

Borough Services Schedule

October - December 2021

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

Oct 11th	Oct 25th
Nov 8th	Nov 22nd
Dec 13th	

YARDWASTE COLLECTION

Yard Waste Guidelines

Waste Management provides yard waste services two weeks per month through the summer/fall months. These yard waste guidelines still apply:

- No bags or boxes will be accepted – only open containers not exceeding 33-gallons in size
- Yard waste containers may not have lids and must be marked with the complete word “yard waste” in large letters on all sides of the can. Stickers are available at the Borough office at no charge.
- All yard waste containers must have drainage holes in the bottom of the can and must have graspable handles of adequate strength for lifting.
- Plants, twigs, and any bush trimmings smaller than 1” diameter, must be placed in open containers not exceeding 45-pounds, or, bound together in bundles not exceeding 4-feet in length or 45-pounds in weight using cotton or sisal twine only. Bagged items and unbound loose piles will not be picked-up!
- Pumpkins, gourds, hay bales, and other vegetation used for seasonal decorations will be collected as yard waste.

25-gallon blue recycling and yellow yard waste cans are available for purchase at the Borough office for a cost of \$13.00 each. The Borough also sells 32-gallon red refuse cans for \$17.00 each. Have your own can? The Borough offers free stickers to highlight recycling or yard waste cans for easier identification.

CHIPPING

The Public Works crew asks that all residents place their chipping out for collection by Monday morning at 7 AM during the week of October 25th.

- The Borough will collect limbs 1”-12” in diameter and more than 4 ft.
- All branches must be neatly stacked in the regular refuse collection area with cut ends facing one direction towards the street or alley.
- Branches larger than 12” in diameter may be placed for collection but will be picked up separately. The Borough will no longer collect tree stumps.

FALL LEAF COLLECTION

Fall Leaf collection will begin on October 1st and continue through the end of the season. Helpful Hint: Please do not park close to the piles of leaves along the curb. It is difficult for the leaf collection vehicle to remove the leaves from between parked cars.

WHITE GOODS COLLECTION

The Borough offers white goods collection through the contract with Waste Management. White goods are defined as large appliances, including the clothes washers/dryers, dishwashers, freezers, refrigerators, stoves, ovens, hot water heaters, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, furnaces, and electrical heaters.

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

Waste Management is scheduled to collect white goods on October 20th.

Please contact the Borough office at (717) 838-6361 if you have any questions.

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RENTAL LICENSE APPLICATIONS ARE DUE By NOVEMBER 30TH FOR 2022

According to the Borough Ordinance, owners of residential rental units shall apply for a residential rental license from the Borough by November 30th of each year. Applications submitted by November 30th, 2021 will be valid for the 2022 calendar year. The owner of a building containing more than one residential rental unit may file a single application for all the residential rental units in such building, but the \$50 fee is required PER UNIT.

Rental property owners that rent to family members are required to register their tenant, but the fee has been waived. Owner's family is defined as spouse, son, daughter, owner's parents or owner's in-laws.

Vacant properties are also required to be registered and pay a \$200 fee per property, per year. A vacant property is defined as a building or structure where no person or persons actually currently conducts a lawfully licensed business or lawfully resides or lives in any part of the building as the legal or equitable owner(s) or tenant-occupant(s) or owner-occupants or tenant(s) on a permanent, non-transient basis.

New tenants and/or change of ownership are required to be reported to the Borough within 10 days of the change.

All required application and forms to comply with the rental property license ordinance or tenant changes are available on the Borough's website at www.palmyraborough.org.

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TRICK-OR-TREAT NIGHT IN THE BOROUGH!
Thursday, October 28th from 6-8 PM

(Rain Date: Monday, November 1st from 6-8 PM)



When choosing a costume, remember the brighter the better. Use reflective tape or glow sticks to make your child more visible. Make sure the costume is the correct size. An oversized costume could be a tripping hazard. Costume masks should not obstruct the child's vision.

HOLIDAY TRASH DELAYS

Waste Management recognized holidays are Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day. Collection will shift by one day depending on the day in which the holiday occurs. In 2021, both Christmas Day and New Year's Day fall on a Saturday, so the collection day will not change for these holidays.

