

Borough Services Schedule July - October 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:

July 13th	July 27th
August 10th	August 24th
September 14th	September 28th
October 12th	October 26th

- 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.

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

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 Public Works crew asks that all residents place their chipping out for collection by Monday morning at 7 AM during the following weeks:

Jul 27th Aug 24th Sept 28th Oct 26th

- 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

HOLIDAY TRASH DELAYS

Waste Management holidays will be Independence Day and Labor 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 for April 22nd was canceled due to COVID-19. Collection will take place on July 22, 2020. If you purchased a white good tag for April, you can still use it in July.

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

Summer 2020



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RENTAL LICENSE INFORMATION FOR RENTAL PROPERTY OWNERS

Rental property owners are required to apply for a rental license each year. Several rental property owners have neglected to submit applications for their 2020 license which was due by the end of 2019. The Borough will be contacting these individuals accordingly.

Licenses are required to be posted inside the rental unit. We've been apprised recently that the Fire Department responded to an automatic fire alarm at a multi-unit rental property. Only one of the tenants was able to tell the fire department volunteers who owned the building. What if it has been an actual fire instead of an alarm?

New tenants are 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 are available on the Borough's website, www.palmyraborough.org.

Code Enforcement Reminders

The Zoning and Codes Enforcement Officer wishes to remind all property owners of the following violations that generate the most complaints.

- 1) High grass and weeds: property owners are required to maintain their properties and keep them free of high grass and weeds. This includes weeds around telephone poles, signs, or along the alleys, streets or curbs. Borough Council has given the Enforcement Officer the authority to issue tickets for high grass and weeds. Each ticket is \$100 and can be given daily until the violation is remediated.
- 2) Abandoned vehicles: This includes any vehicle parked on personal property that is no longer registered, licensed, or operable. In order to avoid any Notice of Violation for abandoned vehicles, a resident must register the vehicle with the PA Department of Transportation and get the vehicle operable and inspected.

Cardboard dumpster available

Waste Management has placed a corrugated cardboard dumpster outside the gate of the Public Works garage on East Broad Street. This dumpster is for corrugated cardboard only. No other refuse will be accepted.

The Borough office will be closed:

July 3rd – Independence Day
September 7th – Labor Day

USE THIS CHECKLIST TO HELP DETERMINE IF YOUR RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY NEEDS REPAIRS OR MAINTENANCE

REVIEW THESE ITEMS ON A REGULAR BASIS

YARDS

- Missing ground cover, bare spots
- Overgrown/diseased vegetation
- Tall grass or weeds over twelve inches
- Inoperable, unregistered or unlicensed vehicles
- Deteriorating or damaged fencing
- Cracked or deteriorating driveways
- Cracked or deteriorating concrete or asphalt surfaces
- Improper outside storage, including garbage and trash
- Animal wastes

ROOFS

- Broken or missing shingles
- Deteriorating roofing materials
- Missing or deteriorated soffits and soffit screens
- Missing or deteriorated trim boards
- Awnings and canopies in good repair and properly anchored
- Chimneys and vents structurally sound, properly functioning and in good repair

WALLS-INTERIOR & EXTERIOR

- Broken or deteriorating siding/brick
- Holes/ broken walls or foundations
- Fading, peeling or flaking paint
- Rusted metal
- Broken shutters
- Missing or deteriorating trim
- Broken or deteriorating decorative features

WINDOWS & DOORS

- Broken, cracked or loose glazing
- Deteriorated or missing trim, frame, sash or sills
- Deteriorated doors
- Weather tight closures at doors, windows and skylights
- Fading, peeling or flaking paint
- Screens at doors and windows properly installed and in good repair

GUTTERS & DOWNSPOUTS

- Missing or broken sections
- Securely anchored
- Rusting or deterioration
- Fading, peeling or flaking paint
- Improper discharge of downspouts

BALCONIES, PORCHES & STEPS

- Broken or deteriorated floor boards
- Missing or deteriorated posts or railings
- Broken concrete or bricks
- Faded, peeling or flaking paint
- Broken or missing stair treads or risers

LAWN CARE FOR WATER QUALITY

Maintaining a lush, weed-free lawn is a source of pride for many homeowners. To accomplish this, however, many property owners over-apply nitrogen and phosphorus fertilizers. Homeowners also apply herbicides and pesticides to their lawns to get rid of weeds and insects. During storm events, runoff collects these chemicals, discharging them into local streams. Discharge from a single property may seem insignificant, but the combination of lawn areas in an entire watershed is significant.

Why is it a Problem? High nitrogen and phosphorus levels in streams are bad for water quality. The excessive nutrients spur rapid algae growth, which can block sunlight from reaching below the surface. Eventually the algae die, and this process uses large quantities of oxygen levels in the water. Without oxygen, the stream becomes a dead zone unable to support aquatic life. Each summer, large dead zones occur in the Chesapeake Bay because of excessive nutrients.

Maintain a Healthy Lawn to Protect Water Quality. A healthy lawn not only looks great, but it also helps maintain water quality. Proper lawn care and maintenance can positively affect the environment by minimizing the amount of fertilizers, herbicides, and pesticides that enter our waterways. Phosphorus is a huge pollutant, and it comes from many sources including lawn clippings and fertilizers. During a heavy rain event, stormwater runoff picks up and carries improperly discarded yard waste and chemicals into our streams, creeks, and lakes — polluting our waterways and ultimately tainting our water quality.

What Can You Do? There are many things you can do to minimize the amount of fertilizers, herbicides, and pesticides polluting our streams. Listed below are a few items to consider that can help reduce the risk of tainting our water quality:

- Reduce the size of your lawn. Add landscaped beds with native trees, shrubs, and perennials. This minimizes mowing time, reduces gasoline exhaust, reduces runoff, and provides food and habitat for wildlife species.
- Maintain a variety of plants in your lawn. Turf grass has very short roots, but other plants have long tuberous roots that pull nutrients and water deep into the soil.
- Reduce watering. Lawns need to rest after the spring growth spurt. During the dry season, turf grass uses stored energy to grow deep roots.
- Use a mulching mower. Shredded grass clippings return nutrients to the soil. If you choose to collect grass clippings, you should compost them.
- Conduct soil tests once every three years. Determine the actual fertilizer requirements of your soil and apply half the recommended amount.
- Minimize fertilizers. Less fertilizer means less excess entering runoff.
- Aerate your lawn. Aerating allows oxygen and water to become more available to root systems, reducing runoff.

Proper Mowing to Maintain a Healthy Lawn

- Mow only when grass is dry to get a clean cut and minimize the spread of diseases.
- Mow grass to a height of not less than 3 inches. Longer grass blades allow it to out-compete weeds, reducing the need for herbicides.
- Mow frequently, cutting no more than 1/3 of the grass height each time.
- Sharpen mower blades once a year to avoid damaging grass blades.