
firepreventionweek.org
sparky.org





Blood Drive

Save a life. Eat a cookie.
(That's a good day.)

LONDON GROVE TOWNSHIP BLOOD DRIVE

Friday, February 21, 2020

10:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m.

London Grove Township Building

Log on for helpful tips and to reserve your appointment time.

www.redcrossblood.org/make-donation

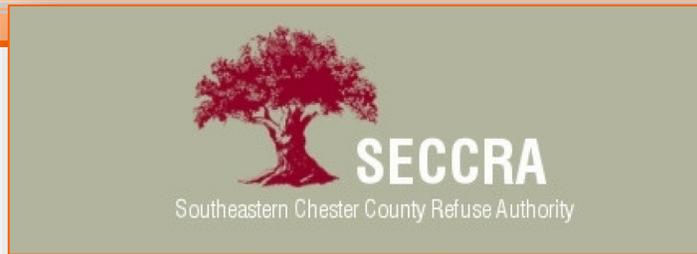
Or call Dawn Maciejczyk at the Township Building

London Grove Township Building
372 Rose Hill Road, Suite 100
West Grove, PA 19390
610-345-0100

Search by sponsor code: **londongrove** to schedule an appointment.

For Donor Eligibility Guidelines: Call **1-800-REDCROSS**

Please contact tedra.farrell@redcross.org if you experience issues.
scheduling donor appointments.



Trash and Recycling Day At SECCRA

This is a free event for Township Residents **only**. Residence is defined as any dwelling unit used as a place of human habitation, which is not commercial, municipal, institutional, or a community activity. For those items that cannot be recycled at the curbside this event will be Saturday, October 5, 2019 from 1:00 p.m. till 4:00 p.m. SHARP.

Recycling occurs at SECCRA throughout the year, fees could apply.

By filling out a Brush Disposal Permit, Township residents are able to dump directly at SECCRA Landfill during their normal business hours. This is free of charge and offered to residents only.

Brush Disposal Permits are available to the Township Office, please bring Photo ID with proof of residency, permits will be issued each calendar year.

May Not Participate

- ◆ **Businesses**
- ◆ **Commercial Entities**
 - ◆ **Landlords**
 - ◆ **Non-Residents**
 - ◆ **Organizations**

Accepted Items

- ◆ **Appliances**— refrigerators, washers, dryers, air conditioners, humidifiers, stoves, empty grills.
- ◆ **Electronics**— computers, monitors, televisions, stereo equipment, printers, cell phones, DVD players, basically anything that has a circuit board.
- ◆ **Automobile Tires**— Limit 4 per load per residence, large batteries, such as those in automobiles or tractors.
- ◆ **Bulky Waste**— furniture, mattresses, carpet, doors, windows, etc.
 - ◆ **Residential Propane Tanks**— 20 pound empty tanks.

No materials will be accepted from “clean outs” of residences.

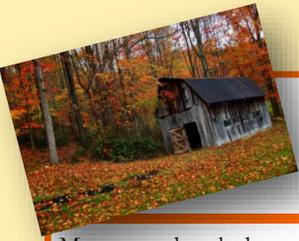
When:

Saturday, October 5, 2019 1:00 p.m. till 4:00 p.m. SHARP

Where:

SECCRA Community Landfill
219 Street Road
West Grove, PA 19390





HOW TO RECYCLE LEAVES

BY: DAWN MACIEJCZYK

Many people ask the same question... What do we do with all these leaves? Well the answer is simple why not recycle them! Can you guess what free organic material you may have on your property every autumn? That's right LEAVES! This organic material is full of nutrients essential for the natural processes of soil rejuvenation, and arrives absolutely free of cost to millions of homeowners every autumn. Recycling leaves offers a great alternative to the environmental and economic expense of removing the absolutely free resource from your property. Some of the benefits of recycling leaves are as follows:

1. Reduces waste going to the landfills.
2. Encourages improvement of soil through the natural processes. In one acre of temperate forest, it is estimated that over 2 tons of leaves are deposited each autumn.
3. Provides habitat for wildlife. Aside from beneficial organisms, many other creatures use the leaf litter for habitat and as a place to forage— insects, spiders, slugs, turtles, toads and small mammals, to name a few. These in turn provide food for other animals, such as birds.

So now you ask..... How do you recycle your leaves? Below are some of the ways you can recycle your leaves.

1. Mow them and leave them where they lie. If your leaf layer is less than one inch, wait for it to dry out as much as possible and simply run over the leaves with a lawn mower. (If the leaves are somewhat damp, you may need to mow them again at a right angle to your original path.) The resulting small particles will decompose quickly without suffocating your grass, adding their organic bounty of nutrients. If your leaf layer is greater than one inch, recycle using one of the methods below.
2. Shred them and use as mulch. Shredding can be accomplished in a few ways. You can use a bag attachment on your lawn mower and simply run over them as they lay. Or, you can first rake them into a pile and then run over them several times. Empty the bag frequently in a wheel barrow, on a cart, or onto a tarp. You can also purchase a vacuum shredder to collect and shred leaves; this will make a fine mulch, but can only be used with dry leaves. A string trimmer dipped into a sturdy garbage can full of dry leaves also works as an effective shredder. Shredded leaf litter makes fantastic natural mulch that will suppress weeds, regulate soil temperature, conserve moisture, reduce soil erosion and compaction, and decompose over time to provide nutrients. For best results, add 3–4 inches of leaf litter mulch around shrubs or trees and 2–3 inches over perennial beds.
3. Shred them and till into the soil. In addition to using shredded leaves as mulch, you can spread them over fall planting beds and till them in to the soil, improving drainage as well as adding nutrients. You can also spread them over annual and vegetable beds and till them in prior to planting in the spring.
4. Compost them, shredding them first for best results. Leaf litter makes fabulously rich compost. For quickest results, shred the leaves first and turn the pile often.

NEVER BURN YOUR LEAVES, AS THIS GENERATES CARBON MONOXIDE.



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