GRASS CLIPPINGS IN STREET CAN CAUSE DAMAGE & INJURY

It's a familiar sight every summer, someone is cutting their grass and blowing the grass clippings into the street and storm drains. Blowing grass clippings into the road can be very harmful to drivers, bicyclists and motorcyclists, as well as storm drain systems and aquatic life. When heavy wet grass is blown onto a Borough street, it becomes like ice, creating a hazard when turning your wheels or trying to stop. This grass can also clog storm drain grates and pipes, which could lead to street flooding. Finally, these clippings could contain high levels of nitrogen from fertilizers. If this nitrogen makes it into our waterways, it could have a negative impact on aquatic life. As a matter of fact, the PA Dept. of Environmental Protection is mandating municipalities to remove nitrates from their storm sewer systems. The Borough understands that sometimes blowing grass into streets is unavoidable. We are just asking that you please take the time to blow it back into your yard or mulch when you mow for the safety of motorists and our waterways.

FIRE SAFETY NOTES

Fall also produces leaves, lots of leaves and with that comes an increased risk of fire from the hot exhausts of cars. Be aware of where you park. Don't park over leaf piles or place your collected leaves near an open ignition source. Allow enough room between your vehicle and the leaf piles for the leaf collection vehicle to clean the leaves from the street.

This is also a great time to prepare for the colder months that are just around the corner. Make an appointment to have your fireplace and chimney serviced so when winter comes a knocking, you'll be all ready to safely enjoy the warmth and comfort of your fireplace.

Fire Prevention Open House

Sunday, October 3, 2021

Citizen's Fire Company #1

35 W. Walnut Street

PAYING YOUR SEWER/REFUSE BILL

The most important component to paying your sewer/refuse bill is to make your payment on time. Invoices are mailed to property owners at the beginning of every quarter (January 1st, April 1st, July 1st, and October 1st). Payment for the full amount is due 30 days from the billing date on the invoice. Property owners that do not make full payment prior to the thirty (30) days will incur a 1.5% penalty on the unpaid balance. All sewer/refuse balances not paid within sixty (60) days will incur a 6% penalty on the unpaid balance.

Borough Council has authorized staff to place liens against properties with delinquent balances. Property owners will incur additional legal costs if the Borough takes this step. Significant delinquencies could also result in the Borough filing a Writ of Scire Facias with the Lebanon County Sheriff's office ultimately resulting in a Sheriff's Sale of the property. To avoid these additional costs, we encourage any property owners with a delinquent balance to call the Borough immediately to discuss payment arrangements. The Borough will work with property owners to help create a payment plan to repay any arrearage.

CROSSING GUARDS NEEDED

Looking for that part-time position that will allow you to have summers off?



The Palmyra Police Department has several openings for school crossing guards. The primary responsibility of an adult school crossing guard is to help children safely cross the street as they walk to and from school.

A school crossing guard can help to accomplish the following goals:

- Discourage children from behaving unsafely near traffic, such as darting into the street without looking or crossing against a traffic signal. A guard can encourage safe behavior by all pedestrians at the school crossing.
- Use existing gaps in traffic to help students cross safely. When the natural traffic flow does not allow enough time for children to safely cross a street, a guard may need to create gaps by stopping traffic temporarily. The guard stops traffic with hand signals or a STOP paddle, then verbally directs children to cross the street. A guard is always the first person in the street and the last person out of the street.
- Alert motorists that pedestrians are in the process of using the school crossing.
- Observe and report any incidents or conditions that present a potential safety hazard to the school children or the guard.

This is a paid position within the Palmyra Police Department. Crossing guards earn \$12.90 per hour. Interested candidates must be able to promote positive interactions with school children, enforce crosswalk rules, be able to stand for long periods of time outdoors and to communicate well with others. For more information, please contact the Palmyra Police Department at 717-838-8188 from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM Monday through Friday.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG DISPOSAL

Do you or a loved-one have prescription drugs that are no longer needed or have expired?

A prescription drug collection box is available at the Palmyra Police Department.

The box is accessible from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM Monday through Friday.

Acceptable Items for the medicine box are:	
Prescriptions	Prescription Medications
Over-the-counter Medications	Vitamins
Samples	Medications for Pets

Not acceptable items include – Hydrogen peroxide, thermometers, Inhalers, Needles, Medications from a business or clinic, aerosol cans, ointments, lotions, or liquids.

Please call the Palmyra Police Department at (717) 838-8188 for more information about this important service.

BOROUGH HOLIDAYS

The Borough office will be closed in observance of the following holidays:

November 11, 2021 – Veteran's Day

December 24th – Christmas Day (observed)

November 25, 2021 – Thanksgiving Holiday

December 31, 2021 – New Year's Eve (observed)

November 26, 2021 – Day after Thanksgiving