

Borough Services Schedule

April - June 2020

Borough Council meeting will change to the 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month in 2020

PLACE YARD WASTE CONTAINERS OUT THE NIGHT BEFORE THE FOLLOWING WEEKS BEGIN:

April 13th	April 27th
May 11th	May 25th
June 8th	June 22nd
July 13th	July 27th
August 10th	August 24th
September 14th	September 28th

- 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.

STREET SWEEPING Begins in April and Ends in October

Street sweeping will start the first weekday of every month for a one week period of time.

CHIPPING

The Borough will continue to provide chipping service the last full week of the month beginning in April. There is no need to contact the Borough office and register for chipping service. The Public Works crew asks that all residents place their chipping out for collection on Monday morning at 7 AM during the designated weeks.

- 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.
- Tree stumps or branches larger than 12" in diameter may be placed for collection but will be picked up separately

HOLIDAY TRASH DELAYS

Waste Management holidays are New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day. Collection will shift by one day depending on the day in which the holiday occurs.

If a holiday is on Monday, then Monday collection moves to Tuesday, Tuesday collection moves to Wednesday, Wednesday collection moves to Thursday, Thursday collection moves to Friday, and Friday collection moves to Saturday. If the holiday occurs on any other day of the week, then the collection day moves by one day from that day.

For example: Thanksgiving is on a Thursday, so the Thursday route will be collected on Friday and the Friday route on Saturday.

WHITE GOODS COLLECTION

Spring white goods collection will take place on April 22nd.

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

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.

Spring 2020



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- Michelle Bowman

Public Works

- Scott Plouse, Superintendent

Police

- Andrew Winters, Police Chief

BOROUGH COUNCIL MAKES A CHANGE TO THE DEADLINE FOR SEWAGE/REFUSE PAYMENTS

Borough Council recently passed Ordinance #803 which clears up a discrepancy in the sewer and refuse laws that pertain to payment due dates. The previous sewer ordinance allowed payments to be considered on time if they were post-marked before the due date. The previous refuse ordinance did not stipulate when a payment was considered on time.

Borough Council has updated both ordinances to require payments to be received **BY** the due date to be considered on time. Any payment received after the due date will be subject to penalties. **Post-marked envelopes will no longer be given any consideration regarding lateness of a payment.**

Sewer and refuse payments are due 30 days from the date of the invoice. Please make sure to schedule any bank payments with enough time for the payment to be received prior to the due date.

Payments can be made through the Borough's online system at www.palmyraborough.org. Click on the link to Online Sewer & Refuse Payments.

WITHOUT HARD WORK, NOTHING GROWS BUT WEEDS

BY GORDON B. HINCKLEY



Every year the Borough office receives complaints about weeds that grow tall on the street side of the curb-line. Borough Council consulted with the Borough Solicitor on who is responsible to take care of these weeds. There are various areas within the Pennsylvania Borough Code, which is the law that governs all Boroughs, that reference sidewalks, abutting property and/or abutting real estate. The short answer is...the homeowner is responsible.

This is considered part of property maintenance and an important aspect in pride of ownership. Clearing the curb-line of high weeds improves the appearance of every property, every block, and the entire community.

LEBANON TIRE COLLECTION PROGRAM OFFERED BY PENN STATE COOPERATIVE EXTENSION OFFICE AS A MEANS TO COMBAT WEST NILE VIRUS

Scrap tires are a prime breeding source for mosquitoes including those mosquitoes infected with the West Nile Virus. Tires can accumulate small pools of water creating a haven for mosquitoes to lay eggs. In order to eliminate the potential for breeding thousands of mosquitoes, the Lebanon County Penn State Extension office is offering their annual tire collection program.

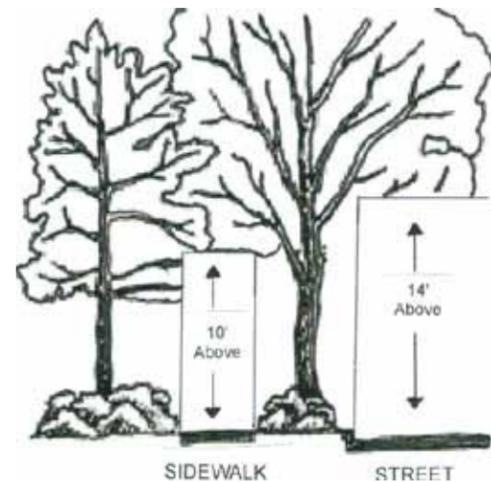
The program will take place at the Lebanon Expo Center, 80 Rocherty Road, Lebanon, PA 17042 on Wednesday, April 29th, 2020 from 8 AM to 6 PM. For more information please contact Olivia Bingeman, Program Manager at (717) 277-5275 ext. 112, Fax: (717) 272-5314, or by Email: olivia.bingeman@lccd.org.

Who can participate and how?

- Open to persons living in Lebanon County. Please bring proof of address: driver's license, phone bill, etc.
- 12 auto or 2 large (3.5 in. | 42 in. high) or a mix of 1 large and up to 6 auto tires can be taken for free.
- Tires must be off the rim, drained of water, unburned, and not excessively dirty.

PRE-REGISTER

Avoid the long lines or waiting in line to find out your municipality is out of funds. Pre-registering will allow you to drop off your tires at any time during the collection because you will have reserved your allotment of tires. Pre-registration will be done on a first-come first-served basis. Deadline is Friday, April 17th.



