

# Penn Township

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www.penn-township.net

Spring/Summer 2020

## Ordinance No.2020-01

**AN AMENDED ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENN, SNYDER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, ESTABLISHING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR PENN TOWNSHIP COMPOST SITE AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR ANY VIOLATIONS OF THE SAME.**

WHEREAS, Penn Township has a compost site which is located at the end of Gaugler Lane, across from Salem Lutheran Church in Penn Township, Snyder County Pennsylvania:

WHEREAS, Penn Township permits the placement of basic grass clippings, other lawn and garden waste, leaves, trees ( including Christmas Trees). Shrub waste, branches and unpainted or untreated wood:

WHEREAS, Penn Township has observed that numerous items that are not on the approved list have been deposited at the compost site:

The Board of Supervisors of the Township of Penn, Snyder County, Pennsylvania, hereby ENACTS AND ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

1. **PERMITTED DROP OF ITEMS;** Any Penn Township resident or business located within Penn Township may place, drop off at the Penn township compost site located at the end of Gaugler Lane across from Salem Lutheran Church, in Penn Township, Snyder County Pennsylvania, the following items: basic grass clippings, other lawn and garden waste, leaves, trees (including Christmas Trees), shrub waste, branches and unpainted or untreated wood.
2. **PROHIBITION OF CERTAIN ITEMS:** It shall be unlawful for any person to place, drop off, or deposit any item that is not on the approved list Paragraph1, including but limited to: cat or dog waste, treated or painted wood, dairy products, building construction waste, meat, or fish bones, fat grease, lard or oils, plastic or metals and weed and weed seeds, tires, flower pots, burn barrels or the contents thereof, metal and metal scraps, asphalt, concrete or cinder blocks, furniture, delivery containers that might include garbage bags and boxes at the Penn Township compost site located in the Township of Penn, Snyder County Pennsylvania.
3. **RULES AND REGULATIONS.**– Penn Township shall establish rules and regulations by Resolution as may be amended from time to time concerning the operation and permitting of the Penn Township Compost Site.
4. **PENTALTY**– Any person who violates the Ordinance shall be subject to the penalties set forth in 18 PA.C.S.A> 6501, or may be amended.

## Compost Changes

Due to the rising cost of grinding the material to mulch that is deposited at the compost site, the Board of Supervisors has decided to limit the access to Penn Township residents and businesses only. Last year the cost was a whopping \$9,150 to grind all the material to mulch. The mulch is free and is double ground which has increased its quality. As in the past, residents are encouraged to use the mulch and compost for their needs.

Beginning June1, 2020,a permit will have to be obtained at the Penn Township office and will have a \$5.00 fee annually which will run from January 1 to December 31. Proof of residency or proof that the business is within Penn Township will be needed to obtain the permit. The plaque will need to be displayed on the driver's side dash and is non-transferable.

The compost site hours will also change. The new hours starting June 1, 2020, will be 2 pm to 7 pm Monday, Wednesday, Saturday Gates will be locked after these hours. If compost site rules are not followed permits will be revoked. Cameras are in operation at our site.

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**Township Contact Info:**  
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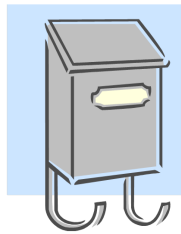
**Township Website**  
 www.penn-township.net

The following road projects  
 are  
 scheduled in 2020:



Herman Road- Seal Coating  
 Mountain Dr- Paving  
 Deerfield Ct- Paving  
 Creek Side Dr. Paving  
 Mulberry Ct.- Paving  
 Beech Ct.- Paving  
 Willow Ct.- Paving  
 Sycamore Ct- Paving

**Office Closed?**



You can drop your zoning permit applications, pavilion rentals, etc. into the black box beside our front door. This drop box is **NOT** for your taxes or water/sewer payments. They will not get to the appropriate people. We do, however, accept chocolate bars for the office

**COMMUNITY AID BIN**

Located beside the recycle bins, the Community Aid Bin is for clothing, shoes and small household items that will fit into bin. Nothing may be left outside of the bin.



**Primary Election Day**  
 June 2, 2020

**General Election Day**  
 November 3, 2020

**SEWAGE CODE ENFORCEMENT**

Dan Page and Polly Graybill are the Twp. Sewage Enforcement Officers (SEO) for Penn Township. An SEO issues septic permits, inspects septic systems, and reviews properties when a complaint is received about a private septic system.  
 You can contact Dan at 800-639-3641.  
 If your home is connected to a public sewer system, you receive a quarterly bill from PTMA, and do not have a septic system.