Very Important Reminder SPRING IS HERE! TIME TO TRIM YOUR TREES...

Borough Ordinance Chapter 337, Section 4 states: "It shall be the duty of every owner of property in the Borough of Palmyra to trim and keep trimmed the limbs, branches and/or foliage of all trees growing upon his property or along the street abutting upon his property, so that no portion of any such limbs, branches or foliage shall be lower than 10 feet above the surface of the sidewalk or lower than 14 feet above the surface of the roadway or obstruct illumination cast by street lights."

If any property owner shall fail, neglect or refuse to comply with any such order, within the time stated in such notice, the Borough Council shall cause such work of removal or trimming to be done, and the Borough shall collect the cost of such work, with an additional amount of 10%, from such property owner in default."



**The Borough office will be closed
on the following dates:**

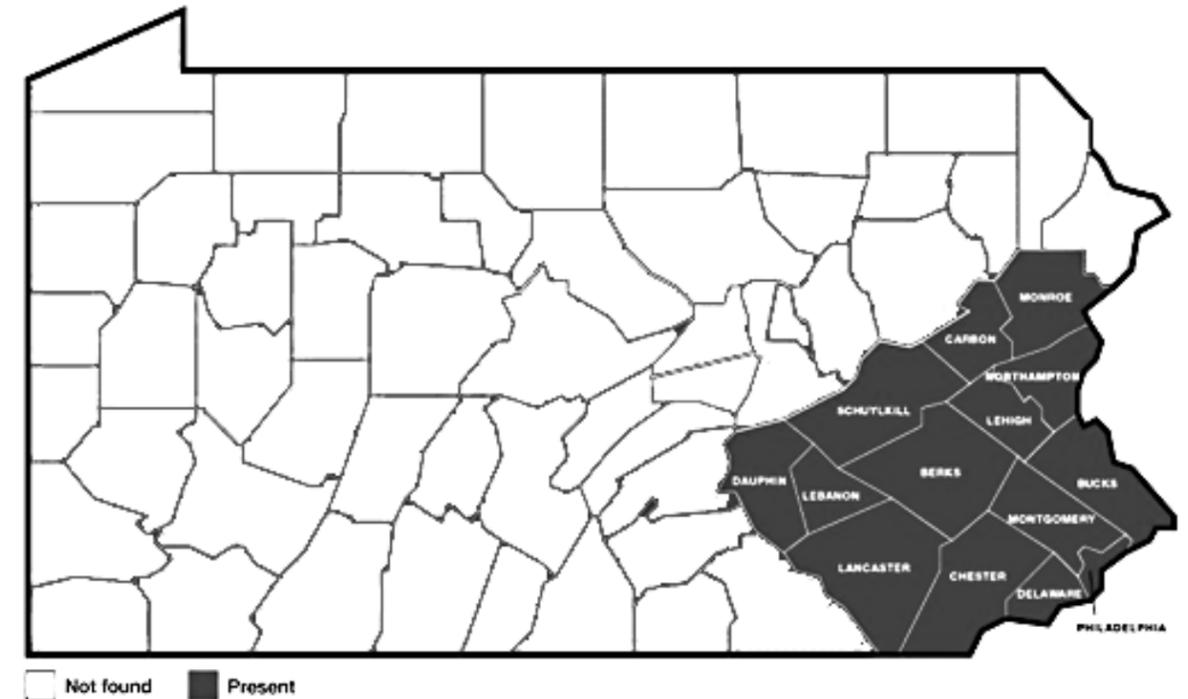
Memorial Day - May 25, 2020

Independence Day - July 3rd

Labor Day - September 7th



THE SPOTTED LANTERNFLY FROM THE PA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE WEBSITE



The Spotted Lanternfly is an invasive species native to China, Bangladesh, and Vietnam. In 2014 it was found in Pennsylvania, and has since spread to 14 counties which are now quarantined.

If you see a Spotted Lanternfly, it's imperative to immediately report it online or via phone by calling 1-888-4BADFLY.

What else? Kill it! Squash it, smash it...just get rid of it. In the fall, these bugs will lay egg masses with 30-50 eggs each. These are called bad bugs for a reason.

Why?

The Spotted Lanternfly causes serious damage in trees including oozing sap, wilting, leaf curling, and tree dieback. In addition to tree damage, when spotted lanternflies feed, they excrete a sugary substance, called honeydew, that encourages the growth of black sooty mold. This mold is harmless to people however it causes damage to plants. In counties infested and quarantined for Spotted Lanternfly, residents report hundreds of these bad bugs that affect their quality of life and ability to enjoy the outdoors during the spring and summer months. Spotted Lanternflies will cover trees, swarm in the air, and their honeydew can coat decks and play equipment.

In addition to damaging trees and affecting quality of life, the Spotted Lanternfly is a huge threat to Pennsylvania agriculture industry. They threaten hundreds of thousands of jobs for those in the grapes, apple, hops, and hardwood industries.

Identification

The Spotted Lanternfly adult is approximately 1" long and 1/2" wide at rest. The forewing is grey with black spots and the wings tips are reticulated black blocks outlined in grey. The hind wings have contrasting patches of red and black with a white band. The legs and head are black; the abdomen is yellow with broad black bands. Immature stages are black with white spots and develop red patches as they grow.