**PENN 1**

If you live on the south side or 522, you will vote at the Keystone Building Products Building (Changed due to safety of residents due to covid-19)

**PENN 2**

If you live on the north side or Selinsgrove Center side of 522, you will vote at the Penn Township Building  
**228 Clifford Road**

Polls are open 7 am to 8 pm.

**REAL ESTATE AND PER CAPITA TAXES**

**Ron Zeiders, Tax Collector**  
 PO Box 452  
 Selinsgrove, PA 17870  
 570-374-8401



Our collector provides hours here in the township building. The dates are always printed on your tax bills. Fall hours here in the township building will be announced at a later date and will also be printed on your bills when they arrive. Please call Ron or the township office if you have questions.

**Please note: The Township office cannot accept your taxes.**

If you are mailing your taxes and would like to receive a receipt, include a self addressed stamped envelope and Mr. Zeiders will send you receipt.

**PENN TOWNSHIP  
MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY**  
(sewer and water)

The PTMA office is **NOT** located in the Penn Township building.

We **cannot** accept your sewer or water payments at the township office.

mail to:  
PTMA  
PO Box 155  
Selinsgrove, PA 17870

The PTMA Board meets the first Thursday of each month at 7:00PM at 2595 US 522 inside Keystone Building Products. Meetings are open to the public...Need More Info. Call Susan Seebold at 374-8256

**STORMWATER, STORM DRAINS AND DROP BOXES**

Never dump or sweep anything into storm drains and drop boxes located in lawns and streets of Penn Township. Why? What's the big deal...if I just drop this stuff in here, out of sight out of mind! Have you ever stopped to consider the consequences of cleaning your mower deck, blowing or sweeping your grass clippings or maybe depositing pet waste into the storm drains and drop boxes in your neighborhood?

The storm drain system is designed to drain rain and only rain. There is NO treatment or filtering of this water between the storm drains and drop boxes and our local streams and tributaries, Penn's Creek, the Susquehanna River and eventually the Chesapeake Bay. Hmmm, and if you use a well as your source for water, I wonder how all this pollution might affect your drinking water?

Storm water runoff and the debris it carries comes from small, individual sources in all parts of the watershed. It is a problem that everyone plays a role in solving. Also a problem that residents can change by stopping small, individual activities that cause pollution and result in large-scale contamination. In order to function at maximum efficiency these systems i.e. storm drains and drop boxes must remain free of debris.

Your grass clipping are small, but they add up. If you or lawn maintenance workers use leaf blowers on your yard, ask them **not** to blow grass clippings and leaves into the street or down storm drain inlets. Where is the best place for yard trimmings?

- Blow grass clippings back onto the lawn, where they become natural fertilizer.
- Rake or blow leaves into a compost pile, where they can decompose without odor.
- Use the compost site provided by Penn Township on Gaugler Lane for your clippings.

**The 8th Annual  
Snyder County Night Out !  
Is Postponed to sometime in October  
Watch Township Facebook & Website for  
updates**

The 2020 event will be hosted by the Snyder County Coalition for Kids .....with 94KX, activities and games, food, safety programs, Life Flight, wagon rides, community service organizations and more... and **ALL FREE!!!!**



Located along University Ave. across from East Snyder Park.

The 2020 growing season is under way but there is still plenty of time to get your 30 X 30 plot and start your garden.

visit the community garden website at [www.escgpa.org](http://www.escgpa.org) Also email [escg@gmail.com](mailto:escg@gmail.com)



“Like” Our Face Book Page for Penn Township to see latest updates through the year!

**GET INVOLVED**

There are many opportunities to get involved in our Township. The Zoning Hearing Board, Planning Commission, and the East Snyder Park have Boards in which members get appointed by the Supervisors. Quite often, openings on these Boards come up, and Penn Township looks for residents to fill these positions. If you are interested in sitting on any of these Boards, please contact the Township office.

**Recycling Details for Penn Township is Closed till further notice due to the Covid-19 . We will reopen when Governor Wolf designates our county to the green phase. Please watch our Township Website & Facebook Page for updates**

**Hours of Operation:** Dawn to Dusk 7 days a week– When Re Opens

This is a service provided to Penn Township and our neighbors without facilities.

Second Saturday recyclers will still be assisted by Boy Scouts of America Troop 419 for those who prefer a little help.

Bins will remain onsite 7 days a week. Shown below, the setup and a brief description of what material will go in indicated sections. (further details for each bin on reverse)

Residents have the freedom to use site at their leisure, unless the site is abused. Misuse of bins will result in bins being locked and accessibility limited.

Penn Township has one of the best reputations at LCRMS (Lycoming County Resource Management Services) for sending high-quality loads. A pat on the back for our residents! Let's keep up the good work!

Lighting and security cameras are used to monitor the site and violators will be prosecuted.

**Some of the Basic Rules to Recycle by:**

- All materials must be clean and dry.
- Food waste in or on any recyclable material is a contaminant and **NOT** accepted.
- Any chemical, oil and antifreeze containers are contaminants and **NOT** accepted.
- **No string, NO tape or NO plastic bags** allowed. (**bags only accepted holding shredded paper**)
- All containers used to bring your materials must go home with you.
- **NO lids** on any glass material. (put these metal lids with steel cans)
- **YES** to lids on any #1 and #2 plastic bottles or jugs, compress container and put lid back on. Loose lids are a problem when trying to bundle plastics.
- Lids from tin cans are **OK** and should be included in the tin bi-metal, steel bin.
- Labels are **OK** on all plastics, glass and tin cans.
- Wasted space, always an issue, it doesn't take much to flatten plastics and cardboard.
- Returning the lid will help keep plastics compacted.
- Our setup will allow for bins to be emptied **only** when full.
- **All** boxes whether corrugated cardboard or chipboard (cereal type) boxes must be broken down.

**What to do with:**

**Rechargeable Batteries** – Lowes, Best Buy, Coles and Staples.

**CFL's** – Lowes Home Improvement Center does have a bin for these bulbs. Bulbs should be in a plastic bag! Also, all Friedman Electric stores, - local address - 1000 N. High Street, Selinsgrove.

**Medical Waste:** Household medical waste including needles can be placed in a secure container with the lid taped and disposed of in the trash. Never flush medical waste.

**Plastic Shopping Bags:** Most grocery stores collect these bags. Other plastics allowed with the shopping bags: wrappers from toilet tissue, paper towels, clean bread bags, dry cleaning bags etc.

**Pizza Boxes: No Dirty Boxes** consider this – why not take the lid off and recycle if it's clean? 1/2 a pizza box recycled is better than no pizza box recycled!



**Security Cameras on Site**

If you have a specific question about recycling please call the township office at (570) 374-4778 or e-mail penntwp@ptd.net. See the township website www.penn-township.net for a detailed list of what to do with 'Hard to Recycle Items'.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Clear Glass</u></b></p> <p>* clean * dry * <b>NO</b> lids * labels OK</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Green and Blue Glass</u></b></p> <p>* same rules as clear glass</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Brown Glass</u></b></p> <p>*same rules as clear glass</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Tin and Bimetal Cans</u></b></p> <p>* clean * dry * lids + labels OK</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Tin and Bimetal Cans</u></b></p> <p>* clean * dry * lids + labels OK</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Tin and Bimetal Cans</u></b></p> <p>* clean * dry * lids + labels OK</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Newsprint</u></b></p> <p>* dry * <b>NO</b> String * <b>NO</b> Tape * <b>NO</b> Plastic bags</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Glossy inserts can go with Magazines</u></b></p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Magazines and Catalogs</u></b></p> <p>*loose – <b>NO</b> strings, plastic bags, tape or items with glued bindings</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Chipboard Junk Mail Books</u></b></p> <p>hard or soft cover <b><u>Phonebooks</u></b> <b><u>Office Paper</u></b> <b><u>Shredded Paper</u></b></p> <p>Expanded detail of materials accepted on reverse. <b>AND</b> <b><u>Corrugated Cardboard</u></b></p> <p>* clean * dry * <b>broken down</b> * <b>NO DIRTY</b> pizza boxes!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Plastics #1 and #2 Bottles + Jugs ONLY Comingled</u></b></p> <p>* clean and dry * lids OK * Flattened or compacted with lid reattached great for saving space. <b>Check the POSTED list of unaccepted materials!</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Aluminum Supports Boy Scouts Troop 419</u></b></p> <p>*Troop 419 will continue to assist residents with recycling on the second Saturday of each month</p> <p>* <b>Community Aid bin.</b> Clothing and small household items only.</p>
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# PENN TOWNSHIP 2020 Recycling Event

**APPLIANCES \* METALS \* ELECTRONICS  
COMPUTERS \* CLOTHING \* BOOKS**

## Penn Twp. Municipal Building

*228 Clifford Road, Selinsgrove, PA 17870*

FRIDAY, **July 24** - 3 pm to 5 pm

SATURDAY, **July 25** - 9 am to 1 pm

**THE COLLECTION IS OPEN TO ALL SNYDER COUNTY RESIDENTS  
DONATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED TO HELP COVER THE COST OF  
THIS EVENT**

Fees apply to the following products: Refrigerators and Freezers (\$8) Air conditioners, water coolers, dehumidifiers (\$5) Computer Monitors CRT (\$.75/lb.) Printers (\$5) Vacuums & Shampooers (\$5) White Goods: Stoves, Dish Washers, Washers & Dryers (\$8) Televisions (\$.75/lb.) for CRT, (\$15) for up to 25" & (\$30) for over 25" LCD Televisions; Computers & Laptops (\$3)

### **ELECTRONICS**

Computers  
Monitors  
Printers  
Copiers  
Keyboards  
Scanners  
Modems and routers  
Servers  
Cables  
Phones  
Televisions (all sizes)  
DVD & VCR players  
Stereos  
Radios  
Tablets & I pads

### **APPLIANCES & METALS**

Air conditioners  
Dehumidifiers  
Freezers  
Refrigerators  
Stoves  
Washers & dryers  
Water heaters  
Dishwashers  
Gas grills  
Gas grill tanks  
(valve removed)  
Small propane cylinders  
Lawn mowers  
Microwaves  
Tire rims (no tires)

### **CLOTHING & TEXTILES**

Clothing  
Blankets  
Curtains  
Purses  
Shoes  
Towels  
Clean dry rags

YES, We want your clothing with holes, stains, and broken zippers .

### **OTHERS**

Paperback books  
Hardcover books  
Pamphlets  
Magazines  
Encyclopedias  
Handicap Equipment

#### **WE CANNOT ACCEPT:**

**VCR tapes, CD & DVD disks**  
**Large wooden speakers**  
**Styrofoam**  
**Coffee makers**  
**Wooden crutches**  
**Fluorescent Tubes**  
**Household Batteries**

This event is sponsored by HandUP Foundation  
Questions can be directed to [info@handupfoundation.org](mailto:info@handupfoundation.org) or 570-742-3000.

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PRST STANDARD  
US POSTAGE PAID  
PERMIT 26  
SELINGROVE, PA 17870

Smile

...you are on  
camera!

Penn Township has  
surveillance cameras  
located throughout...

**East Snyder Park,  
the Township Building,  
Recycle Area and our  
Compost Site**



## REMINDER - PERMITS ARE REQUIRED IN PENN TOWNSHIP

***zoning permits, building permits, road cut permits, driveway permits, transient merchant permits, amusement tax permits, compost permits etc.***

The most often required permit in Penn Township is our zoning permit and we are often asked, "Why do I need a zoning permit?" Well, the general 'line' that covers most everything is...to promote and protect the public health, safety and welfare of our residents. To detail that statement a bit further, the fact that Penn Township has developed any ordinances over the past decades, shows the awareness of those in a leadership role, to look ahead to plan and develop, to assure safe,

reliable and adequate water supply, prevent over crowding of land and travel congestion, preserve prime farmland and ag activities, provide housing of various types in appropriate locations, encourage smart growth practices that will promote high quality residential neighborhoods, preserve natural and scenic qualities, approve the appearance and function of Route 522, provide for low impact stormwater management in all new development etc. These are just some of the reasons that illustrate how the zoning ordinance can protect you, and, accommodate and guide the overall growth of Penn Township.

### **So do you need a zoning permit?**

Zoning permits are required for any new construction or alteration of an existing structure. Typical projects that would need a zoning permit include, but are not limited to: additions, decks, porches, garages, patios, sheds, pools, all new homes (stick-built, modular, and mobile), agriculture buildings, and more.

### **What information do you need to complete the zoning permit application?**

Zoning permit applications require various items depending on the specific project you are planning. For all projects you will need the size of the project, setbacks to the property line, and an overview drawing of your project, which should include dimensions and setbacks and any current buildings on your property. New home construction ...please read on.

### **What if you are building a new home?**

For new homes a copy of the sewer and/or water permit if your new home will be connected to public water and/or sewer, or a copy of the septic permit if you will be out of public service area. Also, a set of your new home plans, a plot plan, a driveway permit issued by the township if your driveway will connect to a township road, or a copy of your highway occupancy permit - obtained from PennDOT if your driveway will connect to a state road.

For zoning questions call the Penn Township zoning officer at the township office 570-374-4778.

### **Do you need a building permit?**

That's one question Penn Twp. employees cannot answer for you. The Central Keystone Council of Government (the COG), is the only office who can determine if a building permit is required. It is your responsibility to contact COG prior to construction to verify permit requirements. You reach the COG at 877-457-94011